

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance at retreat (including 1 visitor): c.32
Offering: Camp Mennoscah (in process)
 November receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,112 needed) \$...

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Mission Fest + “Open Road” ensemble + potluck Nov. 18
Community Thanksgiving service @ Wheat State 7 P.M., Nov. 20
Adult Choir practice 6:30 P.M., Nov. 21
Thanksgiving eve service (no meal/children’s act.) 7 P.M., Nov. 21
 Greeter(s): John and Reinhild Janzen Next Sun.
 Worship Leader(s): Deanna Entz Next Sun.
 Musician(s): Carol / Carol / Carol / adult choir Next Sun.
 Offering: Offender Victim Ministries Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Renee Reimer, **guest speaker** Nov. 25
 Receipts for **2018 Zion expenses** due to Daryl R. Nov. 28
First Sunday of Advent Dec. 2
Deacons meet 9 A.M., Dec. 7
WiM Christmas Dinner @ MCC/NNewton 5:30 P.M., Dec. 7
 Zion **cong. mtg.** for budget & elections c.11:45 A.M., Dec. 9
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Dec. 10
 Deacons, pastors and children **visit senior members** P.M., Dec. 16
 Material for **2018 Zion Annual Report** due to Allie K. Dec. 17
 Zion **Christmas Eve** program 7 P.M., Sun., Dec. 24
 (No **Wednesday evening** meal and activities) P.M., Dec. 26
 Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** wk of Dec. 26, 2018-Jan. 1, 2019
 Zion **cong. mtg.** for reports & projects 7 P.M., Jan. 2, 2019

Pray This Week for...

- those preparing for medical tests or procedures.
- Western District Conference congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek God’s direction for the future.
- Mary Raber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, who is seeking temporary resident status in Ukraine. Pray for patience with the bureaucratic process and that God will open the way for a document that gives her greater freedom for ministry.

Zion Mennonite Church

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November 18, 2018: Mission Fest
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

* Gathering Hymn	“Je louerai l’Eternel”	HWB #76
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Prelude	“Steal away” –arr. Brazeal Dennard	Open Road
Call to Worship		HWB #755
Special Music	“This I pray” –Kelson Graber	Open Road
	“Hold on” –arr. Eugene Thamon Simpson	
Children’s Time		Rosie Epp
* Hymn	“Lord, you give the great commission”	SJ #63
Scripture Reading		John 10:1-16
Message	“People of the land—one flock, one shepherd” Wayne Larson	
* Response Hymn	“How can we be silent”	SJ #61
Offering	<i>Mennonite Mission Network</i>	
Offertory	“Holy manna”	Open Road
	–William Moore, arr. Randall Schmidt	
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer		Rosie Epp
* Sending Song	“Praise God from whom”	HWB #118
* Benediction and Postlude		
	<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>	

Greeter(s): Michael and Lisa Scott
 Worship Leader(s): Ray and Rosie Musician(s): Karen Andres
 Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

We welcome all who have joined us for worship on this Sunday when we focus on missional outreach. Our speakers are Wayne and Jeannie Larson of Mennonite Mission Network, who will share with us concerning their decades of work in several counties of the Middle East; Wayne now leads Middle East Media's teams.

We're also pleased that the Bethel College men's a cappella ensemble, "Open Road," is joining us for worship today. The 2018/2019 group consists of:

David Wullf-Cochrane - Edmond, OK
Dominick Geddert - Fresno, CA
Randall Schmidt - Lawrence, KS
Kendrick Weaver - Hesston, KS
Jesse Balzer - Freeman, SD
Nate Kroeker - Augusta, KS
Luke Unruh - Goessel, KS
Zachary Shima - Topeka, KS
Alec Loganbill - Hesston, KS
Nicholas Preheim - Peabody, KS

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 assists with the community Thanksgiving service at Wheat State Manor Tue. evening; and both will spend some extra time with family.

Congregational Announcements

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.

Nov. 28: Anyone with receipts for **2018 Zion expenses** should submit them to our treasurer, Daryl Regier, no later than this date.

Copies of the Dec. 2018/Feb. 2019 *Rejoice* devotional are available under the mailboxes.

Dec. 7, 5:30 P.M.: All from Zion are invited to the **Women in Mission Christmas Dinner**, to be held at the MCC Center in North Newton. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board (sign-up deadline is *Tue., Dec. 4*). The cost of the meal is \$12.00/person. Heidi Huber, MCC-Central States Human Relations staff, will share about the MCC learning tour to Vietnam and Laos.

Other Organizations

Nov. 18, 4 P.M.: Bethel College **Women's Ensemble Fall Concert**, in the Administration Building chapel.

Nov. 20, 7 P.M.: All are invited to a **community Thanksgiving service** at Wheat State Manor (Whitewater). Pastor Ray will assist in leading the service; Andrew Dyer from Palmyra Baptist Ch. will offer a message.

Nov. 26: **Cancelled: The special delegate meeting** of Mennonite Church USA will no longer occur, as the MC USA Executive Board—after receiving feedback from CLC, surveys and others—has decided to delay further action on the proposed merger process between *The Mennonite, Inc.* and *Mennonite World Review, Inc.* until the final agreement of merger is developed and reviewed. Furthermore, they hear a strong need for a media forum specifically for the voices of MC USA. Thus, there is no longer need for an immediate change to the MC USA bylaws.

Nov. 27, 11 A.M.-7 P.M.: **Taco Fest** at the Newton Recreation Center to support Peace Connections; by donation.

Nov. 27: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is doing a **StepUp fundraiser** as individuals come together to take 1,000,000 steps to help create awareness about CASA and the need to be a voice for children in the foster care system. To be a part of this important mission and learn more about StepUp visit <<https://www.mightycause.com/team/Stepupforcasa>> or call CASA board member Kathy Wiens at (316) 587-7244.

Nov. 30, 7:30 P.M.: Bethel College **Wind Ensemble Concert**, with music celebrating the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein, in Memorial Hall.

Nov. 30, 12:45 P.M.: Remington High School is again hosting their annual **Senior Citizen Christmas luncheon**. Phone (316) 799-2123 ext. 103 or mail reservations *by Nov. 26* to Lola Coats, Remington High School, 8850 NW Meadowlark Rd., Whitewater, KS 67154, including name, address, phone, and \$3.75 per person.

Dec. 1, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.: **Five Places of Christmas:** Kauffman Museum offers free admission (including the special exhibit “Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920”), refreshments, sale items in the museum store, and a “sneak-preview mini-exhibit” from a collection recently donated by artist Mary Lou Goertzen. Bethel College Women’s Association will have “Star of Bethlehem”-themed activities as well as holiday food and gift items for sale in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Dec. 1, 9-11:30 A.M.: Everence® will host an **all-inclusive retirement planning workshop** on Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at the MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting <michelle.ramer@everence.com>; (316) 283-3800; or (877) 467-7294.

Dec. 1, 5-7 P.M.: First Menn. Ch. (1161 E. Ave A, McPherson), invites you to a **German Dinner and Bake Sale**. The menu will be verenika with ham gravy, bohne berrogi with cream sauce, sausage, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, zwieback and cherry moos. The dinner is by donation and the baked goods are priced.

Dec. 2, 3 P.M.: The Treble Clef Club invites all to a **Christmas Vespers** at Faith Menn. Ch. (Newton). In addition to the Treble Clef Chorus, the program will include a saxophone and piano prelude and offertory, as well as music from “Book of Jeb” and Bethel’s “Open Road” ensemble. A free will offering will be taken.

Dec. 9, 7 P.M.: All are invited to Alexanderwohl Menn. Ch. (Goessel) to hear **Brass Christmas** with the McPherson Comm. Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews, and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden Unruh.