

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 2 visitors):	80
Offering: Mennonite Church USA	\$441
Dec. 24: MCC Infant Care Kits	\$899
December receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$6,801

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Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** week of Dec. 26-Jan. 1, 2019
Zion **cong. mtg.** for reports & projects 7 P.M., Jan. 2

Activity leaders/meal: (no activities this week; there will be a meal)	This Wed.
Greeter(s): ?	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Josh Andres	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Epiphany communion, with field trips 10:45 A.M., Jan. 6, 2019
Regular Wednesday evening activities resume Jan. 9

Pray This Week for...

- Edna Stucky and Edwin Andres, both celebrating birthdays today: Edna, her 90th; Ed, his 93rd!
- Eliott Martens, infant son of Julie (Wedel) and Tim Martens, hospitalized at Newton Medical Center with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).
- Pastor Rosie, as she continues to heal from thyroid surgery.
- Kara Klingenberg, who will again be in the Dominican Republic from Jan. 4-19, working with a medical mission team.
- for Iglesia Palabra Viva, a new Western District Conference church plant in Liberal, KS, as they reach out to share God's love with their community.
- C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz, who worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay (NB: they were colleagues with Pastor Ray in MCC in Bolivia 40 years ago...). Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations and as they share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

Zion Mennonite Church

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December 30, 2018

1st Sunday after Christmas: "Love Revealed"
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

* Gathering Hymn "Oh, how shall I receive thee" HWB #182
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude Annette Voth

Call to Worship

Leader: The Word has become flesh;
God now walks among us!

People: Through Jesus, God is fully made known.

L: All creation is renewed, experiencing the grace and truth of
God, through the birth and life of Jesus.

**P: And all who believe are the children of God;
brought together to experience the unity of the whole
human race.**

***All: Praise be to God for the abundant love and shalom we
now experience!***

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" HWB #71, vss. 1-2, 4

Children's Time Renee Reimer
"Away in a manger" (HWB #194) Children

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Hymn "To us a child of hope is born" HWB #189

New Testament Reading *John 1:1-5*

* Hymn "Hark! the herald angels sing" HWB #201

New Testament Reading *Matthew 1:18-25*

Hymn "It came upon a midnight clear" HWB #195, vss. 1-2, 5

New Testament Reading	<i>Luke 2:21-35</i>	
* Hymn	"Oh, how joyfully"	HWB #209
	vs. 1 in German; vss. 2-3 in English	
New Testament Reading	<i>Luke 2:36-40</i>	
Hymn	"What child is this"	HWB #215
Offering	<i>Area Food Banks</i>	
Offertory		Annette Voth
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer		Ray Reimer
* New Testament Reading	<i>John 3:16-17</i>	
* Sending Song	"Joy to the world"	HWB #318
* Benediction and Postlude		
	<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>	

Greeter(s): Ben and Halie Duerksen Musician(s): Karen Andres
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.

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 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.

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

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

As a new year begins, those who participate in **Dillon's Community Rewards** must log into their online shopper account and renew the organization they select to receive a benefit: <<https://www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>>.

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, talking an unusual collection of tobacco fabric novelties, 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. 14, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will offer its popular retirement workshop, ***Make Medicare an easy step***. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

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.

Opening: Mennonite Disaster Service is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. Current position openings include: (1) Communications Manager in Lititz, PA, (2) a Volunteer Training Specialist, home based (U.S. resident) and (3) a Leadership Volunteer Interviewer, home based (U.S. resident). For more info, visit www.mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment