

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 4 visitors): 84

Offering: Mennonite Central Committee - Sale Expenses \$828.26

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Deacons meet @ R&R's 7 P.M., Feb. 6

Wed. Evening Activities Feb. 7

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

Outreach Board meets 6 P.M., Feb. 7

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

Greeters: Jim and Becky Nickel Next Sun.

Musicians: Reinhild / Reinhild / Carol / Adult Choir Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite College(s) (donor specification) Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Feb. 12

Co-pastors on **vacation** Feb. 12-21

Guest speaker: Jim Juhnke 10:45 A.M., Feb. 18

Food & Thought meets @ J&L Friesen's NOON, Feb. 18

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

Lenten yoga discipline begins 5:30 P.M., Feb. 28

Spiritual Life Board meal / meeting NOON, Mar. 4

Women in Mission **Comforter Blitz** @ Journey@Yoder Mar. 5-7

Zion's **Fellowship Meal** for the KS Menn. Relief Sale Mar. 11

Mennonite Women **Spring Supper** @ Whitestone 6 P.M., Mar. 15

Pray This Week for...

- solace for the family of Lavern Wedel, who died Feb. 1; funeral details pending as bulletin was printed.
- thanksgiving for the energy and participation of members from congregations across Western District Conference at the recent kick-off event for WDC's Year of Evangelism.
- Juliet Kilpin of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom, as she serves among refugees in Calais, France, through advocacy, presence, and training in nonviolence.

Zion Mennonite Church

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February 4, 2018

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

Being Open to God's Way of Peace

Gathering

*Gathering Hymn "There is a place of quiet rest" HWB #5

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude "Higher ground"

Call to Worship

Prayer

Praising

Psalm Reading *Psalm 100*

With congregational response: "Alleluia" HWB #101

Children's Time Deanna Entz

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Lighting the Christ Candle

* Hymn "When morning gilds the skies" HWB #644

Hearing the Word

(After each scripture passage there will be a time of silent

reflection and waiting; hymns will not be announced,

and we will only stand for those hymns marked with an asterisk)

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 11:6-9*

Silence

Hymn "Jesus, remember me" HWB #247; twice

Gospel Reading *Luke 1:76-79* (in English, German, Spanish)

Silence

Hymn "Don't be afraid" SJ #105

Epistle Reading *Ephesians 2:13-22*

Silence

* Hymn "Christ is our cornerstone" HWB #43; vss. 1, 3

Responding

Prayer for Peace

Ray Reimer

Offering our written prayer

*(Slips of paper are available for you to offer your prayers;
place them in the offering plate when passed. Valerie and Karen
will play during this time of writing prayers, with the
congregation eventually invited to sing:)*

Hymn

“Wait for the Lord”

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Offering

Local Fund

Offertory

(Ushers will bring offering plates to the front)

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Rosie Epp

Sung Response “O Lord, hear my prayer” HWB #348; twice

Sending

* Sending Hymn

“Go, my children”

HWB #433; vss. 1, 4

Blessing

Postlude

“The Lord bless you and keep you”

(Please remain seated during this postlude)

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Ben and Halie Duerksen family Worship Leader: Deanna Entz

Musicians: Karen Andres and Valerie Klaassen

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 Ray’s pastor cluster meets Tue. afternoon; he’ll also lunch with Remington area ministers Thur.

Congregational Announcements

Today’s worship service will be more reflective; it’s modeled after the worship of the Taizé Community in eastern France, and includes scripture reading, meditative songs, prayers and silence. Let us wait for the Lord.

Feb. 28: Lenten Discipline: Join the Yoga class (for stretching and reflection) being offered at Zion on Weds. during Lent beginning Feb. 28 at 5:30 P.M. There will be a small fee involved to compensate the leader. Talk to Rosie Epp or Becky Nickel to sign-up. For all ages and genders.

Other Organizations

Feb. 4, 3 P.M.: “Fine Arts Collaboration,” a **multi-media presentation** by Stacey Rhoades (photography), Julia Penner-Zook (writing) and Jenny Regehr (piano), in the Bethel College Administration Building chapel.

Feb. 6, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will offer another **retirement workshop:** *Social Security and retirement income planning* will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshops are at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., N. Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Feb. 6, 7 P.M.: Lauded as one of the most talented organists of his generation, Italian organist Davide Mariano will perform as part of the **Andover Organ Series** at Hesston Menn. Ch. The concert is free and open to the public.

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.

Feb. 8 and 9, 7:30 P.M.: The Bethel College interterm class Prison Theater Project presents ***Inside Story***, the on-campus version of the collaboration with inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility; in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (NB: change from some previous announcements).

Feb. 9, 7:30 P.M.: **Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts** will feature the British a cappella ensemble, VOCES8 at Hesston Menn. Ch. Tickets can be purchased at <hesstonbethel.org> or by calling 620-327-8105.

Feb. 10, 7-10 P.M.: Chase away the winter chill with a concert at the Cider Gallery (810 Pennsylvania, Lawrence, KS) by 2017 Kansas State Finger Picking Champion Jim Krause and a silent auction to benefit Peace Menn. Ch's building project. Free event; donations welcome.

Feb. 11-14: All are invited to a **Bible Conference** with Dr. Nathan Busenitz at Emmaus Ch. (rural Whitewater); he will speak each day at 10:30 A.M. and 7 P.M. Dr. Busenitz is Dean of the faculty at The Master's Seminary, and has been a member of the pastoral staff at Grace Community Ch. in Sun Valley, CA. He is also managing editor of *Pulpit Magazine*, and personal assistant to Dr. John MacArthur.

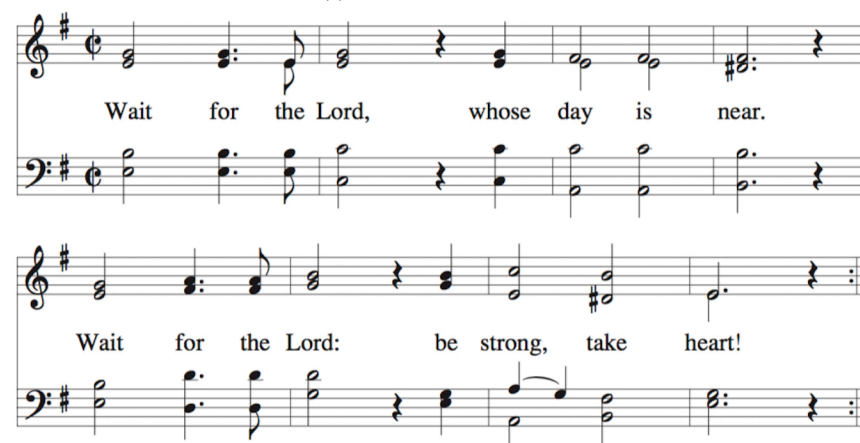
Feb. 11, 2 P.M.: Piano instructor Bradley Baker will perform a free **faculty recital** at Hesston Menn. Ch.

Feb. 11, 3 P.M.: The Bethel College Alumni Choir is **looking for more singers** interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert will be at Trinity Heights Un. Methodist Ch. (Newton) with one rehearsal *on Feb. 10 from 10 A.M.–3 P.M.*, with lunch provided. If you are a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact votha@usd411.org, or check out the Bethel College Alumni Choir page on Facebook for info.

Feb. 11, 4 P.M.: “Moved by the Spirit,” an **organ recital** with Rosi Penner Kaufman, featuring works by Pietro Yon, Frank Bridge, Johann Praetorius, J.S. Bach, Gardner Read (with Mitch Kaufman, trombone), and Frank Ferko; in the Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

Feb. 12-15: 2018 Summer Staff Search! Camp Mennoscah will be traveling to Hesston, Tabor, Bethel, and McPherson to talk with people interested in being on summer staff for the upcoming summer. Go to campmennoscah.org/application to get a head start. We'll start to schedule interviews soon. Pizza gathering at Papa John's in Newton on *Feb. 14 at 6:15pm-ish*. Please let us know you're coming at 620-297-3290!

Wait for the Lord



Word and music (WAIT FOR THE LORD 8.8): Jacques Berthier, from *Songs and Prayers* from Taizé ©1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community, admin. GIA publications, Inc., exclusive North American agent.

Feb. 17: “**Writing to Save Your Life**” workshop offered at Pine Village Wellness Center (Moundridge). Katherine B. Wiens and Joanna Pinkerton will demonstrate how writing can be used as a tool for healing and transformation. The main workshop will be from 9 A.M.–NOON. For info or to register, contact [<barborsi@yahoo.com>](mailto:barborsi@yahoo.com) - (316-300-0287) or [<kjgo@mtelco.net>](mailto:kjgo@mtelco.net) - (316-371-6189). Sponsored by the StoryTellers of the Great Plains.

The Mennonite, Inc. welcomes your original submissions and contributions for our April 2018 print magazine issue and corresponding online content **focusing on Technology**. Submissions are due by Feb. 17 to Editor@TheMennonite.org. You can read a full description of the theme at: <https://themennonite.org/april-2018-technology/>

Feb. 18, 4 P.M.: **Raise the Roof in Song.** Join us at Southern Hills Menn. Ch. (511 SE 37th Street, Topeka, KS 66605) in a fun way to raise funds for Mennonite Disaster Service, including an old fashioned hymn sing led by Andrew Voth with instrumental accompaniment from our talented musicians; learn about MDS via Carole and Wayne Stucky, Co-Directors of Region 3; silent auction—bid on one of twelve homemade desserts/baked goods; reception with music by The Flannelbacks from North Newton.

Feb. 23-25: Hesston College's **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** (AVDS) conference will offer ordinary people a chance to effect change in their context. Hear from respected teachers and theologians, including Dr. Drew G.I. Hart of Messiah College, Wichita-area pastors Kevass Harding and Lois Harder, Hesston Bible professor Michele Hershberger and Kansas Leadership Center faculty. Learn about the Doctrine of Discovery through the Ted. & Co. TheaterWorks show, "Discovery: A Comic Lament." Register by *Feb. 16* at hesston.edu/avds.

Feb. 23-25: **Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat** is almost here (a second retreat Mar. 2-4). Register online at campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 with questions.

Feb. 23, 10:30 A.M.: All are invited to join the board and staff of Mennonite Central Committee–Central States for our **annual meeting** at the MCC Center (121 E. 30th, N. Newton, KS 67117).

Feb. 25 and Mar. 4: You're invited to host or be a guest at a Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale **Fellowship Meal** in area homes (Zion will have a congregational Fellowship Meal *on Mar. 11*). Annually, these simple meals help support the Relief Sale by raising funds towards the sale budget. See the Fellowship Meal brochure for details. Questions? Contact Dave or Karen Andres.

Feb. 25, 4-6 P.M.: **Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction:** Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to Whitestone Menn. Ch. (Hesston) to sing favorite hymns, bid on delectable desserts, and hear about how—with your help—camp provides activities for campers to stay cool, be crafty, and learn about God's creation. Funds raised will go toward the Camp Mennoscah general fund.

Looking for that next great adventure? **Serving and Learning Together (SALT)** is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply; don't delay the *deadline to sign up is Feb. 15*.

Mar. 5-7: This past year, Mennonite Central Committee sent 49,223 blankets and comforters to people experiencing war, displacement, and natural disasters in Bosnia, Iraq, Jordan, North Korea, Somalia, and Ukraine. 1,958 of those came from the Central States region! MCC continues to receive more requests for comforters from our partners around the world. Please save the dates noted for the upcoming **Comforter Blitz** in Yoder, KS, as we work together to bring comfort to our brothers and sisters around the world. More info at mcc.org/comforter-blitz!

Mar. 15, 6 P.M.: All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission/South Central **Women's Spring Supper**, at Whitestone Menn. Ch. (Hesston). Program (7 P.M.) to follow the \$10 supper (fundraiser for the youth).

Mar. 18-19: The Mennonite churches of Beatrice, NE will host "Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches," a WDC **Year of Evangelism event**. Brad Roth, pastor at West Zion, Moundridge, KS and author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church* will be the speaker. More info at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>.

Urgent Need: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Board of Directors is asking for 2 volunteers to perform the task of being the Building Superintendents in the Domestic Arts Building and Sunflower North respectively. These are important positions. The individuals/couples to do this job are located in our churches, our sale constituency, and among the people who have participated in the Sale for many years. Please prayerfully consider and contact Jim Robb, Board Chair (620-245-7142 or 620-747-0186) if you have questions or interest. Thank you.

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. Please share this job opening with others who may have interest. See <mennowdc.org> for further information.