

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 7 visitors): 88
Offering: Camp Mennoedah \$533.62

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Women in Mission meet 1-4 P.M., Feb. 26
Wed. Evening Activities Feb. 28

5:30 P.M. Lenten yoga discipline
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

Wed. eve children's activities: Halie / Kristy This Wed.
Greeters: Vernon and Carol Klingenberg Next Sun.
Musicians: Karen / Karen / Karen Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Spiritual Life Board meal / meeting NOON, Mar. 4
Women in Mission Comforter Blitz @ Journey@Yoder Mar. 5-7
Deacons meet @ R&R's 7 P.M., Mar. 6
Zion's Fellowship Meal for the KS Menn. Relief Sale Mar. 11
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Mar. 12
Mennonite Women Spring Supper @ Whitestone 6 P.M., Mar. 15
Food & Thought meets @ J&R Janzen's NOON, Mar. 18

Pray This Week for...

- members-at-a-distance Brian and Lindsay Lightner, who on Feb. 16 became parents to a new daughter, Annie Carolynne (7 lbs; 20"); all are doing well.
- Western District Conference's Immigration Task Force, and congregations in WDC discerning a faithful response to immigration concerns.
- Linda Oyer of Mennonite Mission Network, who is bringing closure to her 30-year ministry in France. Pray that the seeds she planted through teaching and mentoring will continue to bear fruit. Pray also that she will find joy in writing more of the books that have been percolating in her spirit.

Zion Mennonite Church

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February 25, 2018: The Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

*Gathering Hymn "The God of Abraham praise" HWB #162
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Carol Klingenberg

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah,
nations born of barren lands, you who stand here because
of promises fulfilled, come and worship your God.

**People: We were born through the faith of our ancestors,
just as our faith will give life to future generations;
even as we hope against hope, we come to worship God.**

Leader: Welcome home, children of God.
Welcome to this house of God.

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

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

Children's Time Lois Friesen

New Testament Reading *Mark 8:31-38*

Sermon "Cross roads" Ray Reimer

* Response Hymn "Children of the heavenly Father" HWB #616

Offering *Mennonite Mission Network*
Offertory Casey Guthals

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Confession (*in unison*):

God of our ancestors and our descendants,
promising Abraham and Sarah children at their age just
seems mean.

For them to believe that promise sounds foolish—almost as foolish as expecting that same faithfulness from us. That was then, this is now; we are not used to waiting. If something we want takes too long, we itch to move on to the next thing, even when waiting is important. Forgive us. Forgive our impatience and refusal to believe in what we cannot see. Build in us the willingness to hope against hope. Help us to value and contribute to a future yet unseen. Instill in us a faith to inspire future generations.

Gathered Prayer Rosie Epp

* Sending Hymn “Guide my feet” HWB #546
(Women sing “Leader” part)

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Art and Jana Wedel Musician: Carol Klingenberg
Worship Leader: Reinhild / Lois 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 Ray expects to have an unknown number of WDC meetings.

Congregational Announcements

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.

Zion children’s **Sunday School teachers for spring quarter** (Mar.–May): Anne Schowengerdt, 3 & 4 yr olds; Nadine Epp, preschool & kindergarten; Allie Klingenberg, 1st & 2nd grade; Derek Klingenberg, 4th grade.

Other Organizations

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, 3 P.M.: Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with Christy Davis, executive director, Symphony in the Flint Hills, on “**The Other Chisholm Trail:** Little-Known Facts About the Great Cattle Drives,” at Kauffman Museum.

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. 1, 6:30-8:30 P.M.: Kathy Wiens will present “**Beyond Good Touch/Bad Touch**” as one of the 2018 spring child protection/sexual abuse prevention workshops at the MCC Center in North Newton. Cost: \$20. To register email <kathywiens59@gmail.com> or call (316) 587-7244.

Mar. 1, 7 P.M. (note change in date and time from some previous calendars and announcements): Greer Lecture and slide presentation by potter Alysha Baier, Bethel College Ad Building chapel.

Mar. 2-4: The second **Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat**. Register at <campmennoscah.org> or call 620-297-3290.

Mar. 2, 5-7 P.M.: **Closing reception** for “Vibrant Nature” and artist Jennifer Larsen, at Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College (*note change from previously ads*).

Mar. 2, 6 P.M.: Mark McCormick **book-signing**, Mantz Library Lounge at Bethel College. McCormick, former columnist for the *Wichita Eagle* and current executive director of The Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, is the author of a new book, *Some Were Paupers, Some Were Kings*, which will be available for sale.

Mar. 3, 7:30 A.M.: Kauffman Museum **First-Saturday Bird Walk**. Join experienced birders in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

Mar. 3, 9–11:30 A.M.: Robert Wall will present the workshop “**Medicare, Social Security, and retirement income planning**” at the Everence office in North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting michelle.ramer@everence.com; (316) 283-3800; or (877) 467-7294.

Mar. 4, 3 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series** presents “The Empathy Gap: Masculinity and the Courage to Change,” in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Mar. 5-7: Join us at the **2018 annual Comforter Blitz** to help in making comforters for MCC to distribute to our brothers and sisters around the world! Mar. 5 from 10 A.M.–5 P.M.; Mar. 6 from 9 A.M.–5 P.M.; Mar. 7 from 9 A.M.–4 P.M. Location: Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder, KS. Everyone is welcome! Lunch is available each day by donation. Please bring a snack to share. We hope to see you there!

Mar. 9, 8 P.M.: All are invited to a lecture by Marathana Protho, assistant professor of communication at Bluffton University, on “**Looking for Truth in a Fake-News World**” at Kauffman Museum; the annual meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. precedes at 7 P.M.

Mar. 14, 5:30–7 P.M.: The Youth Group of First Menn. Church (Newton), invites you to a **Verenike supper**. The menu will include verenike, ham gravy, green beans, zweibach, and cherry moos. Proceeds will support our upcoming summer mission trip.

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.

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/>.

Mar. 22: Bill Reynolds, CASA staff member will present “**Darkness to Light training**” as one of the 2018 spring child protection/sexual abuse prevention workshops at the MCC Center in North Newton. Cost: \$20. To register call (316) 587-7244 or email <kathywiens59@gmail.com>.