

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 3 visitors): 75
Offering: Nov. 19: Camp Mennoscah \$...
Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving Eve): Area Food Banks \$256

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Casey Guthals' **senior voice recital** @ Tabor chapel 7 P.M., Nov. 28
Wed. Evening Activities Nov. 29

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: Steph / Kristy This Wed.
Greeters: Joe and Lois Friesen Next Sun.
Musicians: Karen / Karen / Karen / Adult Choir Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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
Co-pastors' **Open House** (5 Jasper Ct, NNewton) 2-4 P.M., Dec. 17
No SS, but **light refreshments, fellowship** 10:00 A.M., Dec. 24
Zion **worship service** 10:45 A.M., Dec. 24

Pray This Week for...

- Martha Wedel, unable to worship with us regularly; her *actual* birthday is this coming Tue. (last month's note was incorrect).
- thanksgiving for the many ways Western District Conference congregations support and join God's work of mission in local communities and around the world.
- Kendra Selzer, who serves through Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service in Puerto Rico. Pray for her and the Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, where she works with pre-kindergarten-grade 10 students, and also helps with community clean-up after the September hurricanes.

Zion Mennonite Church

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November 26, 2017

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

*Gathering Hymn "O worship the King" HWB #66
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 72:1-7, 12-14

Leader: ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

People: ¹² **For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

¹³ **He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**

¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

New Testament Reading Mark 8:34-38

Children's Time Lois Friesen

*Hymn "We give thee but thine own" HWB #384

Old Testament Reading Judges 17:1-6
Sermon "All the people did what was right in their own eyes" Rosie Epp
*Response Hymn "God of our life" HWB #486

Offering *Mennonite Mission Network*
Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Ray Reimer

*Sending Hymn "Take my life" HWB #389

*Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: John and Reinhild Janzen Worship Leader: Lois Friesen

Musician: Carol Klingenberg

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. This week Rosie has been called to appear for possible federal jury duty in Wichita.

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. 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. 3: You are challenged this week to bring 2 wide-tooth combs (6-8 inch) per kit. Thanks so much for your generosity in giving items for the **MCC Relief Kits**; we've completed our collection!

Dec. 3: Children's teachers for the **new quarter in Sunday School** will be: 4th grade, Sharon Wedel; 1st and 2nd grade, Kyle Rutschman; Kindergarten, Bonnie Brewer; 3-yr-olds, Kristy Andres.

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*.

Dec. 17, 2-4 P.M.: Pastors Ray and Rosie invite the Zion congregation to a **come-and-go Christmas reception** at their new home (5 Jasper Court, North Newton, KS 67117; from the light at 24th & Main, go 3 blocks west on 24th to Regal Crescent, 1 block north to Jasper Court, then NE to the end of the court). Please ensure our neighbors can access their driveways; we encourage those who are more able-bodied to park at the end of the court (or even on Regal Crescent), leaving the spaces nearer our house for those less mobile. We may not be completely settled, but look forward to some warm fellowship and a few goodies nonetheless.

Other Organizations

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. 26: Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto (WDC church plant in Wichita) will host a **Potluck Thanksgiving Celebration** at Evergreen Recreational Center (2700 N Woodland, Wichita), reflecting a Latino-Hispanic cultural and culinary approach to connect and build relationship with the community. This celebration will be sponsored by Aposento Alto, Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania (Newton) and Menn. Ch. of the Servant (Wichita). For more info contact Pastor Jaime Cazares at (316) 212-1824 or <jscazares@cox.net>.

Mennonite Central Committee **needs your help tying comforters**; the tops and backs are already paired. If you are interested, please either stop by the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, or contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org, or 316-283-2720. We ask that you provide the batting and the crochet tying thread if possible. Thank you in advance for helping to spread warmth and love to our brothers and sisters around the world!

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 and designate your gift as #GivingTuesday.) For more info, contact Brad Kohlman, alumni development director, 316-284-5357, or bkohlman@bethelks.edu

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.

Dec. 1: Applications for 2018 **Camp Mennoscah summer staff positions** will be accepted beginning December 1. The positions are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, office, and all-round/media and receive a stipend, as well as meals and lodging. We also are looking for someone to catalogue the species of snakes at Camp Mennoscah. This summer-long position receives meals and lodging and requires the same paperwork and background check as all camp staff. Apply online at campmennoscah.org/application!

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. 2, 7:30 A.M.: Kauffman Museum **First-Saturday Bird Walk:** Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

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, 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.lerb@gmail.com>](mailto:cindy.lerb@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 Smitten parlor organ.

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>](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. 3, 3 P.M.: Bethel College **Steel Drum Band Christmas concert** in Memorial Hall.

Dec. 3, 3 P.M.: **Treble Clef annual Vespers service**, at Trinity Heights Un. Methodist Ch. (1200 Boyd Ave, Newton). Treble Clef Chorus, the Hearts 4 Him Men's Ensemble, Newton Community Children's Choir, and Sue Swender playing bells together with Joan Wulf on piano/organ. A freewill offering will be taken for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund. All are invited.

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.

Dec. 4, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® Financial seminar (at 3179 N Main St, NNewton): **Retirement income strategy** will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks that 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. 6, 11 A.M.: Annual **sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah***, with Bethel College instrumentalists, soloists and student conductors, at Bethel College Menn. Ch.; scores provided.

Dec. 8, 8 P.M.: **Christmas Gala jazz concert** with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I & II in Krehbiel Auditorium in Fine Arts Center.

Dec. 9, 7 P.M.: The Hesston College Music Dept. invites you to their **annual Masterworks Concert**, *Light Eternal*, at Hesston Menn. Ch. Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna" (Light Eternal) is featured. For more info contact 620-327-8143 or <russell.adrian@hesston.edu> or <www.hesston.edu/lighteternal>.

Dec. 10, 6:30 P.M.: **Brass Christmas:** Come join us at Alexanderwohl Menn. Ch. for an evening filled with Christmas music! The evening will feature the McPherson Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews along with the Elbiata Singers from Goessel High School under the direction of Andrew Voth. A freewill offering will be received to support the ministries of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. We hope to see you there!

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>.

Contact Update

Ralph and Jeanne Schmidt have a new e-mail address: <rcjmschmidt@gmail.com>.