

## *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship attendance</b> (including 2 visitors):	68
<b>Offering:</b> Area Food Banks	\$747
Donations to-date for MCC Infant Care Kits	\$1,099
December receipts for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$6,901

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<b>Epiphany communion</b> , with P.M. field trips	Jan. 6, 2019
<b>Wed. evening activities</b>	Jan. 9
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	
<b>Deacons meet @ Zion office</b>	9 A.M., Jan. 11
Activity leaders/meal: (Carol+June / ...?)	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Alden and Laura Entz	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Josh Andres	Next Sun.
Musician(s): The Nine-Ten / The Nine-Ten / Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Wheat State Manor	Next Sun.

## *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

<b>Food &amp; Thought</b> meets @J&BNickel's	12:30 P.M., Jan. 27
<b>Worknight @ MCC Center/North Newton</b>	6-7:30 P.M., Jan. 29
<b>Governing Council</b> meets	7 P.M., Feb. 11

## *Pray This Week for...*

- Evelyn Andres, as she is in the rehab unit of Newton Medical Center following a stroke last Sunday... but doing quite well!
- Western District Conference staff as they gather for an annual staff retreat this week.
- Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family, who are returning to Ecuador tomorrow after six months in the United States. Their two-way mission with Mennonite Mission Network requires many transitions. Pray for wisdom and patience. Pray especially for daughter, Sierra, who is remaining in the United States for college.

*Thank You...* to all who sent Christmas greetings and offered prayers and support during my recent surgery. —Pastor Rosie

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*January 6, 2019: Epiphany Sunday: "Light"*  
*Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.*

\* Gathering Hymn "Bright and glorious is the sky" HWB #219  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements  
Prelude "People, Look East" —Dale Wood

### Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of  
God has risen upon us!

**People: Nations will come to the light, and kings to the  
brightness of your dawn.**

L: The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed  
through his Son, Jesus Christ.

**P: We are now one world and one family, called to be  
children of God.**

*All: Arise, shine, for our light has come!*

Special Music "We Three Kings" Men's Ensemble  
—arr. Edna Andres

Children's Time Josh Andres

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*  
\* Hymn "Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem" SS #32

New Testament Reading *Matthew 2:1-12*  
Sermon "Magi wisdom" Rosie Epp  
Response Hymn "As with gladness men of old" HWB #218

Offering *Local Fund* Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Ray Reimer

Hymn "Become to us the living bread" HWB #475

## Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (*unison*):

**God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life. Forgive us when, like Herod, selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt others. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us. Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, who taught disciples to pray to you, for themselves and for others.**

**And so we join our hearts and voices, praying:** [*The Lord's Prayer, referencing "sins"*]

Words of Institution

Sharing Supper with the Lord... and each other

*Communion will be served via trays in the pews. Please take a piece of bread as you are served and hold it, that we may eat together; please drink as you are served.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* Sending Song "Sent forth by God's blessing" HWB #478

\* Benediction and Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Ann Schowengerdt

Musician(s): Karen Andres

Worship Leader(s): Josh Andres

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 has a WDC Executive Committee meeting Mon. afternoon, and he expects to join Remington area pastors for lunch on Thur. Rosie is scheduled to attend an anti-racism training with other MCC leaders on Fri. evening through next Sun.

### *Congregational Announcements*

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

Jan. 29, 6-7:30 P.M.: All from Zion are invited to the MCC Center in North Newton for a **service/worknight**.

**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.

**Small group "try outs":** Interested in trying out a small group? Take a look at the options on the table in the lobby. Write your name under one or more *by Feb. 3*. The deacons will help to organize these for a 3-month trial.

### *Other Organizations*

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. 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](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries) to arrange delivery.

Jan. 21, 7 P.M.: Bethel College annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration**, with guest speaker Sherdeill H. Breathett Sr. of Wichita, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

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. 24, 7 P.M.: **Reading by poet Jean Janzen**, Fresno, CA, with an opening by Bethel College graduate Jesse Nathan, San Francisco, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Reception follows in the Regier Art Gallery, where there will be a display of artist books inspired by Janzen's writing.

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> 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.

Feb. 1-3: Practice spiritual disciplines using your body and voice to follow Jesus at Hesston College's annual **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** (AVDS) conference. "Growing More Like Jesus from the Outside In: Transforming Heart and Mind" will be led by Christian spirituality experts Mark and Lisa Scandrette, referencing their practical Ninefold Path of the Beatitudes. Participants will dwell deeply in the Word, re-examine values and learn to tend to the individual soul in order to live vital counter-cultural lives. Learn more and register now at <hesston.edu/avds>.