

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 1 visitor):	81
Offering: New Hope Shelter	\$561
December receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$6,301

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

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

Activity leaders/meal: (none this week)	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Ben and Halie Duerksen	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): ...	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Annette / Annette / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Area Food Banks	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	week of Dec. 26-Jan. 1, 2019
Zion cong. mtg. for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 2
Epiphany communion , with field trips	10:45 A.M., Jan. 6
Regular Wednesday evening activities resume	Jan. 9

Pray This Week for...

- Pastor Rosie, as she has thyroid surgery this Wed.
- Mark and Mary Hurst as they prepare to move to a new area west of Sydney. Pray for them as they settle in and continue their ministry of teaching, peacemaking and hospitality with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.

Jan./May, 2019: Hesston College's **Missional Leadership class** will explore the leadership strategies of missional Christian congregations, empowering evangelism and disciplinemaking. Led by Bible and Ministry professor Michele Hershberger, the class will meet from 6:00–7:40 P.M. on Mon. nights Jan. 21–May 6. The cost to audit the class is \$225; for credit, \$1,653. Contact <michele.hershberger@hesston.edu> with questions. Register for the Relg 122 by Jan. 15 at hesston.edu/apply. Click “Start your online application now,” then “Community Student Application.”

Zion Mennonite Church

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December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent: “Blessing and Restoration”
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

* Gathering Hymn “O come, O come, Immanuel” HWB #172
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Preludes Donovan Brewer
Abi Entz

Call to Worship

Leader: Mary is with child!

God’s long-awaited promise is being fulfilled!

People: Rejoice in his name! Emmanuel, God be with us!

L: The little baby in his mother’s womb,
he will be the Savior of this hurting world.

**P: Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace,
calling us to faith and action.**

All: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

Special Music “The Little Drummer Boy”
Makayla Klingenberg, flute; Abi Entz, drums; Carol Klingenberg, piano

Children’s Time / Lighting the Advent Candles Mark Unruh

* Hymn “O little town of Bethlehem” HWB #191

Old Testament Reading *Micah 5:2-5a*

New Testament Reading *Luke 1:26-38*

Reading “Ancient Advent songs” Readers’ Theatre

Hymn “Let all mortal flesh keep silence” HWB #463, vss. 1-2

*Hymn “My soul is filled with joy” SJ #13

Reflections Rosie Epp

* Response Hymn “My soul proclaims with wonder” HWB #181

Offering	<i>Mennonite Church USA</i>	
Offertory		Makayla Klingenberg
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer		Ray Reimer
* Sending Song	"Hark the glad sound"	HWB #184
* Benediction and Postlude		
<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>		

Greeter(s): Reynold and Deanna Entz 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 they'll be spending extra time with family; Rosie's thyroid surgery is scheduled sometime mid-day on Wed.

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*.

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.

If you are interested in a 2-year term serving on the **Wheat State Manor board or auxiliary**, please contact Kathy Preheim.

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. 25, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.: **Christmas Buffet** at China Inn, with all proceeds going to New Hope Shelter.

Mennonite Disaster Service: Volunteers are needed from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. in Eureka, KS on Dec. 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.

Dec. 28, 3-6 P.M.: **Camp Winter Wonderland Worship!** Join us for songs from evening worship at summer youth camps (praise and worship songs) at Camp Mennoscah in the Dining Hall. Enjoy classic *Sunday* camp sandwiches, hot chocolate, time by the campfire/fireplace, and the warmth that comes from being surrounded by friends at camp! We'll metaphorically TP our Christmas Tree with your donations of toilet paper or paper towels. Cash or checks for 4-square/gaga balls are welcome, too. RSVP to 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org *by Dec. 26* so we know how many sandwiches to fix—and tell us about any food allergies.

Dec. 30, 4 P.M.: *Five Times Harder* will perform a **holiday concert** at First Menn. Ch., Hillsboro. They will perform a variety of Christmas music in styles ranging from classical to bluegrass to folk. No admission charge. Tom Harder is pastor at FMC, Hillsboro, and Lois Harder is bridge pastor at Alexanderwohl Menn. Ch., Goessel.

Dec. 31, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.: The Bethel College advancement / development office invites you to a **holiday open house**. Come by to visit with staff, enjoy holiday treats and a warm beverage—and make your year-end donation. The office is on the main floor of the Administration Building on campus.

Jan. 5, 8:30 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 miles in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail in North Newton.

Jan. 6, 3 P.M.: Rachel Pannabecker presents “Remembering Ethel Ewert Abrahams, Collector and Artist,” a **Sunday-Afternoon at the Museum program** at Kauffman Museum. Pannabecker will talk about Abrahams’ unusual collection of tobacco fabric novelties, which may be the largest in the United States, and which is now on display as the museum’s special exhibit.

Jan. 10, 21: Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual **Reaching Out Letter Writing Events** on Jan. 10 from 7-9 P.M. at MCC Central States (121 E 30th Street, North Newton) and Jan. 21 from 1-5 P.M. at OVM (900 N Poplar, Newton). Letters and cards will be delivered to individuals incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on Feb. 14. If you’re interested in Reaching Out Letter Writing materials for your church or small group, contact ben@offendervictimministries to arrange delivery.

Jan. 25, 7 P.M.: Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) presents **The Prison Theater Project**, a collaboration between Bethel College and Hutchinson Correctional Facility, at HCF East Unit (400 S Halstead Rd, Hutchinson). RSVP *by Jan. 11* to [<ben@offendervictimministries.org>](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries.org) to attend. Preceding this event at 5 P.M., all are welcome to join us for OVM’s **Annual Meeting** at St. Teresa Church (211 E 5th, Hutchinson). Soup supper provided.

May 6-11, 2019: WDC Immigration Task Force invites you to register for the **MCC South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour**. Go to [<https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/learning-tour-south-texas-borderlands>](https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/learning-tour-south-texas-borderlands) to register. Cost: \$650. For more info, please contact Kathy at 316-283-6300.