

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (including 8 visitors): 67  
**Offering:** Local Fund \$5461.49

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**Food & Thought @ Zion** (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  
**Wed. Evening Activities** Nov. 15

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: Allie / Bonnie This Wed.  
Greeters: Michael and Lisa Scott Next Sun.  
Musicians: The Nine / The Nine / Karen / Adult Choir Next Sun.  
Offering: Camp Mennoscah Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

Wheat State Manor **Vespers**; Overflow class leads 4 P.M., Nov. 19  
Thanksgiving Eve **service** [no usual Wed activities] 7 P.M., Nov. 22  
Casey Guthals **senior voice recital** @ Tabor chapel 7 P.M., Nov. 28  
Zion **cong. mtg.** for budget & elections c.11:45 A.M., Dec. 3  
**Deacons meet** at R&R's 7 P.M., Dec. 5  
No **Wednesday evening** meal and activities P.M., Dec. 27  
Zion **cong. mtg.** for reports & projects 7 P.M., Jan. 3, 2018

### *Pray This Week for...*

- Edna Andres, at KU Med Center this Mon. for an assessment of possible spine surgery.
- Lavern Wedel, again hospitalized (as of Fri.) at Newton Medical Center.
- for the Western District Conference Church Planting Commission as they meet next week, and in their support of church planters and emerging congregations in WDC.
- Connie and Dennis Byler, who have been visiting congregations in the United States for the past months. Pray for them as they continue to share the gospel in "retirement" in Spain.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*November 12, 2017*

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

\*Gathering Hymn "O Prince of peace" HWB #15  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements  
Prelude

Call to Worship from Mark, WWI, #84; based on Ps 46:7-11

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Come, behold the works of the Lord.

**People: God makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;  
God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the chariots with fire!**

L: Be still, and know that God is God.  
God is exalted among the nations, and exalted in the earth!

**P: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Children's Time Lois Friesen

\*Hymn "Let there be light, Lord God" HWB #371

Scripture Reading Judges 7: 2-7, 19-23

Sermon "Reducing the troops" Rosie Epp

\*Response Hymn "We shall walk through the valley" HWB #412

Offering *Offender Victim Ministries*

Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Ray Reimer

\*Sending Hymn "Dona nobis pacem" HWB #346

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Greeter: Don and Peggy Regier

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen

Musician: Carol Klingenberg

Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

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**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 phone numbers listed above or e-mail. This week Ray's pastor cluster meets Tue. p.m.; that evening he'll be at a WDC Executive Board meeting.

### *Congregational Announcements*

Thanks so much for your generosity in giving items for the **MCC Relief Kits!** You are challenged this week to bring one box of adhesive bandages (assorted, minimum of 40) 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. 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 Ad Bldg chapel.

Nov. 13, 5-8 P.M.: The 5<sup>th</sup> 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 ASAP 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 P.M.: Mennonite Ch. of the Servant, (2401 N Woodland Ave, Wichita; [www.mcswichita.net](http://www.mcswichita.net)) invites you to help inaugurate the **Nationwide Poor People's Campaign**. This is a national movement that renews Martin Luther King's campaign against racism, poverty, and militarism, and adds environmental degradation. Rev. Dr. James Barber will speak to us through a brief video about the new Poor People's Campaign (originally started in 1968). Rev. Titus James, Sr. Pastor of North Heights Christian Church, and Durell Gilmore, Justice Organizer for Sunflower Community Action, will offer short responses, followed by audience feedback. Laura Dungan, the Executive Director of The Seed House, will moderate. Tom James will provide music. Mennonites and Quakers will serve delicious refreshments. More info at: <<https://poorpeoplescampaign.org>>.

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.: 4<sup>th</sup> 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>. *If you have interest, please talk to Ray or Rosie, for a group discount.*

Nov. 18, 5-6 P.M.: Reception for Jerry Holsopple and “**7x7: Lament for an Age of Sexualized Power**,” in Regier Art Gallery in Bethel’s Fine Arts Center. The exhibit is in the gallery Nov. 17-Dec. 7; hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Sun., 2-4 P.M.; special hours Sat., Nov. 18, 8 A.M.-6 P.M.; closed Nov. 22-24 and Nov. 26.

Nov. 18, 6 P.M.: Emmaus Church invites all to attend the **Sould Out Quartet** Live in Concert; Whitewater Community Ch. is co-sponsoring. No admission cost; a freewill offering will be taken.

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.

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, 4:30 P.M.: **Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble** and Bethel College Jazz Combo I in concert, in Memorial Hall.

Nov. 21, 7 P.M.: All are invited to a **community Thanksgiving worship service** at Wheat State Manor; Pastor Ray participates.

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. 22, 7 P.M.: Instead of our usual Wed. evening activities, all are invited to a **special time of thankful worship** at Zion.

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.

Nov. 28, 7 P.M.: Zion’s choir director, Casey Guthals, will present her **senior voice recital** in the Tabor College chapel (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.