

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 1 visitor):	74
Offering: Mar 17: WDC – Church Plant support	\$566
Mar. 24: Mennonite Church USA	\$540
March receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$9,762.90

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Chime Choir practice	6:30 P.M., Apr. 1
Yoga Group meets in Sewing Room	5:30-6:15 P.M., Apr. 3
Wed. evening activities	Apr. 3
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 Group meets	9:30 A.M., Apr. 4
Camp Mennoscah Men and Boys Retreat	Apr. 5-7
Activity leaders / meal: Sharon W. + Steph / Bonnie + Carol	This Wed.
Mowing church + parsonage: Virgil Epp	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Gary and Sharon Wedel	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Allie Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Apr. 17
Maundy Thursday service w Grace Hill @ GH	7 P.M., Apr. 18
Education Board meets	6 P.M., Apr. 24
Spiritual Life Board meets	7 P.M., Apr. 24

Thank You...

...to all who contributed last week to the fire fund for the Peabody family. A \$280 gift card has been given to the family. We are investigating whether a matching grant from Everence can double this amount!

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 31, 2019: The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Focus Statement:

When we are lost and far from God,
God reaches out with open arms.
We get up and enter the feast of reconciliation.

* Gathering Hymn “From the depths of sin” HWB #136
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship (based on Psalms 63 and 32)

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 confess our sin to you, and you forgive us.

P: We offer our prayers to you, and you embrace us.

*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 “Because He lives” Adult Choir
–William J. and Gloria Gaither

Children's Time Lois Friesen

OT Reading Joshua 5:9-12
* Hymn “Slowly turning, ever turning” SJ #23

NT Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Sermon “Party On-ers and Party Poopers” Ray Reimer

Confession and reconciliation
Leader: (reading Psalm 32:10-11)

“Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.”

Who will trust the Lord today?

Response...

L: We are all invited to trust the Lord today.
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: God of steadfast love, we put our trust in your care for us. When we need to find our way home, we put our trust in you.

L: When we need forgiveness, we put our trust in you. When our souls hunger for a new way of living, we put our trust in you.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will put our trust in you.

L: Our generous God provides for us.

* Response Hymn “Far, far away from my loving father” HWB #139

Offering *Mennonite World Conference*
Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Rosie Epp

* Sending Song “You shall go out with joy” HWB #427

* Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Grant & Allie Klingenberg family Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg
Worship Leader(s): Lois Friesen 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.

Pray This Week for...

- Elena Entz Wiebe, being received as a member at First Menn. Ch. (Newton) this morning.
- Lorena Klassen, able to worship with us only occasionally; her 90th birthday is tomorrow.
- Western District Conference members attending adaptive leadership training at Kansas Leadership Center (Wichita, KS) in 2019, as they apply this learning to a variety of different ministry contexts and leadership challenges.
- Mennonite Mission Network’s Service Adventure units from Albuquerque, NM; Anchorage, AK; Colorado Springs, CO; Jackson, MS; and Johnstown, PA—as they begin a week of service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, TX.
- the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board as they meet Mar. 31–Apr. 2 in Kansas City.

Congregational Announcements

Apr. 1, 8, & 15, 6:30 P.M.: **Chime choir** will practice the next several Monday nights. This is for ages 3 grade and up. If you haven’t played before and would like to come, please feel free to contact Karen Andres at 316-799-2857.

Apr. 7, NOON: We will be having a **potluck** to celebrate the **dedication of our “Little Library”** after the worship service. Consider bringing a book you’ve read to add to our collection!

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.

Apr. 18, 7 P.M.: All are invited to a **joint Maundy Thursday worship service** of the Zion and Grace Hill congregations gathering at Grace Hill on including celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Other Organizations

A summary of the **2018 annual report of the Newton, KS Et Cetera Shop** is posted on the bulletin board. Thank you to Sharon Wedel for continuing to chair the Shop's board... and to other members who volunteer their time and energy to support this important project.

Mar. 30, 7 P.M.: The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony presents its Spring Pops Concert at Bethel College's Memorial Hall: **"Broadway Showstoppers."** Tickets available at Faith & Life Bookstore, the NMKSO office or <nmkso.org>.

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. 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. 1: The Bethel College **Jazz concert** previous announced for this date at Mojo's Coffee Bar, **has been cancelled.**

Apr. 2, 2 P.M.: Consider attending **"Stories & Tea for You & Me"** at the Bruhn Coffee House (Whitewater), sponsored by the Friends of the Whitewater Memorial Library. Tickets are \$5 at the library. Question? Contact 316-799-2471 or 316-799-2635.

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. 6, 7 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.

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").

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’s Memorial Hall. Moody is member of “The Wailin’ Jennys.” Purchase tickets at <hesstonbethel.org>.

Apr. 13, 4 P.M.: Elijah Brockway **senior string bass recital**, Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

Apr. 14, 3 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series: *This Little Light***, with talkback following; Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center.

Apr. 14, 7 P.M.: The **Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus** (joined by the Bethel College Men’s Ensemble), presents their 2019 spring concert in Memorial Hall.

Opening: Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring an outdoor gear and clerk manager for 35-40 hours/week. The full job description and application are available at the store (619 N. Main, Newton), via e-mail at <generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com>, or online at <newtonetceterashop.com>. Applications are *due April 15, 2019*, submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

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.