

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 2 visitors):

76

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

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

Wed. Evening Activities Feb. 14

5:45-6:30 P.M. Supper

6:30-7:15 P.M. Children's Activities

[No Adult Choir practice or Adult Bible Study this week]

Wed. eve children's activities: Nadine / June This Wed.

Greeters: Derek and Kara Klingenberg family Next Sun.

Musicians: Abi / Makayla / Karen Next Sun.

Offering: Camp Mennoscah Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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

Women in Mission meet 1-4 P.M., Feb. 26

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

Spiritual Life Board meal / meeting NOON, Mar. 4

Pray This Week for...

- Willis and Nadine Busenitz, who've experienced a setback regarding their plans to retire as the assistant pastor has resigned; a letter is posted on the board.
- for Western District Conference's Gifts Discernment Committee as they begin to consider nominees to fill leadership roles on WDC's Executive Board and commissions next year.
- praise to God for the growth of Christ's body in Israel. A worker for Mennonite Mission Network reports that when the nation was founded in 1948, only 12 Jewish people counted themselves believers. Now, there are about 25-30,000 believers in approximately 300 Arab and Messianic congregations.
- Glen Guyton, announced on Fri. as the next Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA.

Zion Mennonite Church

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February 11, 2018

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

*Gathering Hymn "I love to tell the story" HWB #398

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Reinhild Janzen

Call to Worship HWB #741

Special Music "The earth adorned" Adult Choir
—Waldemar Åhlén

Children's Time Deanna Entz

* Hymn "Christian, let your burning light" HWB #402

Scripture Readings *Mark 9:2-9 and Matthew 28:16-20*

Sermon "Discipling in the mountains" Ray Reimer

* Response Hymn "Lord of light, your name outshining" HWB #410

Offering *Mennonite College(s) (donor specification)*

Offertory Reinhild Janzen

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Rosie Epp

* Sending Hymn "Sent forth by God's blessing" HWB #478

Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Jim and Becky Nickel

Worship Leader: Deanna Entz

Musician: Carol Klingenberg

Adult Choir Director: Casey Guthals

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 be on vacation.

Congregational Announcements

Feb. 11: If you've taken a **Valentine card** for the Offender Victim Ministries project, please return them—completed or still blank—to Becky Nickel *today*; she'll be helping deliver them to the Hutchinson Correctional Facility early this week.

Feb. 12-21: With our co-pastors on vacation, please contact one of the deacons (Annette Voth, Lillian Wedel, or Ann Schowengerdt) for **pastoral care or emergencies**.

Feb. 15: Liz Rutschman will be **preparing the bulletin** this week; please have any announcements to her by Thur. at (316) 799-1213 or <elizabeth.rutschman@gmail.com>.

Feb. 18, 5-7 P.M.: **Zion bowling night** at Play-Mor Lanes in south Newton (near Pizza Hut).

Feb. 18: The Outreach Board is moving our **congregational retreat at Camp Mennoscah** to *Nov. 10-11, 2018* (instead of early Aug.). In addition, we are considering using the Retreat Center rather than the main camp; the cost will be \$70/room. Please send your feedback regarding this change in location to <kathypreheim@gmail.com> *by Feb. 18*.

Feb. 26, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet to tie a quilt for MCC. Devotions: Gladys Preheim. Refreshments: bring a small snack of your choice.

Feb. 28-Mar. 31: **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.

Feb. 28-Mar. 31: During Lent the Outreach Board encourages the congregation to **donate supplies** for the New Hope Shelter in Newton; a list will be provided soon.

Other Organizations

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 on 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.~~ *Postponed* due to illness; to be rescheduled, likely in April.

Feb. 11, 3 P.M.: The Bethel College **Alumni Choir concert** at Trinity Heights Un. Methodist Ch. (Newton).

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!

Families with children: consider downloading the free guide **Between Me & You**, to assist family worship during Lent from Feb. 14 through Apr. 1. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. Find it at: www.anabaptistfaithformation.org.

Feb. 17: "**Writing to Save Your Life**" workshop offered at Pine Village Wellness Center (Moundridge), led by Katherine B. Wiens and Joanna Pinkerton. The main workshop will be from 9 A.M.–NOON. For info or to register, contact <barborsi@yahoo.com> - (316-300-0287) or <kjgo@mtelco.net> - (316-371-6189).

Feb. 17, 4-7 P.M.: Furley Un. Methodist Ch. (11400 E 101st St N) will hold its annual **Soup “R” Saturday**; free will offering, with proceeds benefiting camp scholarships and mission projects.

Feb. 18-Mar. 18: First Menn. Ch. (52 Rambler Rd, Hutchinson) invites you to a Sunday Concert Series: **Celebrate Music in Worship**. All concerts are free, at 4 or 7 P.M., and will be followed by refreshments. The concert schedule is posted on our bulletin board, or see <www.hutchfmc.org> or by calling (620) 662-9385.

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

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. 23-25: Hesston College’s **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** (AVDS) conference will offer ordinary people a chance to effect change in their context. Ted. & Co. TheaterWorks will also produce their show, “Discovery: A Comic Lament.” Register by *Feb. 16* at hesston.edu/avds.

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. 24, 4:30-7 P.M.: First Menn. Ch.’s (427 W 4th, Halstead) **Verenike Supper**. Cost: donation, supporting church missions.

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, 7 P.M.; and Feb. 26, 11 A.M.: **Staley Lecture** with Malinda Elizabeth Berry, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Sun. evening on “Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence.” Berry also speaks during Mon. morning convocation; both lectures in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

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.

Mar. 5-7: 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). Following the \$10 supper (fundraiser for the youth), the program at 7 P.M. will feature Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in the Belgian Congo, on *Faith in Every Day Life*. Music provided by *Sadie and the Larks*, from Hesston College. Offering for AIMM, Women’s Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by Mar. 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

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.

Mar. 16-17: Camp Mennoscah’s **Youth Volunteer Weekend** for grades 7-12 will stay in the Retreat Center due to renovations at the Main Camp kitchen. There will be music, worship, counselors, and projects for all. Register online at campmennoscah.org or contact us at 620-297-3290 for assistance.