

## *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (including no visitors): 62  
**Offering:** Offender Victim Ministries \$538

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Wheat State Manor **Vespers**; Overflow class leads 4 P.M., Nov. 19  
Community **Thanksgiving service** @ Wheat State 7 P.M., Nov. 21  
Zion Thanksgiving Eve **service** [no Wed activities] 7 P.M., Nov. 22

Wed. eve children's activities: [no usual Wed. activities] This Wed.  
Greeters: John and Reinhild Janzen Next Sun.  
Musicians: Carol / Carol / Carol Next Sun.  
Offering: Mennonite Mission Network Next Sun.

## *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

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, pastors and children **visit senior members** P.M., Dec. 3  
WiM **Christmas Dinner** @ MCC Center/NNewton 6 P.M., Dec. 4  
**Deacons meet** at R&R's 7 P.M., Dec. 5  
Material for **2017 Zion Annual Report** due to Allie K. Dec. 17  
No SS, but **light refreshments, fellowship** 10:00 A.M., Dec. 24  
Zion **worship service** 10:45 A.M., Dec. 24  
Zion **Christmas Eve program** 7 P.M., Dec. 24  
No **Wednesday evening** meal and activities P.M., Dec. 27

## *Pray This Week for...*

- those in our church slowly healing from various ailments.
- gratitude, wisdom and generosity to flow through Western District Conference and its congregations, helping us to be faithful stewards of the spiritual gifts and financial resources God has entrusted to us.
- Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network, who has added helping Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania to her administrative and teaching load. Pray for Robin and the students as they study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience)—English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*November 19, 2017*

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

\*Gathering Hymn "God of our strength" HWB #36  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements  
Prelude The Nine

Call to Worship —WWI, #104; based on Ps 34 (NIV)

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt God's name together.

**People: We will bless the Lord at all times;  
God's praise will always be on our lips.**

L: When we wander afar, God welcomes us back.

**P: When we cry out in despair,  
God hears and delivers us from all our troubles.**

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**P: Happy are we when we take refuge in God's care.**

Adult Choir Anthem "Shout with joy to God!" —Lloyd Larson

Children's Time Lois Friesen

Scripture Reading Judges 15: 14-17

Sermon "Jawing about jawbones, and other jarring things" Ray Reimer

\*Response Hymn "This is a story full of love" HWB #315

Offering *Camp Mennoscah*  
Congregation "Johnny Appleseed" The Nine

Oh, the Lord's been good to me,  
And so I thank the Lord, For giving me the things I need:  
The sun and the rain and the appleseed; The Lord's been good to me.  
And every seed I sow Will grow into a tree.  
And someday there'll be apples there  
For everyone in the world to share; The Lord's been good to me.

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer

Ray Reimer

\*Sending Hymn “May the grace of Christ our Savior” HWB #423  
\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Greeter: Michael and Lisa Scott

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen

Musician: Karen Andres

Adult Choir Director: Casey Guthals

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 phone numbers listed above or e-mail. Today Rosie is at Alexanderwohl, talking on immigration issues. Ray has a WDC mtg Tue morn, and will assist with the Thanksgiving service at Wheat State that evening.

### *Congregational Announcements*

Nov. 19–Dec. 13: **Food for area food banks** is being collected at Zion. Bring non-perishable, non-expired items such as rice, beans, pasta, sauce, mac & cheese, peanut butter, cereal, soup, etc. Place food items in the grocery cart in the foyer. As you shop for the holidays get a little extra. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Nov. 22, 7 P.M.: Instead of our usual Wed. evening activities, all are invited to a **special time of thankful worship** at Zion. Our offering that evening will be for the Harvest of Love food bank.

Nov. 26: Thanks so much for your generosity in giving items for the **MCC Relief Kits!** You are challenged this week to bring 4 large bars of laundry soap (Zote, Sunlight, or Feels Naptha) per kit.

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. 4, 6 P.M.: **Christmas Dinner** hosted by the Zion Women in Mission on at the MCC Center in North Newton. Keith’s Food will be catering the meal. Please sign up *before Wed., Nov 29*.

### *Other Organizations*

Nov. 19, 4:30 P.M.: **Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble** and Bethel College Jazz Combo I in concert, in Memorial Hall, featuring guest artists and student compositions.

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; may be available at the door.

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

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!*

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.

Nov. 28, 5-9 P.M.: Bethel College and MCC-Central States will partner for **#GivingTuesday**. We are asking for financial gifts to the Bethel Annual Fund and dark-colored, medium-weight, new bath towels to help MCC replenish their relief kits. These kits offer supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disasters. Bring donations (in our area) to Bethel College Menn. Ch.; there will be a short program and update on the college *at 7 P.M.* Dessert and refreshments will be provided. Each of four locations has a goal of bringing in \$2,500 and 250 towels. If they all meet their goal, you will have helped raise \$10,000 for Bethel College and 1,000 towels for MCC relief kits. (If you are unable to make it to one of these events, but would still like to give towards the goal, go to [www.bethelks.edu/gift](http://www.bethelks.edu/gift) and designate your gift as #GivingTuesday.) For more into, contact Brad Kohlman, alumni development director, 316-284-5357, or [bkohlman@bethelks.edu](mailto:bkohlman@bethelks.edu)

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, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.: Five Places of Christmas, Bethel College Women's Association offers the rare chance to see the decorated main floor of Goerz House (traditionally the president's residence), with baked goods, home-made candy by the pound and Bethel gift items for sale. (BCWA has an urgent need for donations of baked items; these may be dropped off at Goerz House on Dec. 2 before 10 A.M.; all proceeds from the bake sale are used to benefit Bethel College students, faculty and staff. Questions: contact <cindy.l.erb@gmail.com>). Also, Kauffman Museum offers free admission (including the special exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War"), refreshments, sale items in the museum store, and Karen Bauman Schlabaugh playing Christmas music at 3 P.M. on the historic Teschemacher-Deknatel-van der Smissen parlor organ.

Dec. 2–9: If you can help with the **remodeling of the Camp Mennoscah kitchen**, please contact 316-284-3890 (call or text), jdyoder@cox.net, or the camp at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Include name, address, phone, and e-mail address.

Dec. 3, 5 P.M.: Prairie View, Inc. (1901 E First, Newton) invites you to **Advent Vespers** with seasonal music performed by the Rosewood Winds, a local woodwind trio, in the Chapel. Refreshment and conversation afterwards. \$35 minimum suggested donation, resourcing PV's chaplaincy program. Please RSVP to <strecktr@pvi.org> or 316-284-6443. Park in the front lot and follow the signs.

Dec. 3, 6:30 P.M.: The Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, working under the name Resonate Team, has invited regional congregations to a "**Great Day of Singing**" at Bethel College Menn. Ch. (North Newton), led by project director and general editor Bradley Kauffman. (*Note: not occurring on Nov. 19 as originally announced*).

**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. 4, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® Financial seminar (at 3179 N. Main St., N. Newton): **Retirement income strategy** will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks than can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. To reserve your spot, contact (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Dec. 9, 7 P.M.: The Hesston College Music Department invites you to their **annual Masterworks Concert, Light Eternal**, at Hesston Menn. Ch. Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna" (Light Eternal) is featured, reminding us of the Light that comforts us during the holiday season. For more info contact 620-327-8143 or <russell.adrian@hesston.edu> or <[www.hesston.edu/lighteternal](http://www.hesston.edu/lighteternal)>.

Dec. 15–Jan. 9: Consider opening your heart and home to an **International Student this holiday season!** Hesston College has several students from other countries who need someplace to stay when the dorms are closed for Christmas break. Even if your family is only available part of the time, you may still be able to help. For questions or to express interest, contact 620-327-8210 or <carlota.ponds@hesston.edu>.

Many people do their **Christmas shopping at the Newton Et Cetera Shop**: Please bring us your clean, gently-used toys, shoes, jewelry and children's coats. Your donated items might end up as cherished gifts under someone's Christmas tree! Support MCC Thrift Shops because you care... about your family, your community, and beyond. Thank you!