

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 1 visitor): 70

Offering: *Mennonite College(s) (donor specification):*
Bethel, \$435; Hesston, \$50; Goshen, \$36

August receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,112 needed) \$15,422.36

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Women in Mission meet 1-4 P.M., Sept. 17

Chime Choir practice 6:30 P.M., Sept. 19

Mowing church + parsonage: Andrew Wedel Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): Daryl Regier and Annette Voth Next Sun.

Worship Leader(s): Karen Andres Next Sun.

Musician(s): Carol / Carol / Carol Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite Disaster Service Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion women have **bridal shower** for Jenn Scott 2 P.M., Sept. 23

Zion fall **hot dog roast/picnic**; bring side dish 6 P.M., Sept. 26

Fall **work day** at Zion 9 A.M.-?, Sept. 29

Wed. evening programming resumes for fall Oct. 3

Worldwide Communion Sunday Oct. 7

Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Oct. 8

Outreach Board meets 6 P.M., Oct. 11

Spiritual Life Board Meets 5:30 P.M., Oct. 17

Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** during week of Oct. 17-23

Wedding of Jennifer Scott & Brandon Kindell 4 P.M., Oct. 20

Gideon presentation as part of worship 10:45 A.M., Oct. 21

Deacons meet @ Zion 9 A.M., Nov. 2

Zion retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Nov. 10-11

Zion **Harvest Mission Fest** Nov. 18

Contact Information Update

Silas and Edna Stucky are now residing at Presbyterian Manor, with a mailing address of 1116 E 7th St, #17, Newton, KS 67114 (their independent-living apartment has an exterior door adjacent to a parking lot off 8th St.). Their home telephone number has been transferred and remains the same: 316-799-2410.

Zion Mennonite Church

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September 16, 2018

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

* Gathering Hymn "God of our strength" HWB #36

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude "Come, thou fount" arr. Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship (unison) Adapted from Einerson, *Prayers of the People*

We confess that like the ancients, our zeal and ardor in being faithful sometimes wanes;
that we sometimes stray from the best we know;
that we sometimes sin and fall;
that we sometimes become insensitive to the needs of our sisters and brothers;
that we sometimes feel that you are far from us, almost to the point of abandonment;
that we sometimes feel that you have hidden your face from us.

Help us in these times to continue to make our claim upon you and to know that you have claimed us in Jesus Christ.

Help us to know that we are indeed your people, and that we will always be, because we have been made so in Jesus who ever comes unto your world.

Children's Time Steph Entz

* Hymn "Alleluia, the Great Storm is over" SJ #71

Scripture Reading Isaiah 50:1-9

Sermon "Truth or consequences" Rosie Epp

* Response Hymn "Precious Lord, take my hand" HWB #575

Offering	<i>Western District Conference</i>	
Offertory	“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”	arr. Lloyd Larson
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer		Ray Reimer
* Sending Song	“Guide my feet”	HWB #546
* Benediction and Postlude	*Please stand if you are able	

Greeter(s): Mark Unruh Worship Leader(s): Steph Entz
 Musician(s): Karen Andres and instrumental ensemble
 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 Rosie will be leading MCC-Central States board meetings in Busby, MT from Thur.-Sun.

Congregational Announcements

Sept. 17, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet. We will be tying a quilt for MCC. Please bring a snack of your choice.

Sept. 23, 2 P.M.: Attention ladies of Zion: You are invited to a **bridal shower** at church for Jennifer Scott. She is registered at Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. We hope to see you there.

Sept. 26, 6 P.M.: You are invited to our **annual fall hotdog roast** by the Zion pavilion. Please bring a side dish, lawn chairs, roasting sticks, lawn games, and a friend.

Sept. 29, 9 A.M.-?: The Governing Council is calling for a **church workday** to complete tasks around Zion’s property, including trimming shrubs and trees, removing carpet from the “Sewing Room,” etc. Many volunteers are needed!

Sept. 30: A special delegate meeting of Mennonite Church USA has been called for Nov. 26 at 7 P.M. to consider a proposal to merge *The Mennonite* and *Mennonite World Review*, with most delegates expected to connect electronically. Zion is eligible for 2

delegates; if you are willing to **serve as a delegate**, please contact Josh Andres *by Sept. 30*, as delegates need to be affirmed and then registered. Packets of information regarding the proposed merger are being provided to each Sunday School class, to discuss—if they choose—and offer feedback.

Oct. 20, 4 P.M.: All adults from Zion are invited to the **wedding of Jennifer Scott and Brandon Kindell** at Zion. Dinner and dancing to follow at Son Wray Ranch in rural Newton beginning at 5:30 P.M. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target. Please RSVP on <Theknot.com> *by Oct. 7, 2018*.

Nov. 10-11: Mark your calendars for our **Zion retreat** at Camp Mennoscah. We have reserved the main campus and look forward to worshipping together that weekend. More details to come.

Other Organizations

Sept. 17, 20: **M-2 Prison Visitation Volunteer Opportunity.** Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries’ M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be on Mon., Sept. 17 at 12 P.M. at HCF or Thur., Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at Bethel College Menn. Ch. (North Newton). For more info please contact (316) 281 5244 or <ben@offendervictimministries.org>.

Sept. 21-25: **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 Sept. 21-25. Register online at <campmennoscah.org> to let us know you’re coming; a brochure is on the bulletin board.

Sept. 22, 7 P.M.: Hesston College’s cornerstone event to celebrate International Day of Peace will be the **“Grant Us Peace” masterworks concert** at Hesston Menn. Ch. The free program will feature Ralph Vaughn Williams’ *Dona Nobis Pacem* by a college/community choir and professional orchestra. See more Peace Day activities at <hesston.edu/peaceday>; the public is invited to many.

Sept. 23, 5-8 P.M.: Grace Hill Menn. Ch. is hosting their 3rd annual **Community Hog Roast**. Everyone is invited to an evening of outdoor fellowship with food, yard games and music provided by the Ken Regier family. A free will donation will be accepted to support area food banks. Everyone is welcome!

Sept. 25, 6:30–8:30 P.M.: Everence, alongside 14 sponsoring agencies, will host a **Generosity and Estate Planning workshop** at The Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct, Newton. Topics will include the spiritual call to generosity and intentional planning, tax and estate planning tools, and insights into planning a move to a life plan community. Speakers will include Michele Hershberger, attorney Cynthia Wiens, Arlan Yoder CPA, and representatives from Bluestem communities. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Sandy Popp at sandy.popp@everence.com, (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294.

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.

Oct. 2, 4:30-6:30 P.M.: The annual **Oktoberfest & After Hours** event will occur at 316 N. Oak St. at SafeHope’s Outreach and Advocacy Center, featuring free walking tacos and live music by Sam Unruh. Come enjoy the fun while learning more about the services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Oct. 2, 6:30 P.M.: **Gospel Echoes** will hold their yearly banquet in this area at Journey @ Yoder–Activity Center. See poster on bulletin board for how to request complimentary tickets.

Aug. 15-25, 2020: Consider joining tour host Pastor Weldon Martens of Grace Hill Menn. Ch. on a ten-day tour to Germany, France, and Switzerland for the world-famous **Oberammergau Passion Play**. The *Passion Play*—first held in 1634—is held every ten years. We will see the Swiss Alps, the Black Forest, German Castles, and enjoy a Rhine River Cruise. Daily devotions led by Pastor Weldon. The tour is limited to 25 travelers. See the tour brochure and register at www.travelwithweldon.com or contact Pastor Weldon at weldon.martens@gmail.com or 402-202-9276.

Oct. 6: Fall Festival at Bethel College! • Donations needed for baked goods for the Market in the Round: 1 dozen zwieback, peppernuts (2 cups in ziplock bag), cinnamon rolls, cookies, bars, brownies, etc). Baked goods can be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center on Fri. evening (10/5) or Sat. morning (10/6). • The BC Women’s Association Council is seeking donations of pies for the Pie by the Slice Booth, hoping to reach our goal of 70 pies! Pies can be brought to the Student Center on Fri. (10/5) between 4-7 P.M., or by 9 A.M. to the Pie Booth Sat. morning (10/6). 9" disposable tins are suggested, and please, no cream pies! • The BC Women’s Association will again feature a Silent Auction in the FAC Lobby, with bids closing promptly at 1 P.M. on Sat. • And... as usual, volunteers are needed to help fry and sugar New Year’s cookies. Shifts are 1½ hours starting at 7 A.M. If you can help, please let Lois Friesen know *today* (Sun., Sept. 16).

Oct. 12, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.; Oct. 13, 8 A.M.-4 P.M.: **Comforter Mini Blitz** at the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton. Please bring a snack to share and a sack lunch/supper. Drinks will be provided. More details posted.

Pray This Week for...

- the Andres family, mourning the death of Isaiah last weekend. A celebration of his life was held yesterday (Sat.) at Peabody HS.
- Silas and Edna Stucky, settling into a new residence at Presbyterian Manor.
- church planters in Western District Conference, as they seek to nurture the seeds of new communities of faith.
- the Worship Planning Committee as they meet in Kansas City on Sept. 21-23 to plan worship for MennoCon19—the upcoming biannual assembly of MC USA.
- Brian and Noelia Fox and their daughters, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, who are beginning another school year in Spain. Pray for the girls as they relate to classmates, and for Brian and Noelia as they work with parents and students in the English school they established.