

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>Worship attendance</b> (including 5 visitors):	79
<b>Offering: Mennonite Church USA</b>	\$326
<i>Gideons</i>	\$251
October receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,112 needed)	\$13,886.70

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

**Cong. mtg.** to affirm delegates to MCUSAmtg 11:45 A.M., Oct. 28

**Wed. evening activities** Oct. 31

5:45-6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:30-7:15 P.M.	Children's Activities, Adult Choir practice
7:15-8:00 P.M.	Adult Bible Study

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

Activity leaders/meal: Sharon R. / Deanna / Lisa	This Wed.
Mowing church + parsonage (final for season?): Mike Scott	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Matt Wedel	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen / choir	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

<b>Zion retreat @ Camp Mennoscah</b>	Nov. 10-11
<b>Women in Mission meet</b>	1-4 P.M., Nov. 12
<b>Meat canning @ MCC/NNewton</b>	Nov. 14-17
<b>Harvest Mission Fest+“Open Road” ensemble+potluck</b>	Nov. 18
<b>WiM Christmas Dinner @ MCC/NNewton</b>	5:30 P.M., Dec. 7
Zion <b>cong. mtg.</b> for budget & elections	c.11:45 A.M., Dec. 9
Zion serves @ <b>New Hope Shelter</b>	Dec. 26–Jan. 1
Zion <b>cong. mtg.</b> for reports & projects	EVENING, Jan. 2, 2019

## Contact Information Update

Evelyn Buller continues to reside at Pine Village in Moundridge, but has now moved down the hall to room #505.

Zion members and friends are encouraged to collect **food for area Food Pantries** during October and November. Bring non-perishable foods such as rice, beans, pasta, sauce, mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, soup, canned vegetables or fruit. Buy extra next time you shop. Monetary donations are also welcome.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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October 28, 2018:

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

* Gathering Hymn “Brethren, we have met to worship”	HWB #8
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements	
Prelude	Makayla Klingenberg
Call to Worship	HWB #715
* Hymn “A mighty fortress is our God”	HWB #165
Children’s Time	Ann Schowengerdt
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 31:1-9
Sermon “God does not quit”	Rosie Epp
* Response Hymn “The love of God”	SJ #44
Offering	<i>Mennonite Central Committee</i>
Offertory	
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns	
Prayer	Ray Reimer
* Sending Song “God of our life”	HWB #486
* Benediction and Postlude	
<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>	

Greeter(s): Keith & Dianne Wiebe

Worship Leader(s): Ann Schowengerdt Musician(s): Carol 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.

### *Pray This Week for...*

- Martha Wedel, unable to worship with us regularly, and continuing to recuperate after knee surgery.
- Lester and Delila Wedel; this last Thur. they remembered LaVern's birthday this first year after his death.
- Thelma Wedel; this coming Thur. she'll reflect on her wedding to Clarence, on this first anniversary after his death.
- WDC's Stewardship Commission, and give thanks for the generosity of congregations, donors and volunteers who support conference and congregational ministries through gifts of time, prayer and financial contributions.
- the new Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecuador conference. Pray along with Mennonite Mission Network for members as they establish healthy leadership patterns to respond to the many refugees who seek to build a new future.

### *Congregational Announcements*

Oct. 28, 11:45 A.M.: In response to the request for volunteers from Zion to serve as delegates to the special (electronic) delegate meeting of Mennonite Church USA regarding the proposed merger of *The Mennonite* and *Mennonite World Review*, the Governing Council is recommending Rosie Epp and Carol Klingenberg (Ray Reimer will be a delegate representing WDC). A brief **special meeting of the Zion congregation** is called to affirm their service.

An e-mail from Mennonite Church USA was distributed previously, encouraging Zion members and friends to respond to a survey concerning the **proposed merger of *The Mennonite* and *Mennonite World Review***. There is a link to further info <[http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Merger-FAQ-\\_Final.pdf](http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Merger-FAQ-_Final.pdf)>, as well as a link to the online survey... which should be completed by *Oct. 29*. Several paper copies of the FAQ sheet are available under the mailboxes.

Nov. 12, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet one week earlier than usual in November. We will be tying a quilt for MCC. Please bring a snack of your choice.

Nov. 10-11: A sign-up sheet for those planning on attending the **Zion retreat at Camp Mennoscah** is now posted on the bulletin board; please register your intentions so we can plan for meals, etc. (There will be no S.S. / worship at Zion on Nov. 11). Also, June Entz is requesting the empty tubes from paper towel or wrapping paper rolls for a project at camp.

Nov. 14-17: Mennonite Central Committee **meat canning** dates for Newton-area churches. Call Ken Janzen at 316-587-9753 to schedule a time to work, or see when they need people.

Nov. 18: Our **Harvest Mission Festival** is fast approaching! Wayne and Jeannie Larson of Mennonite Mission Network will share with us concerning their decades of work in several counties of the Middle East; he now leads Middle East Media's teams. Adult Sunday School classes are invited to join together during the education hour to hear their presentation; they will also share during worship. "Open Road"—the men's a cappella ensemble from Bethel College—will provide special music for our worship hour. All are then invited to stay for a potluck fellowship meal.

### *Other Organizations*

Oct. 28, 12:30–2:30 P.M.: Harvey County **Rural Schools Reunion** at Grand Central Senior Center (122 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St, Newton). Bring a covered dish and tableware; there will be door prizes. For more info, contact 316-830-2185 or 316-835-2821.

Nov. 1, 5-7 P.M.: **Chicken BBQ** at Tabor Menn. Ch. (GPS address: 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton). Donations go to Mennonite Men Join Hands Program & Tabor building project. You will not be disappointed with the good food and fellowship!

Nov. 2-4: **Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats**. Register online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290. It's a relaxing and fun-filled time to spend time with other croppers and crafters, and as spend time in God's creation!

Nov. 3, 8 A.M.: Kauffman Museum **First-Saturday Bird Walk**. Meet in the museum parking lot; experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

Nov. 2, 6 P.M.: **Holiday Gala Benefit** for SafeHope. Eat. Drink. Be Merry. And Bid! (live auction begins at 7 P.M.) at the Meridian Center (1420 East Broadway Ct., Newton), benefiting Safehope, a domestic violence and sexual assault agency that serves Harvey, Marion, and McPherson counties. There will be live music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Make your reservations today by visiting [www.safehope.net](http://www.safehope.net) or calling 316-284-6922. Suggested donation is \$40.00 per person.

Nov. 4, 2 P.M.: The **KIPCOR Film Series** presents *Digital Disconnect: How Capitalism is Turning the Internet Against Democracy*, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talkback follows with Jennifer Cole, co-founder of depICT Media, Wichita.

Nov. 4, 4 P.M.: **Bethel Sings**, featuring the Women's Chorus, Men's Ensemble, Woven, Open Road, Concert Choir, and soloists, at Bethel College Menn. Ch.

Nov. 4, 7 P.M. and Nov. 5, 11 A.M.: **Staley Lecture** with Safwat Marzouk, Assoc. Prof. of OT at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, in Kauffman Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center of Bethel College. Sun. evening he'll speak on "Migration in the Joseph Narrative: integration, separation and transnationality"; Mon. morning he'll lecture on "Ethnic Boundary Crossing as a Way of Resisting Tyranny and Oppression in Exodus 1-2."

Nov. 5, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold an informative workshop on **Social Security and retirement income planning**, covering when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshop will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

Nov. 12-15: Camp Mennoscah will soon be recruiting at the Kansas colleges (Hesston, Tabor, Bethel, and McPherson) for **2019 summer staff**. Interested folks are also invited to a pizza meal in Newton on Nov. 14 (details soon). Application forms will be available online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) on Nov. 7.

Nov. 11, 11 A.M.–5 P.M.: The MC USA delegate resolution, "Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine" encourages us to get to know Jewish neighbors. Take a fun first step by attending Congregation Emmanu-El's (7011 E Central, Wichita) **Deli Day**. Enjoy Jewish deli-cuisine (dine-in 11 A.M.–2 P.M.), tour the synagogue, make a new friend. Questions? Call 316-684-5148.

Nov. 12, 5-8 p.m.: **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Servers** at Water's Edge Restaurant (701 S Main, Hesston). All tips donated to Harvey Co. Circle of Hope. Reservations strongly encouraged; call (316) 284-000 or e-mail [info2peaceconnections.org](mailto:info2peaceconnections.org)

Dec. 15 at 2:30 P.M.: **Christmas Gathering** for all Camp Mennoscah volunteers! All our wonderful counselors and program directors and cooks and nurses and staffers are invited to gather for conversation, cookies, games and great fun.

Jan./May, 2019: Attention Couples! Mennonite Central Committee wants YOU to **join the canning crew** this year! This opportunity is a fully-supported short-term volunteer position that will travel in the United States and Canada between Jan. and May 2019. For more information and/or to apply for the Canner Operator position, visit [mcc.org/serve](http://mcc.org/serve) or contact Heidi Huber by email at [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) or by phone at 316-283-2720.

June 3-13, 2019: **The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation**. Participants in this nine-day pilgrimage will trace the route of the US military's 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This AMBS course can be taken for credit or Audit. Details at [ambs.edu/trailofdeath](http://ambs.edu/trailofdeath).

**A Loaded Conversation:** Guns are part of our lives, whether or not we own or use them. With encouragement and input from pastors and others in the church, MCC-US has created a resource to help congregations stay at the table to address the topic of guns. This print resource includes a conversation guide, ways to engage, Bible studies and worship resources. Download the resource at [mcc.org/loaded-conversations](http://mcc.org/loaded-conversations).

**Zion Mennonite Church**  
**Retreat at Camp Mennoscah**  
**November 10-11, 2018**

Address: 9458 SE 40th St., Murdock KS 67111

Please register on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to attend, indicating names and number of persons, and preferred sleeping areas and meal duties. Fees will be paid at camp (age birth to 2, free; 3-12, children; 13+, adults):

Daystayer rate (no overnights): children, \$4 each; adults, \$7/each  
Bunkhouse rate: children, \$11.25/each; adults, 22.50/each  
Cabin rate: children, \$8.50/each; adults, \$17/each  
Tent/RV rate: children, 7.50/each; adults, \$15/each  
(RV electrical hookup is an additional \$8)

Meal duties: food prep and clean-up for Sat. supper, Sun. breakfast, or Sun. lunch.

*Schedule*

Saturday, Nov. 10

2:00 P.M. Arrive / get settled in sleeping areas / enjoy nature  
5:00 P.M. Supper  
6:00 P.M. Crafts and games / s'mores  
8:00 P.M. Campfire  
8:30 P.M. Popcorn

Sunday, Nov. 11

8:00 A.M. Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Clean-up sleeping areas  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Lunch and clean-up of common areas  
2:00 P.M. Camp closes

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