

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 14 visitors):	92
Offering: Mennonite Mission Network	\$475
November receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,112 needed)	\$7,391

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Receipts for 2018 Zion expenses due to Daryl R.	Nov. 28
Wed. evening activities	Nov. 28
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	
Activity leaders/meal: Bonnie + Allie / Lois + Kristy-dessert	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Joe and Lois Friesen	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Mark and Clint Unruh	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Emma / Anna / Karen / Chime Choir	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

First Sunday of Advent	Dec. 2
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Dec. 7
WiM Christmas Dinner @ MCC/Newton	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., Dec. 24
(No Wednesday evening meal and activities)	P.M., Dec. 26
Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	week of Dec. 26-Jan. 1, 2019
Zion cong. mtg. for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 2, 2019

Pray This Week for...

- Martha Wedel, unable to worship with us regularly; she celebrates her 86th birthday this Wed.
- Thelma Wedel, as she reflects this Sat. on the anniversary of her wedding to Clarence this first year after his death.
- Evelyn Buller, who has relocated to ComfortCare (1504 N Terrace Dr, Newton, KS 67114; 316-804-7220); the same care home where Elda Hiebert resides.

Zion Mennonite Church

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November 25, 2018

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

* Gathering Hymn "Come, ye thankful people"	HWB #94
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements	
Prelude	
Call to Worship	
Leader: Our good works are done with gentleness.	
People: Bitterness only leads to anguish.	
L: God seeks peace and hope for all God's people.	
P: But if our hearts are filled with anger,	
we reject God's mercy.	
L: Open our hearts, O Lord, and help us to listen.	
P: Open our lives, O Lord, and prepare us to serve. Amen.	
Special Music "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"	Adult Choir
	-Lloyd Larson
Children's Time	Deanna Entz
Scripture Reading (<i>unison</i>) <i>Psalms 1:1-6</i>	HWB #811
* Hymn "In Christ there is no east or west"	HWB #306
Scripture Reading <i>Proverbs 31:10-31</i>	Becky Nickel
Sermon "Wise, worthy women"	Renee Reimer
* Response Hymn "My soul cries out"	SS #124
Offering <i>Offender Victim Ministries</i>	Offertory
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer	Rosie Epp
* Sending Song "Jesus, help us live in peace"	SJ #52
* Benediction and Postlude	
<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>	

Greeter(s): John and Reinhild Janzen Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg
Worship Leader(s): Rosie Epp Adult Choir Director: Nick Preheim
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, particularly our guest speaker, Renee Reimer, who is completing studies this academic year at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN.

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.

Congregational Announcements

Thank You... to all who provided food for food pantries the last two months; your "offerings" helped feed the hungry in our area.

Inquiry: If you brought a large round crock pot to last Sunday's (e.g., Nov. 18) potluck meal, please **check your lid**, as a custom-made, clear lid with white handle was mistakenly taken. If found, please contact Kathy Preheim to switch lids so that each of you will have the proper fitting lid. Thank you!

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

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.

Dec. 9, c.11:45 A.M.: Zion will hold its regular **congregational meeting for budget and elections** immediately following the worship service. Agenda includes budget, elections, a report on the parsonage, and—as moved at the June business meeting—a vote regarding audio/visual use at the church.

Jan. 2, 2019: The Zion January **congregational meeting for reports and projects** will be held. Supper will be served beginning at 5:45 P.M. The boards will meet at 6:15, with the meeting following at 7:00.

Other Organizations

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, 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.

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. 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 & 2 and Dec. 8 & 9; 5-8 P.M. all days: Everyone is invited to attend and experience **Night in the Barn**, presented by Tabor Menn. Ch. Please note the new location, at Papa’s Pumpkin Patch (372 E 70th, Newton; just off K-15 between Newton and Goessel). Come and interact with the characters, animals, sights and sounds of the Christmas Story. Enjoy this walking tour of the Nativity with family and friends. The suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and snack. Questions? Call (620) 367-2721.

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. 4: **Virtual author “visit”** at the Western District Conference Resource Library. Hear from author Jacqueline Woodson as she shares her about new picture book *The Day You Begin* at 10 A.M. and her novel *Harbor Me* at 12 P.M. These presentations are geared for children and youth, but everyone is welcome!

Dec. 5, 11 A.M.: Sing-along to Christmas portions of **Handel’s Messiah**, with Bethel College instrumentalists, soloists and student conductors, at Bethel College Menn. Ch.; scores provided.

Dec. 7, 8 P.M.: **Christmas Gala jazz concert** with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I & II, Krehbiel Auditorium in Fine Arts Center.

Dec. 9, 4 P.M.: You are invited to begin your Christmas season with us at a **Hopeful Blues Christmas Concert** at Hope Menn. Ch. (868 N. Maize Rd, Wichita). Refreshments served.

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. A free will offering for the Goessel Ministerial Alliance will be received, with proceeds to help local needs.

Dec. 9, 8 P.M.: 33rd **Lighting of the Green** at Bethel College.

Dec. 13, 5-7 P.M.: Everyone is invited to the annual come-and-go **Christmas Soiree** at the MCC Center in North Newton to enjoy festive food and fellowship! We’ll pause at 6 P.M. to hear from International Volunteer Exchange participants share about their current work and Christmas traditions from their home countries. Call us with any questions: 316.283.2720.

Dec. 15, 2:30 P.M.: Camp Mennoscah **Christmas Gathering!** Volunteers from all years are invited out to camp for conversation and cookies. Add this time of relaxation to your holidays!

Mar. 9-16, 2019: The **“Service, Learning, and Civil Rights” trip** will visit Mississippi; it’s open to alumni from Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, and SOOP. Together, we’ll learn more about the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and serve alongside current Service Adventure and SOOP participants. For more info, contact <alumnitrip@mennonitemission.net>.

May 5-10, 2019: MCC and WDC are co-sponsoring a **Texas Borderlands Learning Tour**. The WDC Immigration Task Force encourages every congregation to send someone... and to financially and spiritually support this individual!

MCC Infant Care Kits

Help mothers give their infants a good start. These kits are given to families displaced by war or disaster and are used in a number of other settings to help support mothers who lack the supplies they need for a new baby.

10,396 infant care kits shipped last year to Burkina Faso, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Jordan, Iraq, Canada, and the U.S.

Contents (NEW items only, sizes 3-12 months)

- 3 gowns / sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material)
- 3 undershirts / onesies (short or long sleeves)
- 1 receiving blanket (lightweight fleece or flannel, 30 inch x 30 inch, or larger preferred) (optional, since we've made some of these.)
- 4 large, heavy-duty safety pins
- 1 large bar "infant friendly" soap, like Dove (leave in wrapper)
- 1 pair of socks
- 1 cap

To pack, remove packaging material (except from soap) and fold into the receiving blanket. Fasten together with the safety pins.

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed.

During the month of December the Outreach Committee of Zion Mennonite Church is asking for donations of materials or cash for Infant Care Kits to be given to Mennonite Central Committee. Please place items in the pack-and-play-crib *no later than December 30, 2018.*

As we remember the babe born in a manger 2,000 years ago who had nothing, we remember the infants today whose families struggle to clothe and care for them.