

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 5 visitors):	69
Offering: Zion Scholarship Fund	\$856.09
August receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,112 needed)	\$11,927

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Food and Thought meets at DRegier/AVoth's 12:30 P.M., Aug. 26	
70th anniv. celebration for S&EStucky@d'Veers 2-4 P.M., Aug. 26	
Ray or Rosie preach at WSM worship	11 A.M., Aug. 29
Mowing church + parsonage: ?	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Ray Reimer and Don Regier	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): ?	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Outreach Board meets	6 P.M., Sept. 5
Deacons meet @ Zion	9 A.M., Sept. 7
WDC Women's and Girl's Retreat @Camp Mennoscah	Sept. 7-9
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Sept. 10
Zion fall hot dog roast/picnic ; bring side dish	6 P.M., Sept. 26
Spiritual Life Board meets	5:30 P.M., Oct. 17

Pray This Week for...

- Elmo Murray, struggling with pain from a shoulder fracture; no surgery is presently planned. His 90th birthday is this Wed.
- Peggy Regier, mourning the death of her mother—Ruth (Inghram) Nebergall—this last Mon. (Aug. 20) at age 100; private family burial service has occurred. As Don Regier noted last Sun., his cousin Ruby (Regier) Kurr also died Aug. 18, with funeral services this last Wed.
- Paul and Serena Manickam of Mennonite Mission Network, along with two Colombian missionary families, who work with the Iquitos Menn. Ch. in Peru to offer a children's ministry, education, and gardening. Pray for grace and wisdom as this cross-cultural team responds to God's call to make earth more like heaven.

Zion Mennonite Church

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August 26, 2018

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

* Gathering Hymn "Over my head" SJ #18

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Open our eyes, O God, that we may see...

*Side 1: ...that we may see your flaming presence
that surrounds us with protection,*

**Side 2: ...that we may see the light of your Spirit
that dwells among us with love.**

L: Open our eyes, O God, that we may see...

*1: ...that we may see the face of a friend
where we thought there was an enemy,*

2: ...that we may see a banquet hall instead of a battlefield.

L: During this time of worship, O God,

All: ...open our eyes to your vision of peace. Amen.

Children's Time Derek Klingenberg

* Hymn "Slowly turning, ever turning" SJ #23

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 6:8-23

Sermon "Making friends of enemies" Rosie Epp

* Response Hymn "Let there be light, Lord God" SJ #67

Offering *Mennonite Mission Network* Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Ray Reimer

Leader: Merciful God, we mourn the violence and injustice that take root in many forms and in many places far and near.

People: Merciful God, we thirst for your peace.

L: We recognize the roots of conflict in ourselves and our complicity in systems of power and control.

P: Merciful God, we thirst for your reconciliation.

L: We confess that stereotypes, envy, suspicion, and racism shape our perceptions and influence our actions.

P: Merciful God, we thirst for your truth.

L: We acknowledge that at times we fear our neighbors.

P: Merciful God, we thirst for your love.

L: We repent of the ways we contribute to suspicion, fear and violence. Guide us as we reaffirm our calling as your peacemakers. Grant us courage to risk loving each of our neighbors at home and around the globe.

All: Satisfy our thirst by leading us to your living waters.

* Sending Song “God of grace and God of glory” HWB #366

* Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Alden and Laura Entz

Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg

Worship Leader(s): Derek Klingenberg

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.; they’ll be visiting some afternoons. This week Ray has a WDC Executive Committee meeting Tue. morning, and Rosie will preach at the Wed. morning worship at Wheat State Manor.

Congregational Announcements

Thank you... to Don Regier, Dave Andres, Thurman Entz and anyone else who helped scrape and paint the fellowship hall floor, and to Jeremy Entz for installing new towel dispensers.

The 2018 fall ***Rejoice!*** devotionals are under the mailboxes.

As previously noted we’re moving ahead with **renting out the Zion parsonage**. Zion members and friends—if you know of anyone with interest, please have them contact Josh Andres (316-799-1261 or 316-217-1607 or josh.andres86@gmail.com) ASAP. Basic points: \$800/month + utilities. No pets/smoking.

Aug. 26, 2-4 P.M.: Zion Menn. Ch. Family: You are invited to the **70th wedding anniversary celebration** in honor of Silas and Edna Stucky—a come-n-go gathering at d’Veers Family Center (227 N. Main St., Elbing). If unable to attend, cards may be sent to P.O. Box 33, Elbing, KS 67041.

We thank those who have agreed to serve as **children’s Sunday School teachers** at Zion during the fall 2018 quarter:

3-4 year olds	Steph Entz
1 st grade–Kindergarten	Allie Klingenberg
2 nd –3 rd grades	Derek Klingenberg
5 th grade	Kristy Andres

MCC Prisoner Kits: Supplies to complete *30 kits* were purchased this past week and taken to the MCC Material Aid Center in North Newton. Contributions to cover the cost of these purchases are still being solicited. Thank you to all who have contributed to this important joint ministry with MCC and OVM.

Other Organizations

Aug. 26, 1:30–4:30 P.M.: **Grand opening and reception** of special exhibit “Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880–1920,” featuring the collection of the late Ethel Ewert Abrahams, at Kauffman Museum.

Aug. 26, 6-8 P.M.: **MennoGrass 2018:** Come join us at the Tabor Menn. Ch. Park (891 N. Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS 67114) for a fun evening full of food, fellowship and great music. No cost; please bring lawn chairs. Supper served at 5:30 P.M. Our groups this year are Hopeful Blues and the Smoky Valley Bluegrass Band. Questions? Contact 620-367-2318 or tabor@tabormennonite.org.

Aug. 26: The Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts (BCAPA) faculty recital that appears on some calendars for this afternoon **has been postponed** until a later date to be determined.

Aug. 29: Copies of the 2018 fall schedule of Bethel College's **"Life Enrichment" program** are posted above the photocopier.

Aug. 31-Sept. 27: **"enduring witness: stories and dream-states,"** ceramics by Hanna Eastin. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Sun., 2-4 P.M., Regier Art Gallery in Bethel Fine Arts Center.

Sept. 1, 7 A.M.: **First-Saturday Bird Walk.** Meet in the parking lot of Kauffman museum; experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

Sept. 2-3: **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah, for individuals affected by mental illness, including family members and friends. Register online at <campmennoscah.org> or call 820-297-3290 for a brochure.

Sept. 7-9: Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You! The schedule and registration forms for the **2018 Women & Girls Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah are now available on the bulletin board. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Menn. Ch. (Newton), will be the featured speaker. This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration forms are *due Aug. 27.*

Sept. 8, 9-11:30 A.M.: Everence staff will host an all-inclusive **retirement planning workshop** considering Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning, at MCC Central States office (121 E. 30th, North Newton). Reserve a spot soon: (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Potential giving project: Is your Sunday School looking for a giving project for fall? Does your family give to an organization instead of giving gifts to each other each Christmas? Prairie View, one of WDC's institutional partners, has a wish list of recreation equipment. They would appreciate it if you would donate cash, so they may purchase the items to "appropriate need and specifications." Please go to <www.Prairieview.org>. Thank you!

Sept. 8, 9:30 A.M.-4 P.M.: **Offender Victim Ministries** is offering a free training for new and current volunteers to learn more about Neighborhood Accountability Boards in Harvey and McPherson counties. Join us at the Harvey County Courthouse Community Room (lower level), 800 N. Main, Newton. Lunch included.

Sept. 9, 3 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series** presents two short documentaries on immigration and detention in the United States, *To Breathe Free* and *Locked in a Box*, produced by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. Talk-back follows with Harold Schlechtweg, International Rescue Committee (Wichita), and Sandrine Lisk, Immigration Law Office (Wichita).

Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring! 1) an evening clerk & housewares manager for 30-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations; trains and supervises volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. 2) a clothing sorter and receiver for 12-16 hours/week. Both full job descriptions and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton), at newtonetceterashop.com, or via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Sept. 10, 2018, and can be submitted in person or by e-mail.

Sept. 10, 11 A.M. and 7 P.M.: R. Mark Shipp, OT professor at Austin Graduate School of Theology, will speak on **"The Timeless Psalms"** as part of Exaudio: The Tabor Lectureship in Vocation and Service. Each presentation will be accompanied by the Concert Choir, performing fresh worship pieces based on the Psalms, in Richert Auditorium, Shari Flaming Center for the Arts.

Sept. 13, 11 A.M.-6 P.M. EDT: **Seminary Virtual Fair:** Want to learn more about Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary but can't make it to our Elkhart campus? At this free online event, you can get answers to your questions about AMBS from faculty, students and admissions staff. Register today! <ambs.edu/visit>.

Sept. 15, 8 A.M.: The annual **Flatlander Bicycle Ride**—a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee—is coming up soon! Rides of 35, 45, and 65 miles are planned, as well as a family ride of 8-16 miles; all start from the North Newton MCC Center. This year's project supports water systems in Guatemala. For more info, to register, or donate, see the leaflet on the bulletin board.

Jan. 12-22, 2019: Bethel college is offering a **10-day trip to Chiapas, Mexico** for alumni, community members, providing exposure to both current Mexican and prior Mayan cultures. A bit more info is posted above the photocopier, or for more details contact <kswartley@bethelks.edu>; a deposit is due *by Sept. 16*.

Sept. 21-23: **Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old!** Come out to camp on Sun., Sept. 23 at 5 P.M., as we dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate the camp's 70th anniversary at the annual meeting to follow! These events are part of the Work & Play Camp starting on Sept. 21. Register online at <campmennoscah.org> to let us know you're coming.

Sept. 22: Area singers are invited to **join a mass choir** for Hesston College's Masterworks concert. The concert, entitled "Grant Us Peace," will be a performance of Vaughan William's "Dona Nobis Pacem" in celebration of the International Day of Peace. The rehearsal schedule can be found at hesston.edu/peace. Choir members are requested to make a \$20 donation if possible to help cover the cost of music. Contact russell.adrian or 620-327-8143 to join the choir or for questions.

Sept. 23: Calling all **West Zion Menn. Ch. alumni!** Join us for worship (10:30 A.M.) and a free fried chicken meal (11:45 A.M.) as we celebrate 130 years of God's faithfulness and look forward to what comes next.

Sept. 25, 7 P.M.: Weldon Schloneger on "My Encounter with the **Photos of Rodolphe Petter**," sponsored by the Friends of the MLA at Bethel College; at Kauffman Museum.

Sept. 27, 6-8 P.M.: **Closing reception** for Hanna Eastin exhibit "enduring witness: shadows and dreamscapes," at the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College.

Sept. 28, 7:30 P.M.: Bethel College **Wind Ensemble season premiere concert**, in Memorial Hall.

Sept. 29, 8 P.M.: **The Steel Wheels**—a well-known bluegrass band—will headline Hesston College's homecoming celebration at Hesston Menn.Ch. Tickets (\$25, adults; \$10 students thru HS) can be purchased at <hesston.edu/bookstore> or by calling 620-327-8104; any remaining will be sold at the door (opening at 7 P.M.).

Oct. 4-7 with most events on Sat., Oct. 6: Bethel College **Fall Fest**. Tickets go on sale Sept. 12 for the musical *Little Women* and other special activities (most Festival events are free). All are invited to the inauguration of Jonathan C. Gering as Bethel's 15th president at 10 A.M. on Oct. 7 in Memorial Hall, with reception to follow.

Oct. 12-14: Do you want to learn more about how racism functions and learn ways to move toward transformation? The Newton Community for Racial Justice is sponsoring **Anti-Racism Training** at the Newton Recreation Commission (415 N Poplar) on Fri. evening and all day Sat. and Sun. See flier on bulletin board and sign up. Cost: \$200 if registered *by Sept. 1*. For more info, e-mail <newtoncrj@gmail.com>.

Oct. 26-27: Annual Mennonite Disaster Service (**MDS**) **Region 3 annual meeting** at Swan Lake Christian Camp and Retreat Center 45474-288th St., Viborg, SD. Invitations at <<https://mennonite.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=119806f58860a681d3799601f&id=2e4c494b4e&e=a906645017>>; register at <<https://mennonite.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=119806f58860a681d3799601f&id=fc81ddeef0&e=a906645017>>, *by Oct. 15*.