

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 3 visitors): 73

Offering: *Western District Conference—Church Plant support* \$384

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Adult Choir warms-up c.10:30 A.M., Mar. 25

Palm Sunday evening service w Grace Hill @ GH 7 P.M., Mar. 25

Chime Choir practice 5:45 P.M., Mar. 28

Adult Choir practice 6:30 P.M., Mar. 28

Maundy Thur. service w GH @ Zion; + communion 7 P.M., Mar. 29

Greeters: Doug and Margaret Brewer Next Sun.

Musicians: Karen / Brass ensemble / Adult & Chime choirs Next Sun.

Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Easter Sunday breakfast; then SS & worship 8:45 A.M., Apr. 1

Outreach Board meets 6 P.M., Apr. 4

Deacons meet 9 A.M., Apr. 6

Pete & Lorena Klassen **Estate Auction** 10 A.M., Apr. 7

“Open Road” ensemble from BC in worship; + potluck Apr. 8

Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Apr. 9

KS Mennonite Relief Sale @ Hutch fairgrounds Apr. 13-14

Education Board meets 6:30 P.M., Apr. 18

Food & Thought @ DRegier/AVoth’s NOON, Apr. 22

Pray This Week for...

- Kyle Rutschman, who has accepted a new position with John Deere... meaning that the Rutschman family will be moving to Orlando, FL in a few months. Please pray for a smooth transition for the whole family.
- WDC pastor peer groups that meet regularly to share, pray and support one another in the joys and challenges of ministry.
- Deb Byler, who had a medical emergency that necessitated surgery in Chicago last month, soon after she began a Mennonite Mission Network assignment in Guatemala. Pray for health and energy for Deb as she prepares to return to work developing women’s leadership in the Kekchi Menn. Ch.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 25, 2018: Palm Sunday

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

*Gathering Hymn “Open now the gates of beauty” HWB #19

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

**People: Open the gates of righteousness
so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The gates are open, come on in.
Give thanks, for God is good!

Children’s Time Palm branch processional Rosie Epp

* Hymn “Hosanna, loud hosanna” HWB #238

Confession *See insert*

Old Testament Reading *Psalms 118:1, 19-29*

Congregation responds after each verse:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Special Music “Tender Jesus, Lamb of God” Adult Choir
—Douglas Nolan

New Testament Reading *John 12:12-16*

Sermon “I love a parade” Rosie Epp

* Response Hymn “Ride on, ride on in majesty” HWB #239

Offering *Mennonite Church USA*

Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Affirmation of Faith *Philippians 2:5-11*

HWB #855

Gathered Prayer

Ray Reimer

* Sending Hymn “I am weak and I need thy strength” HWB #553

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeters: Grant and Allie Klingenberg family Musicians: Carol / Adult Choir
Worship Leader: Lois Friesen 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.

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.

Mar. 25, 7 P.M.: On Palm Sunday we recall the words of Matthew 21:5, “Look, your King comes to you.” We pleased to invite our friends from Zion Menn. Ch. for a **Palm Sunday evening worship service** at Grace Hill Menn. Ch. Together we shall recall the extraordinary coming of our King Jesus Christ. A time of refreshments will follow the service.

Mar. 29, 7 P.M.: All are invited to a **Maundy Thursday worship service** in the Taizé style. The Grace Hill congregation has been invited to join us. We will celebrate communion together.

Apr. 1: Our **Easter celebration** will begin by enjoying breakfast together at 8:45 A.M. Everyone is invited to bring muffins, coffee cake or rolls (egg casserole and fruit will be provided). After Sunday School, we will rejoice in Christ’s resurrection during worship, with much music, parent-child dedication, membership reception, etc.

Other Organizations

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 during the closing reception 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.

Mar. 27, 7 P.M.: The Hesston College **Bel Canto Singers** will perform their final home concert of the 2017-18 year at Hesston Menn. Ch. Following the concert, everyone is invited to a reception with informal performances by group members in the church’s community center.

Mar. 29, 6-8 P.M.: **Artist and closing reception** for Jan Klassen and “Back to Nature,” an exhibit of paintings in the Regier Gallery of Bethel College’s Fine Arts Center, which is open 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

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.

Apr. 3, 6:30 P.M.: Everence continues its retirement workshop series this spring, starting with ***Your Medicare Options***. Attendees will learn about Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., N. Newton. Reserve your spot by contacting (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294, or michelle.ramer@everence.com

Apr. 4-25, 6:45 P.M.: Buhler (KS) Menn. Ch. will host a series of interactive discussions, “**Hope and Mission in God’s Country**” (led by pastor and author Brad Roth), exploring how the rural church can understand its context and live God’s kingdom mission with hope and vibrancy. See bulletin board for specific topics.

Confession (in unison)

Jesus, Messiah...

The crowds around you can be thrilling, or frightening.

One moment they are clay in your hands, ready to be shaped.

The next they are squeezing you, like putty in a clenched fist,
demanding that you conform.

Is that what we do?

When we count the cost of your words for us, it hurts.

We get it, why the masses turned and your disciples faded away.

Do you?

The time is ripe for change, then and now.

Why can't you lead that change in a way we understand?

How is it that you define success so differently?

It scares us to question you. It's worse if we don't.

Forgive us for holding in questions so long
that we can't bear the answers.

Forgive us for fearing the crowds, and the consequences.

Open our eyes and hearts to receive your teaching.

Show us again this new way of living.

Help us to love like you.

Apr. 5, NOON-1 P.M.: **Lunch & Learn with Joanna Shenk!** Join us at the North Newton MCC center to hear Joanna share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human: An Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK." Lunch provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. *Please RSVP for lunch by Apr. 3.* Questions or RSVP: <patsydirksen@mcc.org> or 316.283.2720.

Apr. 5, 7:30 P.M. (different from previous calendars): **Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble Workshop concert** with special guest Brad Leali, saxophone (part of the 2018 Wichita Jazz Festival), in Bethel College's Krehbiel Auditorium.

Apr. 6, 7 P.M.: Menn. Ch. of the Servant (Wichita), will have its next **Movie Night** on immigration topics, featuring the film, "Hawo's Dinner Party". The film shows the experiences of several Somali residents in Shelbyville, including Hawo, who are making this small town their new, permanent home. Discussion and information about refugees in Wichita will follow.

Apr. 8, 2 P.M.: Matthew Lind **senior clarinet recital**, in the Bethel College Administration Building chapel.

Apr. 8, 4 P.M.: Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts presents the **Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra** with Berta Rojas, guitar, in Memorial Hall of Bethel College (ticket purchase required for non-season ticket holders of HBPA or NMKSO).

Apr. 19-20: The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will host "**Restorative Kansas**"—the first-ever statewide conference on restorative justice in Kansas. For more info and to register online, go to kipcor.org

Opening: Offender Victim Ministries in Newton, KS, seeks a full-time executive director to provide dynamic vision and overall strategic leadership for OVM's programs, development, promotion and constituency engagement. Qualifications include excellent communication, management and organizational skills, and a strong commitment to restorative justice principles. Send resumes and inquires to Becky Nickel, board chair, at offendervictimministries@gmail.com by *Apr. 20, 2018*.

Mennonite Education Agency is requesting assistance as they prepare to re-open the **Hopi Mission School** in Kykotsmovi, AZ. They are seeking a person or couple willing to live onsite for two to three months to help clean up and organize the facilities and to coordinate volunteers who may be interested in helping as well. Interested? contact info@mennoniteeducation.org.

Young adult opportunity to serve with MCC: Looking for ways to actively engage in issues around justice and equity, with the support of a community? Are you a Spanish speaker? Perhaps the Seed Central America Program is for you! Seed, a global two-year program, is being implemented and led by MCC with young adults between 20 and 30 years of age. The Seed Central America program focuses on the crossroads of place and ecologies of peace—in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Visit mcc.org/seed for information or contact heidihuber@mcc.org.