

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 1 visitor):	66
Offering: Mar. 3 (received Mar. 10): <i>Local Fund</i>	\$3,117.09
Mar. 10: <i>Deacons' Fund</i>	\$225
March receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$6,717.90

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Women in Mission meet	1-4 P.M., Mar. 18
VBS planning committee meets @ Grace Hill	7 P.M., Mar. 19
Yoga Group meets in Sewing Room	5:30-6:15 P.M., Mar. 20
Education Board meets	5:45 P.M., Mar. 20
Wed. evening activities	Mar. 20

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

Aging study group meets	9:30 A.M., Mar. 21
Menn Women Spring Supper @ 1 st MennCh, McP	6 P.M., Mar. 21

Activity leaders / meal: Anne + Kristy / Steph [?]	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Lillian Wedel	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Lois Friesen	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Carol (Students?) / Carol (Students?) / Carol / + Jr Choir	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Food & Thought meets @ J&L Friesen	12:30 P.M., Mar. 24
Zion work day	9 A.M.-?, Mar. 30
Camp Mennoscah Men and Boys Retreat	Apr. 5-7
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Apr. 8
Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale @ Hutch fairgrounds	Apr. 12-13
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Apr. 17
Spiritual Life Board meets	7 P.M., Apr. 24

Pray This Week for...

- Elda Hiebert, unable to worship with us; Elda celebrates her 88th birthday tomorrow.
- participants aged 15-22 who want to build the global church through relationships with God's people around the world; pray they might connect with Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs in Benin, Indonesia, Japan or Peru.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 17, 2019: The Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Focus Statement:

*When dark fear overwhelms us, God gathers us together
in safe shelter. We seek the light of God's face.*

* Gathering Hymn "The Lord's my Shepherd" SS #99
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship *(based on Psalms 63 and 27)*

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation—we shall not be
afraid.

**P: We will wait for the Lord, and take courage,
for we will see God's goodness.**

*All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,
and you uphold us.*

Children's Time Deanna Entz

OT Reading *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*
* Hymn "A wonderful Savior is Jesus" HWB #598

NT Reading *Luke 13:31-35*
Sermon "Chickens, foxes, and times of terror" Ray Reimer

Confession and reconciliation
Leader: *(reading Psalm 27:7-9)*

“Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ‘Come,’ my heart says, ‘seek God’s face!’ Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!”

Who will seek the Lord today?

Response...

L: We are all invited to seek the Lord today.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: *Sheltering God, we seek you, for you alone are our light and salvation.*

When darkness moves into our lives, we seek your face.

L: When fears overcome us and paralyze us, we seek your face. When our souls hunger for your shelter, we seek your face.

All: *In the morning and in the evening, we will seek the face of our God.*

L: Our generous God provides for us.

* Response Hymn “Thy holy wings” SJ #118

Offering *Western District Conference – Church Plant support*
Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “Lead me, Lord” HWB #538

* Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Jeremy and Steph Entz family Musician(s): Carol / Carol / Carol
Worship Leader(s): Reynold and Deanna Entz
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’s pastor cluster meets Tue. afternoon.

Congregational Announcements

Mar. 18, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet. We will be tying a quilt. Please bring a snack of your choice.

Other Organizations

Mar. 17, 2 P.M.: We’ll be **putting in the dam** at Camp Mennoscah whatever the weather (unless unsafe). Gather at the maintenance shed with appropriate helping or spectating clothing!

Mar. 18, 7 P.M.: Hesston College piano instructor Dr. Mei Li, a dynamic pianist who was born in Chengdu, China, will present a lecture recital, “The Key Characteristics of Franz Liszt’s Late Piano Works” at Hesston Menn. Ch. Dr. Li is a Liszt scholar who completed her doctoral research on the works of Liszt’s late period under the direction of distinguished Liszt authority, Alan Walker. Her recital will be a presentation of a group of piano music of Liszt’s final period and discussion of two main categories—death and despair—into which his late works fall.

Mar. 21, 7 P.M.: Social justice activist, speaker and author, Shane Claiborne, and blacksmith, Mike Martin, will make Hesston College one of their stops on the 37-city “**Beating Guns**” tour at Hesston Menn. Ch. Inspired by the biblical prophets’ call to “beat swords into plowshares,” the free 90-minute event weaves music, art, and stories of people impacted by gun violence as a gun is transformed into a garden tool. Those planning to attend are asked to *register for free* at <hesston.edu/beating-guns>. In conjunction with this event, check out MCC’s Lenten reflection on gun violence prevention (including an education resources, action steps and more) at <mcc.org/lenten-reflection>.

Mar. 24, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Concert Choir home concert** (end of spring break tour) in Memorial Hall.

Mar. 28, 6-8 P.M.: **Closing reception** for John Ellert and “Dichotomies II: Images of Reality and Fantasy” in Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College,

Mar. 29, 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.: **Peace Connections** invites all to gather at Bethel College Menn. Ch. for a delicious come & go taco bar for agency and program updates (beginning at 12:15 P.M.). Please RSVP *by Mar. 18* at <info@peaceconnections.org> or 316-284-0000.

Mar. 29, 7 P.M.: Donna Hetrick, organ, presents her **DMA recital** in the Administration Building chapel of Bethel College.

Mar. 29: All are welcome as **supporters of Mennonite World Review** gather at Kauffman Museum, at 7 P.M. for the annual business meeting, followed at 8 P.M. for a presentation/discussion on “Looking back at the future of Mennonite journalism.”

Mar. 30, 7 P.M.: Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra **Spring Pops Concert** in Bethel College’s Mem. Hall, featuring Broadway favorites and guest conductors (ticket purchase required).

Mar. 31: The Hesston College **Bel Canto Singers** and baritone **Tony Brown** will perform twice in Wichita, first at 10:45 A.M. at First Presbyterian Ch. (525 S. Broadway), and then at 3 P.M. at the new Mark Arts hub (1307 N. Rock Road), with a reception following the latter concert. The performances offer tribute to the slave experience and African American spirituals.

Apr. 1-2: Kauffman Museum will host a “**Cranes and Cather**” **bus tour** to Nebraska, viewing the migration of multitudes of sandhill cranes along the Platte River and touring sites from Great Plains author Willa Cather’s life and novels along with other stops in Kansas. All meals, fees, lodging, transportation are included in the price of \$315 for members, and \$330 for non-members. For more info, contract <asa@bethelks.edu> or 316-283-1612.

Apr. 2, 7 P.M.: **Nancy Sprowell Geise**, author of the biography, *Auschwitz #34207: The Joe Rubinstein Story*, will share about the Holocaust survivor’s story and her relationship with him, at Hesston Menn. Ch. A reception will follow the presentation.

Apr. 2, NOON: **MCC Lunch & Learn**, at the MCC Center in North Newton! Together with Mennonite Mission Network, we will host Willi Hugo Perez director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA’s a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Lunch will be provided, by donation; please RSVP *by Mar. 28* to <patsydirksen@mcc.org> or 316.283.2720 (let Patsy know if you have food allergies).

Apr. 9, 7 P.M.: Explore the global issue of fast fashion by watching the **documentary film True Cost** at the MCC Center in North Newton. Directed by Andrew Morgan, the film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Also hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion, here and around the world. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact <sarahfleming@mcc.org>.

Apr. 22-24: **Retirees Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah! Come for a time of renewal with sessions on trips to Central America and Ukraine to Reader’s Theater to a steel drum concert—as well as singing, Bible study, and the usual breaks, walks, coffee and chats. Email <office@campmennoscah.org> or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure. Register at <campmennoscah.org>!

May 5: **All interested singers** are invited to join the Bethel College Masterworks presentation of Faure’s *Requiem*. Rehearsals *begin Mon., Apr. 22*. For more info, contact William Eash, 316-284-5316, <weash@bethelks.edu>.

June 6: Prairie View will host the 4th “**A Beautiful View**” fine art fundraiser and exhibition to raise awareness for mental illness and addictions. Deadline for all pieces (through digital submission) is *Apr. 1*. Accepted works will be *due May 10*. For details contact schragej@pvi.org / 316-284-6385 or lyonsk@pvi.org / 316-284-6381, or <www.prairieview.org/education-events/abeautifulview>.