

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship attendance</b> (including no visitors):	74
<b>Offering:</b> Zion Scholarship Fund	\$691
December receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$6,301

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Deacons, pastors and children <b>visit senior members</b>	P.M., Dec. 16
Material for <b>2018 Zion Annual Report</b> due to Allie K.	Dec. 17
<b>Wed. evening activities</b>	Dec. 19

5:45-6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:30-? P.M.	Christmas program practice, Adult Choir practice (No Adult Bible study this week)

Wheat State Manor **Christmas party** 7 P.M., Dec. 20

Activity leaders/meal: (Christmas program practice) / Steph	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Reynold and Deanna Entz	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Mark Unruh	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Abi / Makayla / Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA	Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

Zion <b>Christmas Eve</b> program	7 P.M., Dec. 24
(No <b>Wednesday evening</b> meal and activities)	P.M., Dec. 26
Zion serves at <b>New Hope Shelter</b>	week of Dec. 26-Jan. 1, 2019
Zion <b>cong. mtg.</b> for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 2
<b>Epiphany communion</b> observance	10:45 A.M., Jan. 6

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

- Evelyn Buller, unable to worship with us regularly.
- pastors, deacons and children, visiting with the senior members of our congregation this afternoon.
- those traveling home and elsewhere during this holiday season; may they be safe, and experience good fellowship.
- those practicing and preparing for the upcoming Christmas Eve program. May they experience Christ's peace, and no anxiety.
- peace in Burkina Faso, where terrorist groups have become more active, and Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder work with Mennonite Mission Network. May the Mennonite Church show the way to the Prince of Peace.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*December 16, 2018*

*Third Sunday of Advent: "Rejoicing in God's Justice"*  
*Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.*

\* Gathering Hymn "I will come to you in the silence" SS #49  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements  
Prelude

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,  
for God-with-us is coming to set things right!

**People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.**

L: The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.

**P: He will guide us in the way of peace  
and proclaim salvation.**

**All: Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness  
and new life to the world.**

Special Music "Oh, how shall I receive thee" Adult Choir

Children's Time / Lighting the Advent Candles Mark Unruh

Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 3:13-20*

\* Hymn "On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry" HWB #183

New Testament Reading *Luke 3:7-18*

Sermon "I'll do it my way! Except..." Ray Reimer

\* Response Hymn "Comfort, comfort, O my people" HWB #176

Offering *New Hope Shelter*  
Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns  
Prayer

Rosie Epp

\* Sending Song “The first Noel, the angel did say” HWB #199  
\* Benediction and Postlude  
*\*Please stand if you are able*

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Greeter(s): David and Karen Andres      Musician(s): Kristyn Wedel  
Worship Leader(s): Mark Unruh      Adult Choir Director: Nick Preheim  
Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

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**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 they, the deacons and children will visit various of our senior members this afternoon; and they plan to attend the Wheat State Manor Christmas party Thur. 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*.

**Christmas greeting cards** to the Zion congregation have been received from various individuals and institutions and posted on the bulletin board.

**Ballot results** regarding the A/V resolution from the Dec. 9 congregational meeting: yes–32; no–11.

**The Zion directory** is being updated. Please review in information on the yellow slips of paper which were put in mailboxes Dec. 9, indicate any corrections/additions, and place them in the box marked “Directory” under the mailboxes (please return the slip even if all information is still correct). Also, please review the “Members at a distance” information on the table under the bulletin board and make any known changes. Contact Allie Klingenberg with questions.

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, and a brief council meeting after that.

### *Other Organizations*

Dec. 20, 5-6:30 P.M.: Come **support Offender/Victim Ministries** (OVM) at Mojo’s December Community Soup Night! Bring your bowl to Mojo’s Coffee Bar for homemade soup and live music by Ellie Bradley and Kate Szambecki. All proceeds will go towards OVM. For more information about the work OVM does in this community, visit <offendervictimministries.org>.

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

Looking for a **unique Christmas gift** this year? Consider buying one of the resources on the Conference Resource Library’s wish list in honor of your loved one! The Resource Library is excited to partner with Faith & Life Bookstore for this project. Visit our list *or* purchase online *or* visit the wishing tree in the store. <<http://faithandlifebookstore.net/wdc-resource-library-wish-list/>>.

This Christmas, consider giving **alternative gifts** through Mennonite Central Committee! With 25 ways to give, you can find something for everyone in your family! Give chickens, provide hope, education, tools and new skills to help build up communities. These are gifts that easily fit under the tree and can fit within any budget, but have the power to bring joy for years to come! Visit <[mcc.org/christmas](http://mcc.org/christmas)> or call our office for details, 316.283.2720.