

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors): 88
Offering: New Hope Shelter \$841

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No SS, but **light refreshments, fellowship** 10:00 A.M., Dec. 24
Zion **worship service** 10:45 A.M., Dec. 24
Adult Choir members gather 6:30 P.M., Dec. 24
Zion **Christmas Eve** program 7 P.M., Dec. 24
(**No Wednesday evening** meal and activities) P.M., Dec. 27
Wed. eve children's activities: (*no Wed. eve activities*) This Wed.
Greeters: Nick Preheim Next Sun.
Worship leader coordinator: June Entz Next Sun.
Musicians: Josh / Josh / Karen Next Sun.
Offering: Area Food Banks Next Sun.

Pray This Week for...

- Halie and Ben Duerksen, as they welcome Cora Kay—born Dec. 14—into their family. The rosebud in last Sunday's service celebrated her birth.
- all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the gospel. Mennonite Mission Network encourages that they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.
- peace to come to the earth. Mennonite Church USA invites your prayers for creative peacemaking that can disrupt cycles of violence and oppression; for communities to find ways to love one another; for past wounds to begin healing; for the people of the church to continue seeking the peace of Christ

Wanted: Looking for someone to haul a small John Deere Tractor from Bakersfield, CA to Goessel, KS for the KS MCC Sale. Contact Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com

Thank You! 15 children and adults packed more than 70 MCC relief kits at MCC workroom on Wednesday; Zion provided supplies for 30 of those kits. Thank you for your donations. 30 kits is more than one thousand dollars in monetary contributions.

Zion Mennonite Church

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December 24, 2017: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Yes! Let it be now”

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

*Gathering Hymn “O come, all ye faithful” HWB #212

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes! The invitation to carry Light
comes to each of us, no matter who we are.

**People: O God, you choose to dwell within us.
You promise to move about with us
until we find our rest in you.**

L: Your call seems risky; saying “yes” takes away our breath.

**P: Yet we know your faithfulness and steadfast love
endure forever.**

L: You are our strength.

All: Yes! Let it be now.

Lighting of Advent Candle Lara Scott and Kristyn Wedel

Hymn “Oh, how joyfully” HWB #209

Advent Skit Abi Entz and Sharon Wedel

Children's Time “Journey to Bethlehem” June Entz

Hymn “Angels we have heard on high” HWB #197

Old Testament Reading *2 Samuel 7:1-11* Josh Andres

*Hymn “Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming” HWB #211

New Testament Reading *Luke 2:1-7* Josh Andres

Meditation “A twist of hospitality” Rosie Epp

*Response Hymn “The first Noel, the angel did say” HWB #199

Offering	<i>Mennonite Church USA</i>	
Offertory		
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer		Ray Reimer
*Sending Hymn	“Hark! The glad sound!”	HWB #184
*Benediction		
Postlude		
	<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>	

Greeters: Reynold and Deanna Entz
 Musician: Carol Klingenberg Worship Leader coord.: Allie 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.

Congregational Announcements

Jan. 5: Kara Klingenberg will again travel to the Dominican Republic for a **medical mission trip** and you can help! Donations like unexpired medications and medical supplies, adult and children’s vitamins, hygiene items, small toys, empty prescription bottles, and new flip flops needed. Monetary donations will be used to order specialty supplies like sutures and other surgical instruments and prescription medicines; checks may be written to Zion (via Daryl Regier) to qualify for tax exemption. Thank you!

Other Organizations

As Western District Conference concludes its 125th anniversary year, we invite members and friends of WDC to **send in an extra gift** of \$125 (or more!) to help WDC meet its 2017 budget (fiscal year ending Jan 31, 2018). Your contributions allow WDC to equip pastors, encourage church planters, resource congregations, energize ministries of peace, justice and evangelism, and connect to God’s work in the wider church and world. Thank you for your generous support!

Dec. 29, 7:30 P.M.: Five Times Harder will perform a “**Songs of the Season**” concert at the Lorraine Ave. Menn. Ch. (Wichita). A free-will offering will be collected to support the work of MCC.

Jan. 8, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series in 2018, starting with *Your Medicare options*. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294, or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Jan. 14, 4 P.M.: Annual Meeting of **Offender/Victim Ministries** at Shalom Menn. Ch. (800 E First St, Newton).

Jan. 19-20: Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness has two terrific speakers planned. Fri. evening missional author, Heidi Roland Unruh, will share insights and Sat. morning Mennonite Mission Network Director of Discipleship Initiatives, Marvin Lorenzana, offers challenge and encouragement. Register now at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>

Feb. 7, 9-11 A.M.: All are invited to a come-and-go Valentines Event **#ReachingOutIsaRadicalAct**, benefitting Offender/Victim Ministries, to be held at the MCC Central States office in North Newton. See <www.facebook.com/OVMinistriesOVM> for info.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Wed. night supper resumes	5:45 P.M., Jan. 3, 2018
Zion Boards meet to reorganize	6:15 P.M., Jan. 3
Zion cong. mtg. for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 3
Governing Council briefly meets after cong. mtg.	c.8 P.M., Jan. 3
Epiphany communion observance	10:45 A.M., Jan. 7
Pastors and deacons take communion field trips	P.M., Jan. 7
Resume <i>regular</i> Wed. evening meal and activities	Jan. 10
Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	during wk of Jan. 10-16
Zion game night	4 P.M., Jan. 14
WDC “Year of Evangelism” kick-off event	Jan. 20