

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 2 visitors):	78
Offering: Mennonite World Conference	\$565
March receipts for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$11,372.90

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Potluck meal and “Little Library” dedication	NOON, Apr. 7
Visitation for Evelyn Buller funeral @ Petersen’s	1-5 P.M., Apr. 7
Committal for Evelyn Buller @ Zion cemetery	10 A.M., Apr. 8
Memorial service & luncheon for Evelyn Buller	11 A.M., Apr. 8
Chime Choir practice	6:30 P.M., Apr. 8
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Apr. 8
(Yoga Group is finished for now)	

Wed. evening activities (<i>last week for spring activities</i>)	Apr. 10
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

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale @ Hutch fairgrounds Apr. 12-13

Activity leaders / meal: June + Carol / Kara	This Wed.
Mowing church + parsonage: Andrew Wedel	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Doug and Margaret Brewer	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Allie Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Annette / Annette / Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Christian Peacemaker Teams / Peace Connections	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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

Pray This Week for...

- the family of Evelyn Buller, mourning her death on Mar. 31; see calendar for details of the funeral services.
- the family of Doris Regier, remembering her death a year ago this Monday.
- Delilah Wedel, celebrating her 78th birthday this Wednesday.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 7, 2019: The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Focus Statement:

*When we are exhausted, God makes a way through mighty waters.
We move forward in hope as God does a new thing.*

* Gathering Hymn “We praise thee, O God” HWB #99
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship (*based on Psalms 63 and 126*)

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 does great things for us, and we rejoice!

P: The Lord restores our fortunes, and we shout for joy.

*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

* Hymn “Jesus, be the center” SS #31

Readers’ Theatre

NT Reading *John 12:1-8*
Sermon “An act of love” Rosie Epp

Confession and reconciliation

Leader: (*reading Isaiah 43:16-21*)

“Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are

extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.”
Who will see the new work of God?

Response...

L: We are all invited to see the new work of God.
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: *God of hope, give us eyes to see the new work you are doing among us. When we struggle to discern what lies ahead, we will see the new work of God.*

L: When our circumstances appear to hold no hope, we will see the new work of God. When our souls hunger for your presence, we will see the new work of God.

All: *In the morning and in the evening, we will see the new work of God.*

L: Our generous God provides for us.

* Response Hymn “I heard the voice of Jesus say” HWB #493

Offering *Local Fund*

Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “Precious Lord, take my hand” HWB #575

* Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Gary and Sharon Wedel

Musician(s): Karen Andres

Worship Leader(s): Allie Klingenberg

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 (accompanied by Annette Voth) will attend a WDC-sponsored seminar on “Who Cares About Climate Change?—Pastoral responses to denial and despair” at Camp Mennoscah from Mon. evening through Wed. lunch; he plans to join with Remington area pastors for Thur. lunch; and both Ray and Rosie will be at the KS Menn. Relief Sale.

Congregational Announcements

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. 8, & 15, 6:30 P.M.: **Chime choir** will practice the next couple 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. 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.

Graduates! Parents and Grandparents! We try to recognize those commencing from school programs each season. Please inform Pastor Ray via note or e-mail *by Sun., Apr. 28* of any such transitions, noting name of student, school, degree, program/major, commencement ceremony date, date/time/place of reception (if desired), and future plans if they are known.

Also Pray This Week for...

- WDC pastors and church members gathering at Camp Mennoscah this week for a retreat on “Who Cares About Climate Change? Pastoral Responses to Denial and Despair.”
- Paul and Serena Manickam of Mennonite Mission Network, who have been working with the Mennonite churches in the area around Iquitos, Peru. Recently, their request for visa renewal was denied. Pray for God’s comfort and guidance as they discern next steps.

Other Organizations

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”).

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

Apr. 7, 7 P.M.: **Kansas Mennonite Men’s Choir 2019 Spring Concert**, in Richert Auditorium, Tabor College, Hillsboro.

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, Bethel College, North Newton.

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. 16, 7 P.M.: Callie Ross (violin) and Kaho Yanagidaira (clarinet) **joint junior recital**, in the Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

Apr. 19, 7:30 P.M.: Bach’s “**Passion According to St. Matthew**” will be performed at Bethany College (Lindsborg, KS); tickets are \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Apr. 21, 3 P.M.: Handel’s “**Messiah**” will again be featured at the 138th Festival of the Arts at Bethany College (Lindsborg, KS); tickets are \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. More info at <www.messiahfestival.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>!

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.