

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors):	67
Offering: Western District Conference	\$666
January receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$14,201

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Food & Thought meets @ J&BNickel's	12:30 P.M., Jan. 27
Worknight @ MCC Center/North Newton	6-7:30 P.M., Jan. 29
Wed. evening activities	Jan. 30

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

Deacons meet	9 A.M., Feb. 1
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Activity leaders / meal: Allie + Steph / Nadine + Laura + Gladys	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Virgil and Nadine Epp	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Daryl Regier and Annette Voth	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Carol / Carol / Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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...

- Lester and Delila Wedel as they reflect on the first anniversary of their son LaVern's death this Friday... and others in our congregation who mourn in this time as well.
- WDC's Resource Commission meeting this week, as they promote faith formation resources for people of all ages and help congregations connect to God's mission in the world.
- Naomi Tice of Mennonite Mission Network, who serves with Urban Light in the United Kingdom. Pray for wisdom and patience in this ministry of engaging with young adult volunteers who help lead youth and children's clubs.

I would like to thank those who helped me clean before and after the funeral. It meant a lot. Thanks.
—Raeanne Wiebe

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January 27, 2019

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

* Gathering Hymn "Come, ye disconsolate" HWB #497
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude "O Holy Savior, Friend Unseen"

Call to Worship *Psalm 107: 1-3, 8-9*
Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

People: his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble

**P: and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

L: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love;
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**P: For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

Special Music "Ticket to the Kingdom" Adult Choir
—Donald Moore

Children's Time

* Hymn "Helpless and hungry" SS #26 (all on vs. 1, women on vss. 2-3)
"What child is this" HWB #215 (men on vss. 2-3, melody)

Scripture Readings *Matthew 5:5-6*

Sermon "When meek mercy seasons justice" Ray Reimer

* Response Hymn "O let all who thirst" HWB #495

Offering *Mennonite Central Committee – Sale expenses*
Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer by Rosie Epp

* Sending Song “May the grace of Christ our Savior” HWB #423
* Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Art and Jana Wedel Musician(s): Karen Andres
Worship Leader(s): Josh Andres Adult Choir Director: Nick Preheim
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 plan to attend the MCC “lunch & learn” Wed. noon. As has been noted in prior weeks, Rosie continues not engaging in public speaking, per doctors’ orders.

Congregational Announcements

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

Several copies of the **2019 Mission Mosaic**—the Mennonite Mission Network prayer directory—are available under the mailboxes to any who are interested.

Other Organizations

Early registration for **MennoCon19** in Kansas City opens on Feb. 6. Visit <convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration> to find rates, forms and additional information.

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. Lunch will be catered by Mojo’s Coffee Bar (please list food sensitivities when you RSVP). Please RSVP *before 5 P.M. on Jan. 28* to <patsydirksen@mcc.org> to attend this event.

Feb. 1-2, 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: Feb. 1 & 2; Feb. 22 & 23; Mar. 1 & 2. Please call, text or e-mail (316) 217-4570 or <jjordanmiller795@gmail.com> for more details.

Feb. 2, 8 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 hours.

Feb. 2, 2 P.M.: Those who connected with former Wheat State Manor chaplain John Schnelle are invited to a **memorial service** in the Wheat State dining room tentatively planned as noted.

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

Feb. 3, 2 P.M.: The Bethel College interterm class Prison Theater Project presents “**Inside Story**,” the on-campus version of the collaboration with inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility; in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Feb. 7, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® will hold its workshop **Social Security and retirement income planning**, covering when to begin taking Social Security benefits, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshops are held at the Everence office (3179 N Main, North Newton). Reserve your spot soon by contacting <michelle.ramer@everence.com>; (316) 283-3800; or (877) 467-7294.

Feb. 7, 6:30-8:30 P.M.: KIPCOR, the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, offers “**Building a Trauma-Informed Culture at Work and Beyond**,” at the KIPCOR office (2515 College Ave., North Newton), with Joyce McEwen Crane, Ph.D., of Friends University. Cost: \$25; come at 6 for snacks and networking. Register at <kipcor.org> (click the workshop link) or by calling 316-284-5217.

Feb. 9, 7-9 P.M., with remarks at 7:30: **Grand opening** of special exhibit “Campaign for a New China: Looking back on posters from the Chinese Cultural Revolution, 1966-1976,” featuring the collection of the late Robert S. Kreider, at Kauffman Museum.

Feb. 10-13, 10:30 A.M. and 7 P.M. each day: All are invited to the Emmaus Church **Bible Conference**, with Dr. Ron Moore, senior pastor at The Bible Chapel in Pittsburgh, PA.

Feb. 10, 4 P.M.: **Organ Recital Series:** Ken Walker, in the Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

Feb. 16, 9 A.M.-4 P.M.: Zion women are invited to “Celebrate God’s Love,” a **Ladies Retreat** at Federated Ch. (Whitewater), featuring Christian speakers, praise music, art and painting classes, as well as snacks and lunch. For more info, contact (316) 217-2981 or <Callie-hill@att.net>; please register *by Feb. 9.*

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.

Feb. 23, 10 A.M.: The Mennonite Central Committee-Central States board of directors invites you to their **Annual Meeting** on at MCC in North Newton, Kansas (121 E. 30th).

Feb. 28, 6 P.M.: The Prairie View 65th **Annual Banquet** has been rescheduled, to allow Kevin Hines to still speak. In addition, information was not saved on any who may have registered for the previously-advertised date; thus, you’ll need to re-register at <www.prairievew.org>, then under “education” in the menu.

Mar. 4-6: The MCC Comforter Blitz Committee is urgently seeking a **kitchen coordinator and volunteers to prepare and serve lunch** during the upcoming Blitz. If you are interested or willing, please contact Shirley Jost at (785) 250-7437 or jostshi@cox.net. No sewing skills required!

Looking for your **donations of old cars, trucks**, tractors, motorcycles, mowers and most ANYTHING of value for the KS MCC Sale this coming April. If you are thinking of buying a new car, consider donating your old car to the MCC Sale. Vehicles do not need to be running. We will pick them up, clean them up, and get them running. Your donations can change people’s lives and give them hope. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257.

MCC welcomes alumni to host reunions at the Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, in 2020 as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. To see if a reunion is already scheduled for the country where you served or to organize a reunion, contact <alumni@mcc.org>.

A “Thank You” note from MCC for **helping with meat canning** is posted on the bulletin board.