

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 14 visitors):	14
Offering: Dec. 24 A.M.: Mennonite Church USA	\$453
Dec. 24 P.M.: Mennonite Disaster Service	\$1,283
Thus far: supplies for Kara Klingenberg mission trip	\$180

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Wed. night supper resumes	5:45 P.M., Jan. 3, 2018
Deacons meet at R&R's	7 p.m., Jan. 2
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
Wed. eve children's activities: (<i>no Wed. eve activities for children</i>)	This Wed.
Greeters: Alden and Laura Entz	Next Sun.
Worship leader coordinator: Josh Andres	Next Sun.
Musicians: Karen / Karen / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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
Jan. worship conversations (SS & worship)	Jan. 14, 21, 28
Zion game night	4 P.M., Jan. 14
WDC "Year of Evangelism" kick-off event	Jan. 20
Co-pastors on vacation	Feb. 12-21
Guest speaker: Jim Juhnke	Feb. 18

Pray This Week for...

- Edna Stucky, who's not able to worship with us regularly; Edna celebrated her 89th birthday yesterday.
- Mennonite Mission Network, and join them in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year. Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled.

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December 31, 2017: The First Sunday after Christmas
"Yes! Let it be new"

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

*Gathering Hymn "Good Christian friends, rejoice" HWB #210
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship Josh Andres

Leader: Yes! We will give thanks and rejoice!

**People: We will praise the Lord from the heavens,
from the heights, and with the angels!**

L: We praise the Lord with the sun and moon!
We praise the Creator of the shining stars!

**P: Fire and hail! Snow and frost!
Mountains and hills! Fruit trees and cedars!**

L: Young men and women alike!
Children and the aged ones, too!
Let us praise the name of the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord!

L: Yes! Let all things be new.

Lighting of Advent/Christ Candles Allie and Grant Klingenberg family
Advent/Christmas Skit Reynold and Emma Entz

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 61:10-62:3* Russell Entz

*Hymn "Let the whole creation cry" HWB #51

New Testament Reading *Luke 2:22-40* Russell Entz

Meditation "Righteousness revealed" Ray Reimer

*Response Hymn "Brightest and best" SS #29

Offering	<i>Area Food Banks</i>	
Offertory		
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer	Rosie Epp	
*Sending Hymn	“Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah”	HWB #50
*Benediction		
Postlude		
<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>		

Greeters: Nick Preheim

Musician: Karen Andres

Worship Leader coord.: June Entz

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

Found: A **Zion church key** in the lock of the back (west) door, with a green number "one" on it; you may claim in church office. Also, a key (vehicle?) found in the parking lot 6 or so weeks ago continues to hang on the bulletin board.

2018 Zion Master Calendar: As in the past couple years, Pastor Ray has prepared a overview of the upcoming year for Zion and related organizations and placed it in council members' mailboxes; a few extras are on the table underneath for those interested.

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!

Jan. 14, 21, 28: **January worship conversations:** What's good worship? How are we good at worship? The last year as various groups have discussed visual projection at church, conversations inevitably moved to deeper and broader questions. Thus, the Co-Pastors, Spiritual Life Board and Governing Council ask that all adults gather together in the Fellowship Hall for joint conversation during the Sunday School hour for the last three Sundays of January (14th, 21st, 28th) to explore this subject; our worship services on these days will complement these conversations. Children will continue with their usual classes (we'll try to include the teachers in other ways). Our goal is to encourage a more shared understanding of worship, grounded in scripture and Anabaptist distinctives. And perhaps our conversations will serve as the foundation for considerations at future business meetings.

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!

Jan. 6, 8:15 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.

Jan. 7, 3 P.M.: Sunday-Afternoon-at the-Museum: Andrew Bolton, **"Is the Community of Christ Becoming Anabaptist?,"** at Kauffman Museum. Bolton has served for a number of years in administrative positions with the Community of Christ (formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) and was an organizer of the October 2017 symposium at the National World War I Museum and Memorial on conscientious objection to the Great War.

Jan. 8, NOON: **Centering Prayer**—which meets most Mondays from noon-1 P.M. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus—will *not* meet Jan. 1, but resumes Jan. 8.

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; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office at 3179 N Main St, N. Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting michelle.ramer@everence.com, (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294

Jan. 13, 10 A.M.: Join friends and family of Russ Neufeld by participating in the inaugural running of **The Neuf 9K & 2 mile run** (Russ was a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee). The run starts outside Mojo's Coffee Shop on the Bethel College campus and will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and a scholarship in Russ' name at Hesston College. Register online *through Jan. 10*, or in person on the day of the race. Read other details at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca.

Jan. 14, 3 P.M.: A **special screening of the film** *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* in the Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. The film captures the story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight for clean water, our environment and the future of our planet. A talk-back session will follow the film featuring film Co-Director Myron Dewey. MCC is teaming up with Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) for this free event. Please join us!

Jan. 14, 4 P.M.: Annual Meeting of **Offender/Victim Ministries** at Shalom Menn. Ch. (800 E First St, Newton). Join us for fasp (light meal) and stories from the past year, and hear about exciting initiatives to come in 2018. Help us kick off 45 years of restorative justice and prison ministries!

Jan. 18, 9 A.M.–3 P.M. or Feb. 10, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.: Want to build a better community for everyone? Harvey Co. Circle of Hope is offering **Volunteer Ally Training** at First Un. Methodist Ch. (Newton). For info, contact Peace Connections at (316) 384-0000.