

## *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship attendance</b> (including 1 visitor):	76
<b>Offering:</b> Local Fund	\$2,636
Jan. 28, etc.: MCC–Sale expenses	\$3,528

## *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

Daylight Savings Time begins	Mar. 11
Zion's <b>Fellowship Meal</b> for KS Menn. Relief Sale	NOON, Mar. 11
<b>Governing Council</b> meets	7 P.M., Mar. 12
<b>Wed. Evening Activities</b>	Mar. 14
5:30 P.M.	Lenten yoga discipline
5:45-6:30 P.M.	Supper [ <i>last for this spring</i> ]
6:30-7:15 P.M.	Children's Activities
6:30-7:30 P.M.	Adult Bible Study ( <i>no</i> Choir practice)
Mennonite Women <b>Spring Supper</b> @ Whitestone	6 P.M., Mar. 15
Wed. eve children's activities: June / Nadine	This Wed.
Greeters: Lillian Wedel	Next Sun.
Musicians: Alyssa / Eva / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference – Church Plant support	Next Sun.

## *Pray This Week for...*

- Silas and Edna Stucky, not always able to worship with us.
- WDC congregations Beatrice Menn. Ch. and First Menn. Ch. of Beatrice, NE, as they prepare to host "Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches," a study series with Brad Roth, Mar. 18-19.
- the people of Taiwan (along with Mennonite Mission Network) as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives after last month's earthquake that killed at least nine people.

## *Congregational Announcements*

Zion will participate in **serving at New Hope Shelter** later this month; we are only needing meals on Mar. 21-24. See June Entz.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*March 11, 2018: The Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.*

*Gathering Hymn "In the morning when I rise"	SJ #45
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements	
Prelude	The Nine
Call to Worship	
Leader: Who comes in the name of God?	
Step into the light and be known.	
<b>People: We are coming, through darkness and fear.</b>	
<b>We come into the light by the power of God.</b>	
Leader: People of God, God has heard your cries and is opening a way for you.	
<b>People: We are here, through darkness and fear.</b>	
<b>We come into the light of this day by the power of God.</b>	
Leader: You are here, and God is here. What will you do?	
<b>People: Together we will worship our God.</b>	
Children's Time	
Old Testament Reading	<i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>
* Hymn "For God so loved us"	HWB #167
vs. 1 in English; repeat vs. 1 in German; vss. 2-4 in language of choice	
New Testament Reading	<i>John 2:14-21</i>
Sermon "Darkness to light"	Rosie Epp
* Response Hymn "I want to walk as a child of the light"	SJ #95
Offering	<i>Deacons' Fund</i>
Offertory	The Nine
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns	

Confession (*in unison*):

God of compassion and consequence,  
some days it's hard to face who we are.  
We like to be in control, to know where we are going.  
Relying on someone else, even you, is hard.  
We get impatient and find things to criticize.  
Some of us even like to complain.  
Glossing over past hardships is easier than admitting  
that we needed your help, and still do.  
We don't want to see how our attitudes and actions  
make things worse.  
We are sorry. Forgive our ingratitude.  
Grant us the courage to face the truth.

Gathered Prayer

Ray Reimer

\* Sending Hymn

"O healing river"

HWB #372

Benediction

Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Jeremy and Steph Entz family

Musician: Carol Klingenberg

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen

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 Rosie will attend the Prairie View pastors' education luncheon on Tue.; join Dorothy Nickel Friesen on Wed. for a presentation on women pastors at Bethel College's Life Enrichment program; and be at joint MCC-US + MCC-Canada meetings in Abbotsford, BC, Canada from Thur.-Sun. Ray may attend some of the Holocaust conference at BC on Fri.

### *Congregational Announcements*

**Feb. 28-Mar. 31:** During Lent the Outreach Board encourages the congregation to **donate supplies** for the New Hope Shelter in Newton; a list is available under the bulletin board and on the Zion Facebook page.

### *Other Organizations*

**Mar. 12, 7 P.M.:** Bethel College **Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos I and II** at Mojo's Coffee Shop.

**Mar. 13, 7 P.M.:** The next concert in the 2017-18 **Andover Organ Series** will feature Dr. Ryan Hebert as organist at Hesston Menn. Ch. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the concert.

**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. 16-17: "Mennonites and the Holocaust"** conference at Bethel College. *Pre-registration deadline is past*; Mar. 16 sessions open to the public: 11 A.M., convocation with Doris Bergen, Un. of Toronto, "Neighbors, Killers, Enablers, Witnesses: The Many Roles of Mennonites in the Holocaust"; 7:30 P.M., the 1935 Nazi propaganda film "Friesennot," about a Mennonite village in Russia. See [mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust](http://mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust) for more info.

**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. 18, 1:30-3:30 P.M.:** Sarah Thompson, former Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, will lead a two-hour workshop at Lorraine Ave. Menn. Ch. (655 S. Lorraine, Wichita) describing **nonviolent direct action**—how she has seen it work, its strengths and weaknesses, how we, as followers of Jesus, are called to continue to be proponents and practitioners of nonviolent direct action. There will be a free soup and bread lunch preceding the workshop, with a \$10 donation suggested for the workshop. Please RSVP to [secretary@lorraineavenue.org](mailto:secretary@lorraineavenue.org) or 316.682.4555 for the lunch/workshop *by Wed., Mar. 14*.

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. Survivor stories and expert insight in child protection will be presented. This training may be of particular interest to youth organizations, parents, educators, childcare providers and those working with children in faith communities. Cost: \$20. To register call (316) 587-7244 or email <kathywiens59@gmail.com>.

Mar. 25, 3 P.M.: Jim Hoy, professor of English and director of the Center for Great Plains Studies at Emporia State Un., will present “**Kansas Legends and Folktales**” in Krehbiel Auditorium in at Bethel College. This program is being held in conjunction with the Kauffman Museum special exhibit “The Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West” (available for viewing through Apr. 1), with a reception and free admission on Mar. 25 from 1:30–5 P.M. (extended museum hours). Stop by the museum before or after Jim Hoy’s presentation to see the exhibit and have a cowboy cookie.

Apr. 23-25: Camp Mennoscah’s **Retirees Retreat** invites retirees and interested persons of all ages for several days of renewal. Speakers will share about Vietnam, teen prison ministry, storm chasing and more! Coffee breaks will give you a chance to discuss further and enjoy a good chat. Contact Camp Mennoscah for a brochure or find it online at campmennoscah.org!

Know anyone who is interested in **volunteering with Mennonite Voluntary Service**? There are four great placement options in Kansas City, including a new placement at Rainbow Menn. Ch. Please encourage people you know to look into it!

West Zion Menn. Ch. (Moundridge) is **collecting bicycles for refugees** who have settled in Wichita to use to get to work and school. New or used bicycles for all ages are acceptable, including those needing light repairs. Monetary donations toward the purchase of helmets are also needed. Questions? Contact the West Zion office: 620-345-8143 or <bradroth@westzionmc.org>.

Mar. 30, 7 P.M.: The Newton Ministerial Alliance’s **community Good Friday Service** is hosted by Trinity Heights Un. Methodist Ch. (1200 Boyd, Newton) this year. We all welcome.

May 6: This year’s **Masterworks** at Bethel College will be Mozart’s *Requiem*. The chorus is open to any interested singers, with rehearsals taking place in the two weeks before the concert. Contact Dr. William Eash, 316-284-5316 or weash@bethelks.edu, for more information, including a complete rehearsal schedule.

Rainbow Menn. Ch. (Kansas City, KS) is hiring **summer interns!** Rainbow Summer Program is a six-week enrichment program for children who have completed grades K–8. Interns serve in the classrooms and are paid a stipend for the summer. See more info at [www.rainbowmennonite.org/serving/rainbow-summer-program/](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org/serving/rainbow-summer-program/)

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

<b>Food &amp; Thought</b> meets @ J&R Janzen’s	NOON, Mar. 18
Zion serves at <b>New Hope Shelter</b>	during wk of Mar. 21-27
Last <b>Wed. evening programming</b> for spring	Mar. 21
Joint <b>Palm Sunday evening service</b> w Grace Hill @ GH	Mar. 25
Final <b>Adult choir practice</b>	6:30 P.M., Mar. 28
<b>Maundy Thur. service</b> w GH @ Zion; + communion	7 P.M., Mar. 29
<b>Easter Sunday</b> breakfast	8:45 A.M., Apr. 1
<b>Easter Sunday</b> worship	10:45 A.M., Apr. 1
<b>Deacons</b> meet	9 A.M., Apr. 6
“ <b>Open Road</b> ” ensemble from BC in worship; + [?] potluck	Apr. 8
<b>Governing Council</b> meets	7 P.M., Apr. 9
<b>Pentecost</b> worship; + communion	10:45 A.M., May 20
Pastors and deacons take <b>communion field trips</b>	P.M., May 20
Zion leads Kidron Bethel Village <b>Vespers</b>	3 P.M., May 27
“ <b>Peace Lab</b> ” for Grace Hill & Zion children @ Zion	June 1-2
Joint <b>worship service</b> w Grace Hill @ Zion	10:45 A.M., June 3
<b>Community VBS</b> @ Remington Middle School	June 4-8
<b>SS worship/picnic</b> @ King Park, Hesston	June 10
<b>Guest speaker:</b> Rod Hollinger-Janzen of AIMM	June 17
<b>Spiritual Life Board</b> meal / meeting	NOON, June 24
<b>WDC Annual Assembly</b> @ Tabor & Eden Ch’s	July 27-28
<b>WDC Annual Assembly worship</b> @ Alexanderwohl Ch.	July 29