

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 2 visitors):	69
Offering: Wheat State Manor	\$444
January receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$3,151

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Women in Mission meets	1-4 P.M., Jan. 21
Wed. evening activities	Jan. 23
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: Sharon R. + Bonnie / Lisa	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Art and Jana Wedel	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Josh Andres	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen / + Adult Choir	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Central Committee – Sale expenses	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Food & Thought meets @ J&BNickel's	12:30 P.M., Jan. 27
Worknight @ MCC Center/North Newton	6-7:30 P.M., Jan. 29
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Feb. 1
Zion's MCC meal	NOON, Feb. 10
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Feb. 11
Spiritual Life Board meets	5:45 P.M., Feb. 20
BC Concert Choir @ Zion; P Goerzen preaches; potluck	Mar. 3

Pray This Week for...

- Ryan Wiebe (son of Randall and Raeanne Wiebe) and Brittany Wilderson from Overland Park, who were married yesterday (Jan. 19) in Lenexa, KS.
- the family of Evelyn Andres, as they mourn her death on Jan. 17; funeral details had not yet been set as the bulletin was finalized.
- SOOP participants who like to work with fabric, who are needed to serve in Reedley, CA, at the Nearly New Thrift Store and Mennonite Quilt Center. Mennonite Mission Network also requests prayer for volunteers willing to help at Fresno's MCC relief sale held the first weekend in April.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 20, 2019

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

* Gathering Hymn "God is here among us" HWB #16
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude Bonnie Brewer
Call to Worship *Psalm 126*
Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**
L: then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
P: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
L: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
P: May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy.
L: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
**P: shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

Children's Time

* Hymn "Helpless and hungry" SS #26
Scripture Readings *Isa. 61:1-3; Matt. 5:4; Lk 6:21*
Sermon "Wiping away tears" Rosie Epp
* Response Hymn "Blest are they" SJ #94
Offering *Western District Conference*
Offertory Bonnie Brewer

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer

Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “Go, my children”

HWB #433

* Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Josh and Kristy Andres family

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.

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. 21, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet; we will be tying a quilt for MCC. Please bring a snack of your choice.

Jan. 29, 6-7:30 P.M.: All from Zion are invited to the MCC Center in North Newton for a **service / worknight**; there will be tasks for all ages and abilities!

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.

Feb. 10, Noon: We have invited Maria Gutierrez (of Vicky’s Kitchen) to cook a Mexican meal for **Zion’s annual MCC meal**. The menu will include fajitas (chicken and pork) and flan for dessert. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary *by Feb. 3*. Come and support the work of MCC! —David and Karen Andres

Other Organizations

Online registration for **2019 Camp Mennoscah Retreats** is now open! Go to <www.campmennoscah.org> to register for retreats like Scrapbook and Crafts, Family Weekend, and Retirees Retreat.

Jan. 20, 7 P.M.: Emmaus Church invites you to hear **The Johnson Strings**, a Branson Show Performing Family of Seven. Both of the parents, Paul and Linda (Goertz) Johnson grew up in the greater Newton area. The Johnson Strings’ show artfully combines musical talent, funny moments, and family stories to create an evening of joy. You won’t want to miss seeing this incredible family sing and perform on the violin, viola, cello, piano, bass, tin whistle! Come enjoy a wonderful evening of music and laughter!

Jan. 21: Newton Community for Racial Justice’s **MLK Day of Service 2019**. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and encouraged all citizens to live up to the purpose and potential of America by applying the principles of nonviolence. MLK Day of Service is a way to honor his life and teachings by engaging in community action that continues to solve social problems. We invite you to serve however you can in your community! Sign up for service projects at: <<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabae23a1fe3-martin>>.

Jan. 21, 1-5 P.M.: Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual **Reaching Out Letter Writing Event** at our office (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. 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. 21: As you celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we invite you to reflect on the **open letter to MC USA** from 2018 Hope for the Future participants: “Love one another as Christ has loved us, despite our differences, acknowledging the reality of what our church is now, equally valuing the gifts of our diverse membership.” Read the full letter: <http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018_3_Hope-for-the-Future-Letter-to-MC-USA_Final.pdf>.

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. 25-26, etc., 8 A.M.-4 P.M.: Volunteers are needed for a **Mennonite Disaster Relief project** in Eureka, Ks. We will be roofing and completing exterior repairs. Tools and lunch will be provided. Work days are scheduled for: Jan. 25 & 26; Feb. 1 & 2; Feb. 22 & 23; Mar. 1 & 2. Please call, text or e-mail (316) 217-4570 or <jordanmiller795@gmail.com> for more details and to arrange transportation from the Newton area.

Jan. 25, 5 P.M.: All are welcome to join Offender/Victim Ministries' (OVM) **Annual Meeting** at St. Teresa Church (211 E 5th, Hutchinson). Soup supper provided.

Jan. 25, 7 P.M.: Menn. Ch. of the Servant (Wichita) is having an **Immigration Movie Night**. "Separated: Children at the Border—An In-Depth Investigation of How America's Immigration Policies Reached This Point" will be shown. Discussion and recent updates will follow the presentation.

Jan. 26: Kauffman Museum annual **Kansas Day event**: 11 A.M. — program featuring middle-school history teacher Keil Hileman, Krehbiel Auditorium; starting at 11:30 A.M. — food trucks and tractor/truck/car show, museum parking lot; 1-4 P.M. — special activities and programs in and around the museum on "Collectors, Collecting, Collections." See the Kauffman Museum website or Facebook page for more information.

Jan. 26, 7 P.M.: **"Choices", a play** written by Gretchen Eick about what religion and country mean, will be presented at Lorraine Ave. Menn. Ch. (Wichita); admission is free. In addition to the play, a Hallal meal from Omar's Kitchen will be available *at 6 P.M.* for a donation. To reserve a meal, please call 316-682-4555 or contact <office@lorraine.church>.

Jan. 29, 5:30-7:30 P.M.: Third annual **Souper Bowl**: soup supper, and pie and dessert / silent auction at First Un. Methodist Ch. (801 N. Main, Newton), including dinner music by Ray Nicodemus, with proceeds to benefit Harvey Co. Circle of Hope and Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK).

Jan. 30, NOON-1 P.M.: **MCC Lunch & Learn with John Sharp** at MCC Center (121 E. 30th St., North Newton). John will share his presentation, "Changing the World One Life at a Time: the MJ Sharp Story." MJ and his colleague Zaida Catalán, part of a U.N. panel of experts investigating conflicts that have been ongoing in Congo since the mid-1990s, were abducted and killed in March 2017. John is passionate about telling MJ's story; he will also share updates to the investigation that is ongoing in Congo. Please RSVP to this event *by Jan. 25* to <patsydirksen@mcc.org>. Lunch will be catered by Mojo's Coffee Bar (please list food sensitivities when you RSVP).

Feb. 2, 7 P.M.: 2019 High School Honor Band and Honor Orchestra **joint concert**, Memorial Hall at Bethel College.

Feb. 17, 7 P.M.: The **Hesston College Bel Canto Singers AND the Bethel College Concert Choir** will be performing at Tabor Menn. Ch. (rural Newton). Bringing these two choirs together for a concert is a dream come true for their directors, and it will be a very special evening indeed.

Feb. 23, 9-10:30 A.M.: Bethel College Menn. Ch. (N. Newton), will host the launch of a **new VBS curriculum**, written and produced by Springs Forth!, Faith Formation, Inc., featuring two new, five-session curricula for all ages so entire congregations can study the same Biblical texts. This preview is a free event but register at <springsforthfaith@gmail.com> *by Feb. 15*. See website <www.springsforth.com> for further information.

Read reflections from Katie Graber and Adam Tice, committee members of the **Voices Together new hymnal project** on the Menno Snapshots blog: <mennoniteusa.org/tag/voices-together>.