

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including several visitors):	90
Offering: Local Fund	\$2,701
December receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,112 needed)	\$2,701

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Zion cong. mtg. for budget & elections	c.11:45 A.M., Dec. 9
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Dec. 10
Wed. evening activities	Dec. 12
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: (program practice) / Kara	This Wed.
Greeter(s): David and Karen Andres	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Mark Unruh	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Kristyn / Kristyn / Kristyn / Adult Choir	Next Sun.
Offering: New Hope Shelter	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Deacons, pastors and children visit senior members	P.M., Dec. 16
Material for 2018 Zion Annual Report due to Allie K.	Dec. 17
Wheat State Manor Christmas party	7 P.M., Dec. 20
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...

- Elmo Murray, released after several days in the hospital.
- volunteers who share their time and energy to support the work of Western District Conference.
- Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi, as they worship with the Open Door Mennonite congregation, and as they volunteer with a community soup kitchen and a transition home.

Zion Mennonite Church

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December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent: "Proclaiming"
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

* Gathering Hymn	"Bless'd be the God of Israel"	HWB #174
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Prelude		Drew Entz
Call to Worship		
Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.		
People: Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.		
L: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming.		
P: We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to renew us and work within us.		
<i>All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!</i>		
Children's Time / Lighting the Advent Candle		Mark Unruh
Old Testament Reading	<i>Malachi 3:1-6</i>	
* Hymn	"Wild and lone the prophet's voice"	SS #8
New Testament Reading	<i>Luke 1:68-79; 3:1-6</i>	
Sermon	"Prophecy fulfilled"	Rosie Epp
* Response Hymn	"The God of Abraham praise"	HWB #162
Offering	<i>Zion Scholarship Fund</i>	
Offertory		Alyssa Klingenberg
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer		Ray Reimer
* Sending Song	"Joy to the world"	HWB #318
* Benediction and Postlude		

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Ralph and Jeanne Schmidt Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg
Worship Leader(s): Mark Unruh
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 plans to gather with Remington area ministers for lunch Thur. noon; both will be at the MCC Soiree that evening.

Congregational Announcements

During the month of December, the Zion's Outreach Board is inviting members and friends to donate materials or cash for **Infant Care Kits** to be given to Mennonite Central Committee (as identified in the Nov. 25 bulletin insert). Please place items in the pack-and-play-crib *no later than Dec. 30, 2018*.

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 a vote regarding audio/visual use at the church.

Dec. 31: Zion is responsible for the **meal for New Hope Shelter** that includes the main dish, bread/rolls, fruit/vegetable, and dessert. Please talk to June Entz if interested.

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

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, 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; 5-8 P.M.: 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. 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.

Mennonite Disaster Service: Volunteers are needed from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. in Eureka, KS on Dec. 14 & 15, 21 & 22, 28 & 29, and Jan. 4 & 5, 2019. We will be roofing and completing exterior repairs. Tools and lunch will be provided. Please e-mail <jordanmiller795@gmail.com> or call or text 316-217-4570 for more details and to arrange transportation from the Newton area.

Dec. 15, 2:30 P.M.: Volunteers from all years are invited to Camp Mennoscah for a **Christmas Gathering** of conversation & cookies.

Thank You...

Zion, it was so good to worship again with you all—it definitely wasn't long enough to hear from most of you but seeing the young members growing up and the changes in population too has its grounding effects at this point in time. Praying for you all. I was excited to have made it down—a blessing!! (Anyone wanting on my newsletter list, let me know at mariam@hotmail.com)

—Mariam Entz