

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 1 visitor):	74
Offering: <i>Western District Conf. – Church Plant support</i>	\$...
March receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$...

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Food & Thought meets @ J&L Friesen	12:30 P.M., Mar. 24
Yoga Group meets in Sewing Room	5:30-6:15 P.M., Mar. 27
Wed. evening activities	Mar. 27

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

Zion work day	9 A.M.-?, Mar. 30
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Activity leaders / meal: Bonnie + Allie / Allie-Lois-Sharon	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Grant and Allie Klingenberg family	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Lois Friesen	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Carol / Carol / Carol + Adult Choir	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite World Conference	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Aging Group meets	9:30 A.M., Apr. 4
Camp Mennoscah Men and Boys Retreat	Apr. 5-7
Potluck meal and "Little Library" dedication	NOON, Apr. 7
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Apr. 8
Last Wed. evening activities in spring	Apr. 10
Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale @ Hutch fairgrounds	Apr. 12-13
Joint Palm Sunday service w Grace Hill @ Zion	4 P.M., Apr. 14
Kansas Menn Men's Chorus @ Mem Hall	7 P.M., Apr. 14
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Apr. 17
Joint Maundy Thursday service w Grace Hill @ GH	Apr. 18
Easter Sunday	Apr. 21
Education Board meets	6 P.M., Apr. 24
Spiritual Life Board meets	7 P.M., Apr. 24
VBS planning committee meets @ Zion	7 P.M., May 1
Co-Pastors @ AMBS Commencement in Elkhart, IN	May 5
Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	during wk of May 15-21
Baccalaureate and Commencement @ BC	May 19
VBS orientation (with pizza) @ Zion	6 P.M., May 22
Zion/Grace Hill VBS + joint worship	May 31-June 2

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 24, 2019: The Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Focus Statement:

*When we become empty and weary from things that do not satisfy,
 God pours out life-giving drink.
 We turn from destruction to God's grace.*

* Gathering Hymn "Brethren, we have met to worship" HWB #8
 Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
 Prelude "Menuet in G" by J.S. Bach Abi and Makayla

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 63)*

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: We have seen you in the sanctuary,
 and know your power and glory.

P: We will praise you and bless you as long as we live.

*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.*

Special Music "Give me oil in my lamp" Junior Choir

Children's Time Lois Friesen

Reading "Living stones"
 * Hymn "Come, thou fount" HWB #521

NT Reading *Luke 13:1-9*
 Sermon "There's still time" Rosie Epp

Confession and reconciliation
 Leader: *(reading Isaiah 55:1-3a)*

“Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.”
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: God of life, we listen to you, for you alone have the words of life. When we realize that we have paid too much attention to the voices in our world, we listen to you.

L: When we sense the poverty of our souls, we listen to you.
When our souls hunger for abundant life, we listen to you.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will listen to you.

L: Our generous God provides for us.

* Response Hymn “Listen, God is calling” SJ #42

Offering *Mennonite Church USA* Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “Rain down” SJ #49

* Benediction and Postlude
**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Lillian Wedel Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg
Worship Leader(s): Lois Friesen Junior Choir Director: Bonnie Brewer
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 both will attend the Everence Stewardship Leaders Appreciation dinner Mon. evening with Zion’s advocates; Ray may attend the *Menn. World Review* annual meeting Fri. evening.

Congregational Announcements

Apr. 7, NOON: We will be having a **potluck** to celebrate the **dedication of our “Little Library”** after the worship service.

Apr. 14, 4 P.M.: All are invited to a **joint Palm Sunday worship service** of the Zion and Grace Hill congregations at Zion Menn. Ch. to observe the start of Holy Week; it will include music and first-person observations. In order to allow those interested to attend the Kansas Mennonite Mens’ Chorus concert in the evening, we will gather in at 4 P.M. this year, and not include fellowship.

Save the Date: *Who is my Neighbor?* is the theme for our joint Vacation Bible School with Grace Hill on May 31 and June 1 from 9 A.M.–3 P.M. each day, with a joint worship on June 2 at 10 A.M. at Zion. The mission project will be for area food pantries.

Other Organizations

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, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **organ recital series** features Donna Hetrick, in the Administration Building chapel. This DMA recital features works by Praetorius, Soler, J.S. Bach, Howells, Messiaen and Robert Schumann.

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).

Pray This Week for...

- the family of Bill Poppe, loving husband of Jolene Epp (and brother-in-law of Virgil Epp), who died peacefully at home on Mar. 7, in Medford, OR. A Celebration of Life will be held Apr. 13 at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Coos Bay, OR.
- students and tutors in Western District Conference congregations participating in IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) and SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano), grassroots theological education programs sponsored by Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency.
- Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network, who helped plant the seeds of the 40-year-old Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso and continues to live in the country, working as a global Bible-translation consultant. Pray for her and her husband, Daniel, as they also provide leadership for congregations and schools.

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.

Mar. 31, 7 P.M.: **Scott Poe from Voice of the Martyrs** will speak at Emmaus Menn. Ch. on lessons from our persecuted Christian family. Poe, a native of El Dorado, has served with VOM over 20 years in Bible smuggling and distribution, ministering in many of the world's restricted countries. An offering will support VOM.

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. 1, 6 P.M.: Bethel College **Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos I & II**, Mojo's Coffee Bar in Schultz Student Center.

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. 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. 2, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold its informative **Medicare workshop** at its North Newton office. Learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover, plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment details and deadlines. Space is limited; reserve your spot soon by contacting (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or <michelle.ramer@everence.com>.

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. 5-7: **Men and Boys Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah—a retreat for males of all ages. Brad Roth is the speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration required, but lodging is on a first-come, first-served basis. Sat. supper is the first meal provided. Questions? Contact <kevinneufeld2@gmail.com> or 316-322-5515.

Apr. 7, 3 P.M.: **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum:** “Down to the Countryside: Perspectives on the Chinese Cultural Revolution,” a panel of Zhuojin Jiang, Jim Goering and Esther Kreider Eash, moderated by Raylene Hinz-Penner, Kauffman Museum (in connection with the special exhibit “Campaign for a New China”).

Openings: Mennonite Mission Network is currently seeking to fill 3 full time positions: Donor Relations Representative (western region), Editor and Marketing Associate. You can see the position descriptions at <www.MennoniteMission.net>. Send a cover letter and resumé to <StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net>.

Apr. 7, 4 P.M.: Bethel College **Women's Chorus spring concert** at Bethel College Menn. Ch.

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. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact <sarahfleming@mcc.org>.

Apr. 9, 7:30 P.M.: Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts presents “**The Ruth Moody Band**” at Bethel College’s Memorial Hall. Moody is member of “The Wailin’ Jennys.” Purchase tickets at <hesstonbethel.org>. In addition to the concert, Moody and singer-songwriter, Anthony da Costa will offer a song-writing and arranging workshop on Apr. 10, from 10:30 A.M.–NOON at Mem Hall. Seating is limited for the workshop; if interested, please email <holly.swartzendruber@hesston.edu> *by Apr. 1*. If you have an original song you would like to perform at the workshop, please include a video file or link to the song to be considered.

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>!

Apr. 27: Sign up for New Hope Shelter’s 3rd annual **Kickin’ & Screamin’ Kickball Tournament**. Team and player forms are at <newhope-shelter.org/kickin-screamin> or call 316-283-7711.

May 5: **Interested singers** are invited to join Bethel’s Masterworks production of Faure’s *Requiem*. Rehearsals *begin Apr. 22*. For info, contact <weash@bethelks.edu> or 316-284-5316.

June 9-15, June 23-29, and July 14-20: Camp Mennoscah is looking for **kitchen helpers** for these weeks. No great skills are needed; following directions is all that is necessary. Contact <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org> or <620-297-3290>. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees! (PS—The kitchen is now air-conditioned!)