

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors): 82
Offering: Local Fund \$2,721

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** during wk of Jan. 10-16

Jan. worship conversations (SS & worship) Jan. 14

Zion game night 4-5:30 P.M., Jan. 14

Wed. Evening Activities Jan. 17

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

WDC "Year of Evangelism" kick-off event Jan. 19-20

Wed. eve children's activities: Halie / Allie This Wed.

Greeters: Randy & Kathy Preheim Next Sun.

Musicians: Annette / Annette / Karen Next Sun.

Offering: Western District Conference Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Jan. worship conversations (SS & worship) Jan. 21, 28

Women in Mission meet 1-4 P.M., Jan. 22

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

Church bowling night @ Play-Mor Lanes 5-7 P.M., Feb. 18

Spiritual Life Board meal / meeting NOON, Mar. 4

Pray This Week for...

- Bernard Entz, still able to worship with us regularly, but living at Presbyterian Manor; Bernard celebrated his birthday yesterday.
- Kristin and Mike Sharp of Mennonite Mission Network, who serve as community hosts for Round Chapel in the East End of London. Pray for them and their two daughters as they engage the congregational vision of "living out God's warm embrace" in an area with many homeless people.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 14, 2018

Worship Conversation at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

We Gather

* Gathering Hymn "God is here among us" HWB #16

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Bonnie Brewer

We Praise

Call to Worship *Psalm 34:1-5, 8*

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of Christ Lamp

Hymn of Praise "Praise, I will praise you, Lord" HWB #76, vss. 1-2

Children's Time Rosie Epp

We Confess

Responsive Prayer of Confession SJ #132

We Hear and Proclaim

Old Testament Readings *Exodus 20:8-11*

Isaiah 6:1-8

* Hymn "Jesus, stand among us" HWB #25

* Gospel Reading: **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 24:29b-35

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon "Transforming worship" Ray Reimer

We Respond

* Response Hymn "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!" SS #110, vss. 1-2

Offering *Wheat State Manor*

Offertory Bonnie Brewer

Epistle Reading *Revelation 5:11-14*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Intercessory Prayer

Rosie Epp

We Go Out

* Sending Hymn “We are people of God’s peace”

HWB #407

* Benediction *Ephesians 3:20-21*

* Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Josh and Kristy Andres family

Musician: Carol Klingenberg

Worship Leader: Lisa Scott

Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

Pastors Ray and Rosie’s Schedules: 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 they’ll attend at pastors’ luncheon at Prairie View Tue. noon; Ray’s pastor cluster meets that afternoon; and Ray will attend the WDC Year of Evangelism Kick-off event Fri. evening through Sat.

Congregational Announcements

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 (14, 21, 28) 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).

Jan. 22, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet; we will be tying a quilt. Laura Entz will have devotions. Please bring a small snack for refreshments.

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.

Other Organizations

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. 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.: It’s today! Annual Meeting of **Offender/Victim Ministries** at Shalom Menn. Ch. (800 E First St, Newton). Join us for faspa (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. 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. 15, 3 or 3:30 P.M.: “**Racial Justice in Newton: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**,” a walking tour to hear stories of Newton’s racial and ethnic diversity, celebrate accomplishments, and seek positive change in the community. Two tours start at the Newton Recreation Center (415 N. Poplar) and last around 90 minutes. Bus transportation available for those needing assistance getting to the two other sites and back to the NRC; free and open to the public.

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. 18, 7:30 P.M.: **Jazz concert by Organique** (Jim Pisano, saxophone, William Flynn, guitar, and Jeremy Thomas, Hammond B3 organ) with Pete Zimmer, drums, *Krehbiel Auditorium* in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

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 Thieszen, 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. 20, 9 A.M.: As the Camp Mennoscah kitchen and dining hall remodel continues, we need your help to **remove shingles** from the existing roof and make it water tight for framing. Tools needed are shingle forks, hammers, and flat bars. Bring a lunch. If you can help, call 620-297-3014 or 316-284-3890 or jdyoder@cox.net.

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). We’ll have light refreshments. Please RSVP by calling 316-803-1800 or emailing [<volunteer@safehope.net>](mailto:volunteer@safehope.net).

Jan. 28, 4 P.M.: The first guest performance in the new Richert Auditorium of the Sheri Flaming Center for the Arts on the Tabor College campus will be a **Winter Classics Concert** by Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra. Tickets can be purchased through the group’s website or are available for pick up at Faith & Life Bookstore or the NMKSO office, both in downtown Newton.

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>](https://www.facebook.com/OVMinistriesOVM) for 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>](http://mennowdc.org) for further information.

Opening: The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a clothing manager for 30-40 hours/week to receive and process donations; train and supervise clothing and accessory volunteers; prepare volunteer projects and work spaces; help manage the sales floor; and participate in regular system evaluation and store planning. The full job description and applications are available via e-mail at [<generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com>](mailto:generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com) or at the store (619 N Main, Newton). Applications are *due by Jan. 29, 2018*, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.