

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors): 59
Offering: Area Food Banks \$691

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Epiphany communion observance 10:45 A.M., Jan. 7
Pastors and deacons take **communion field trips** P.M., Jan. 7
Wed. Evening Activities Jan. 10
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
Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** during wk of Jan. 10-16
Wed. eve children's activities: June and Nadine This Wed.
Greeters: Josh and Kristy Andres family Next Sun.
Musicians: Annette / Annette / Carol Next Sun.
Offering: Wheat State Manor Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Jan. worship conversations (SS & worship) Jan. 14, 21, 28
Zion game night 4-5:30 P.M., Jan. 14
WDC "Year of Evangelism" kick-off event Jan. 20
Deacons meet @ R&R'S 7 P.M., Feb. 6
Outreach Board meets 6 P.M., Feb. 7
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Feb. 12
Co-pastors on vacation Feb. 12-21
Guest speaker: Jim Juhnke Feb. 18
Fellowship Meals for KS Mennonite Relief Sale Feb. 25 & Mar. 4
Spiritual Life Board meal / meeting NOON, Mar. 4

Pray This Week for...

- Ruth Andres and Clarence Wedel (and other relatives at Zion) as they mourn the death of their sister, Jane Entz, on Jan. 1; the memorial service was Jan. 6 at First Menn. Ch.
- WDC's Israel-Palestine Relations Task Force, as they discern ways to join God's work of justice and peace-making.
- Mennonite Mission Network partners Juanita and Lawrence Coetzee, as they lead Grace Comm. Ch. in South Africa.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 7, 2018: Epiphany Sunday

"Yes! Let it be declared"

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

*Gathering Hymn "Arise, your light is come!" SS #30
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes! The light is here. We carry it within us.

People: It is the star of the East; it is the morning sun.

L: It is as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

P: Praise the Lord!

L: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.
You have torn open the heavens,
and your glory reaches the earth.

*All: May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you.
May we offer our gifts in your presence,
no matter where you are found*

L: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Lighting of Christ Lamp

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

*Hymn "Morning Star, O cheering sight!" HWB #214

New Testament Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation "Following a star" Rosie Epp

*Response Hymn "Christ, whose glory fills the skies" HWB #216

Offering *Local Fund*

Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Unison Confession

**O God, your light has come, your glory risen,
and your brightness dawned,
illuminating not only the way of the magi, but all of us.**

**From your fulness we have received grace upon grace
as your mystery has been revealed
and your presence made known.**

Now we, too, are called to arise and shine.

Yet we confess that...

**instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,
instead of walking with boldness and confidence,
instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence,
we cling to what we have and know,
and we continue on our old familiar ways home.**

**We are frightened by the unknown,
and by the darkness that covers the earth.**

Forgive us.

Continuing Prayer

Ray Reimer

Hymn

“Taste and see”

SJ #86

Congregation on refrain; Bonnie Brewer, soloist, on verses

Communion

Invitation and Words of Institution

Sharing Supper with the Lord... and Each Other

Closing Prayer of Dedication

HWB #790

*Sending Hymn

“Be thou my vision”

HWB #545

*Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Alden and Laura Entz

Musician: Karen Andres

Worship Leader coord.: Josh Andres

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 Ray will join Remington area pastors for lunch on Thur., and has a WDC Executive Board meeting Sat.

Congregational Announcements

Jan. 10: **Wed. evening activities** (supper, children's activities, adult choir, Bible study) resume. Pastor Ray will be leading a study of the book of Hebrews this winter/spring; all are welcome.

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, we ask that all adults gather 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.

Jan. 14, 4-5:30 P.M.: All are invited to Zion's **game night** (or, late afternoon)! Bring games and snacks to share.

Jan. 21, 1:30-4:30 P.M.: The Outreach Board encourages Zion attendees to consider visiting the “**Voices of Conscience**” exhibit at the Kauffman Museum (this is the last day to view this exhibit). Admission is \$4 per adult / \$2 per child (6-16).

If any are interested in **joining the membership** of Zion Menn. Ch., please speak with one of the co-pastors; depending upon response, we'll organize some welcoming sessions.

It's again time for our church to renew our Group Subscription Plan to ***The Mennonite***. If you wish NOT to receive the monthly copy, please contact Carol Klingenberg.

An index of **books in Zion's library** has been developed in Google Docs; if you wish to have access to the list, please contact Carol Klingenberg.

With a new year, those who have been using **Dillon's Community Rewards Program** to support Offender / Victim Ministries need to visit <<https://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>> to re-enroll and designate the organization they wish to support.

Other Organizations

Jan. 7, 3 P.M.: 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—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 in the inaugural running of **The Neuf 9K & 2 mile run** (Russ was a former MC USA and Hesston College employee). The run starts outside Mojo's Coffee Shop on the BC campus, raising funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and a scholarship 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, 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. 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!

A **community choir** is again being organized to present excerpts from “The Messiah” on Mar. 31 at 7 P.M. in the Remington High School Auditorium. Practices will begin on Jan. 14 from 3–4:30 P.M. at Remington Middle School (use the east entrance). Anyone high school and older is welcome! See poster on bulletin board.

Jan. 15, 7 P.M.: Bethel College annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration**, with Ken E. Nwadike Jr., a peace activist, speaker, and video journalist popularly known as “the Free Hugs Guy,” and poetry reading by Bethel students, *Krehbiel Auditorium*.

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) 284-0000.

Jan. 19-20: **Year of Evangelism Kick Off:** Anabaptist Witness has two terrific speakers planned. Fri. evening Heidi Roland Unruh, will share insights and Sat. morning Marvin Lorenzana will offer challenge and encouragement. Worship will be a blend of ancient spiritual practices and upbeat bluegrass style with Bethany Amstutz, Gene Thiesen, and friends. Everyone's invited to worship our God of healing love, justice and welcome. Register *by Jan. 11* at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>

Jan. 23, 5:30–7:30 P.M.: Safehope (formerly Harvey Co. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Taskforce) is having a **volunteer orientation** at 316 Oak St (Newton). Come and learn more about the agency, sign all necessary paperwork, etc. We'll have light refreshments. Please RSVP by calling 316-803-1800 or emailing <volunteer@safehope.net>.

Jan. 30, 5:30–7:30 P.M.: Join Peace Connections' **2nd Annual Soup Supper & Dessert Auction** at First Methodist Ch. (801 N Main, Newton). Enjoy a homemade soup supper (by donation) and music by The NUTS, as Mike and Deb Flavin auction off the best pies, cookies, and desserts in town to raise money for Circle of Hope and local families served by the program!

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.

Mar. 16-17: Registration is now open for the academic conference **"Mennonites and the Holocaust,"** to be held on the Bethel College campus, with speakers from various countries. See mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more info.

Opening: Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA) seeks 3/4-time business manager: accounting experience desirable; computer and organizational skills; ability to work independently and set goals; effective communicator - team player; committed to WDC mission. See <mennowdc.org> for further information.

Opening: New Hope Shelter is seeing a volunteer Donation Coordinator (2-6 hrs/week, hours set by volunteer) to sort and stock food/goods/clothing donations. Contact james@newhope-shelter.org or call (316) 283-7711.

Wanted: Good cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, farm machinery, etc. to donate to the KS MCC Sale—new to antique. If you are thinking of getting a new car, consider donating your trade-in to the MCC Sale as a tax deductible donation. Contact Jerry Toews for more info at 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com

