

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 10 visitors): 98
Offering: Mennonite Central Committee \$913

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Daylight Savings Time ends 2 A.M., Nov. 5
Deacons meet at R&R's 7 P.M., Nov. 7
Wed. Evening Activities Nov. 8

5:45-6:30 P.M. Supper
6:30-7:15 P.M. Children's Activities, Adult Choir practice
7:15-8:15 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wed. eve children's activities: Shalom Club / Halie / June This Wed.
Greeters: Don and Peggy Regier Next Sun.
Musicians: students? / students? / Carol Next Sun.
Offering: Offender Victim Ministries Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Food & Thought@church (soup/peppernut baking) NOON, Nov. 12
Women in Mission meet @ Zion 1-4 P.M., Nov. 13
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Nov. 13
Wheat State Manor **Vespers**; Overflow class leads 4 P.M., Nov. 19
Thanksgiving Eve **service** [no usual Wed activities] Wed., Nov. 22
Casey Guthals **senior voice recital** @ Tabor chapel 7 P.M., Nov. 28

Pray This Week for...

- Bonnie Brewer and family, mourning the death of her grandmother, Illola A. (Jauken) Miller, who died Oct. 25; services were Nov. 3 in Sabetha. As Bonnie shared last Sun., this is her second grandmother to die within two weeks.
- those who work for peace without using guns or violent means.
- thanks for the participation of Western District Conference church members in Mennonite Central Committee relief sales this weekend in Enid, OK, and next weekend in Houston, TX.
- Eric and Kelly Frey Martin of Mennonite Mission Network, who visit Mennonite churches and youth groups throughout Colombia. Pray for safe travels and good discernment as they facilitate the national committee's decision-making process.

Zion Mennonite Church

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November 5, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

*Gathering Hymn "Jesus calls us here to meet him" SJ #3
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship —Mark, WW1, #113

Leader: Alleluia! Praise, you servants of Yahweh,
praise the name of Yahweh!

**People: May Yahweh's name be blessed,
both now and forever!**

L: From east to west, from north to south,
praised be the name of Yahweh!

**P: Praise Yahweh, who is good.
Sing praise to God, who is loving.**

L: Yahweh's name stands forever,
remembered from age to age.

**P: We will sing praises to our God;
we will praise God's name forever.**

L: Great is Yahweh,
greatness that is beyond our understanding.

**P: May our mouths speak Yahweh's praise,
and may all creatures bless Yahweh's holy name
forever and ever.**

Children's Time Lois Friesen

* Hymn "From all that dwell below the skies" HWB #49

Scripture Reading Judges 6: 11-16

Sermon "How can I?... Ray Reimer

*Response Hymn "Jesus, you have called us" SJ #70

Offering
Offertory

Local Fund

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Rosie Epp
*Sending Hymn "Lead on, O cloud of Presence" HWB #419
*Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter: Matt Wedel Worship Leader: Lois Friesen
Musician: Karen Andres
Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

Pastors Ray and Rosie's Schedules/Contacts: One of them is at the church office several weekday mornings by about 9 A.M., Ray on Mon. & Fri., Rosie on Tue. & Wed. (all day); they'll be visiting some afternoons. To contact them, please use the church or cellphone numbers listed above or e-mail. This week Ray plans to attend the Remington Area Ministerial gathering Thur. noon, and then has a Western District search committee mtg that afternoon.

Congregational Announcements

Thanks so much for your generosity in giving items for the **MCC Relief Kits!** You are challenged this week to bring one good quality nail clipper per kit.

Nov. 13, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission will meet** at the church. We will be tying a quilt for MCC. Devotions and offering will follow. Please bring a small snack for refreshments.

Other Organizations

Nov. 5, 3 P.M.: **Bethel College Sings** at Bethel College Menn. Ch., featuring the Women's Chorus and the Men's Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, the Concert Choir, and soloists.

Nov. 8, 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M.: Remington Elementary School **First Steps Play Group** invites families of children age 0-4 to a special event in the library. Barbara Gannaway, Assistant Director of the Kansas Parent Resource Center will speak; a light lunch and childcare will be provided. RSVP to 620-752-3239 or e-mail <tmsweatland@usd206.org>.

Nov. 6, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® Financial seminar (at 3179 N. Main St., N. Newton): **An overview of Medicare** noting what's covered (and what's not), enrollment deadlines and plans that supplement Medicare. To reserve your spot, contact (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Nov. 9, NOON: You're invited to **Lunch & Learn** at the MCC North Newton office. Doug Hostetter, director of the MCC United Nations office, and Thien Phoc, an intern from Vietnam, will share about "Living Peace in Time of War: reflections on MCC service in the war zone during the Vietnam War" and about MCC's work in post-war Vietnam. Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. Please RSVP by *Mon., Nov. 6* to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316-283-2720. Go to mcc.org/lunch-learn for more info.

Nov. 10, 6 P.M.: Safehope (formerly Harvey Co. CV/SA Safe House) **Gala and Action** at Meridian Center (1420 E Broadway Ct, Newton). Join in for tasty hors d'oeuvres, live music, and amazing auction items. To reserve a seat, call 316-284-6922 or visit <www.safehope.net/gala/html>.

Nov. 11: **MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting**, at Beemer Menn. Ch., Beemer, NE. More information and registration on bulletin board.

Nov. 12, 2 P.M. (note earlier start time): The KIPCOR Film Series presents the Kansas premiere of **Healing Justice**, addressing the school-to-prison pipeline and the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform. At Krehbiel Aud. in the Bethel Fine Arts Center.

Nov. 12, 4:30 P.M.: **"The Organ in Ensembles,"** a recital with Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, organ; Richard Tirk, trumpet; Suzanne Tirk, clarinet; and Donna Hetrick, organ. At the Bethel College Administration Building chapel.

Nov. 13, 5-8 P.M.: The 5th annual **Celebrity Server fundraiser** will be held at Water's Edge Restaurant (701 S Main, Hesston), with all tips donated to Harvey Co. Circle of Hope. Reservations strongly encouraged; email <info@peaceconnections.org> or call 316-284-0000.

Nov. 16, 5:30 P.M.: **Screening of *Behind the Lines***, the film adaptation of Pat Barker's World War I novel *Regeneration*, with Brad Born, Bethel College professor of English, leading a discussion following. At the Kauffman Museum auditorium.

Nov. 16, 6:30 P.M.: Many families face the high cost of long-term care at some point, and most of the costs are not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. Everence® is presenting a seminar, ***Current strategies for long-term care***, at Meridian Center (1420 E Broadway Court, Newton), focusing on handling costs of long-term care without wiping out your life savings. Coffee and desserts will be served. Please RSVP *by Nov. 9* to (620) 662-7900 or sandy.popp@everence.com.

Nov. 16, 6:30 P.M.: Ongoing sexual abuse prevention training at the MCC Center: **Offenders in the Church: Who They Are and How They Operate**. Charissa Sloan Dvorak, attorney and investigator for GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in Christian Environments) will give a presentation based on her experience prosecuting abuse cases and her extensive knowledge of sexual offenders. For more info or to register call (316) 587-7244 or email <kathywiens59@gmail.com>; registration is helpful, but don't let that stop you from coming. Free and open to the public.

Nov. 17-19: Camp Mennoscah offers the second of its **Scrapbook & Crafts Retreats** this fall. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 for a paper registration.

Nov. 17, 7:30 P.M.: "Slightly Left of Normal: Theatrical musing from Ted Swartz on life, God and other minor details." **Drama** in Luyken FAC, Bethel College; see board for tickets, registration.

Nov. 18, 8:30 A.M.–5 P.M.: 4th Biennial **Worship and the Arts Symposium** at Bethel College, with Ted and Co. TheaterWorks leading reflection on "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the mystery of faith." Discount if 3 or more from same congregation attend (includes ticket to Fri. drama, Sat. lunch & supper). For more info and registration, see <bethelks.edu/worshiparts>.

Nov. 18, 7:30 P.M.: "Singing the Mystery of Faith," a **worship service** in Memorial Hall of Bethel College featuring reflections by Ted Swartz, and the voices of the Bethel Concert Choir and singers from area churches (William Eash, conducting). Free and open to the public; offering of non-perishable food and funds accepted for Harvest of Love. (Area singers are invited to join the mass choir, rehearsing from 5–6:30 P.M. before the service; please indicate your interest to Carol Klingenberg soon, to receive music).

Nov. 18, 8 P.M.: You're invited to the annual Hesston College **Talent Show** in the Hesston Menn. Ch. sanctuary. Many of our students, and maybe even some faculty and staff, will showcase their talents, quirks and sense of humor. Join us before the show for cookies and refreshments in the church Community Center from 7:15 to 7:45. This event is free for the whole family.

Nov. 19, 7 P.M.: **"DISCOVERY: A Comic Lament"** produced by Ted & Co. TheaterWorks in Krehbiel Auditorium on Bethel College campus. This is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. Tickets are \$10 (not included in Symposium), available from the Bethel College Bookstore, 316-283-2500.

Nov. 23, 11 A.M.–1:30 P.M.: A **community Thanksgiving meal** hosted by the Newton Ministerial Alliance will be held at Grace Community Ch. (1600 S Anderson Rd, Newton). All are invited; the cost is *free!*

Nov. 24–Dec. 17: **Ten Thousand Village / Fair Trade International Gift Festival** is coming to Newton at the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest (601 N Main). It will be open on Nov. 24–25, Dec. 1–3, 8–10, 15–17. Hours on Fri.'s and Sat.'s: 10 A.M.–5 P.M. Hours on Sun's: 1–4 P.M.

Dec. 2–9: The **remodeling of the Camp Mennoscah kitchen** will begin soon, and we will need volunteers! If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 (call or text), jdyoder@cox.net, or to the camp at 620-297-3290, office@campmennoscah.org. Include your name, address, phone, and e-mail address.

Nov. 28, 7 P.M.: Zion's choir director, Casey Guthals, will present her **senior voice recital** in the Tabor College chapel (2nd floor of the Administration Building). All are invited.

Dec. 1, 12:45 P.M.: Remington High School is hosting their annual **Senior Citizen Christmas dinner**. Reservations (including name, address, phone, and \$3.50/person) are due *by Nov. 27*; please mail them to Lola Coats, Remington HS, 8850 NW Meadowlark Rd, Whitewater, KS 67154; or call (316) 799-2123 ext 103.

Study of Central Kansas Mennonites: Bethel student Austin Regier is asking Zion (along with other Mennonite churches in central Kansas) to participate in a research project which explores the correlation between external social factors and religious viewpoints. Please help by completing a short survey handed out today (link to the electronic version of the survey: <<https://goo.gl/forms/WfITGI0j5YwrXfCM2>>). Please return the survey to Pastor Rosie Epp *before Dec 3*. Thank you. For our participation Mennonite Church US will receive a \$1,000 donation.

Dec. 16, 2:30 P.M.: The **Christmas gathering** of all Camp Mennoscah volunteers from any and all years at the Retreat Center for conversation, games (indoor or outdoor), and cookies! Questions? Call us at 620-297-3290 or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org! Bring your families!

Several copies of the **fall issue of *Beyond***—Mennonite Mission Network's circular—are available under the mailboxes.

The **2017 Annual Report** of Mennonite Central Committee is posted on the bulletin board.

Thank You...

...so much for the many cards, visits and well wishes for us during Pete's illness and passing away. Most of all thank you for the prayers for both of us during this difficult time. May God bless all of you.

—Lorena Klassen and family