

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 7 visitors):	88
Offering: Local Fund	\$4,467
April receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$4,467

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Joint Palm Sunday service w Grace Hill @ Zion	4 P.M., Apr. 14
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Apr. 17
Chime Choir practice	6:00 P.M., Apr. 17
Adult Choir practice	6:30 P.M., Apr. 17
Aging Group meets	9:30 A.M., Apr. 18
Maundy Thursday service w Grace Hill @ GH	7 P.M., Apr. 18
Mowing church + parsonage: David and Josh Andres	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Joe Friesen and Don Regier	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Russell and June Entz family	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Allie Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen + Adult Choir + Chime Choir + Brass Ensemble	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Education Board meets	6 P.M., Apr. 24
Spiritual Life Board meets	7 P.M., Apr. 24
Food & Thought meet @ Pam Lamborn's	12:30 P.M., Apr. 28

Pray This Week for...

- those grieving recent deaths related to our congregation.
- abused and neglected children, and encourage parents to affirm their children, as April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- the WDC Annual Assembly planning team as they envision and prepare for this gathering scheduled for July 26-27, 2019 at Bethel College.
- Mary Beyler, who has spent most of her adult life serving in Japan with Mennonite Mission Network. Though she is bringing closure to her ministry there, new doors are still opening for her to point people toward Jesus. Pray God's blessing on Mary as she says her good-byes in the six months that remain before her retirement.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 14, 2019: Palm Sunday

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

Focus Statement:

*When our shouts of joy turn to derision and rejection,
even in our anguish God's steadfast love endures forever.
We are called to follow Jesus.*

* Gathering Hymn "Open now thy gates of beauty" HWB #19
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude Annette Voth

Call to Worship (*based on Psalms 63 and 118*)

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 thank you for being our salvation,
for being our chief cornerstone.

**P: We bless you as we bind the festal procession with
branches, up to the horns of the altar!**

**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 Allie Klingenberg
* Hymn "Hosanna, loud hosanna" HWB #238

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 50:4-9a and Luke 19:28-40*

Sermon "A faith that follows" Ray Reimer

Confession and Reconciliation

Leader: (*reading Philippians 2:5-11*)

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who,
though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality

with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

“Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Who will confess Jesus as Lord today?

Response...

L: We are all invited to confess Jesus as Lord.
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: *Living God, give us the courage to confess your Son, Jesus, as our Lord. When others vie for our loyalty, we will confess Jesus as Lord.*

L: When earthly powers claim supremacy, we will confess Jesus as Lord. When our souls hunger for reality and truth, we will confess Jesus as Lord.

All: *In the morning and in the evening, we will confess Jesus as Lord.*

L: Our generous God has provided for us.

* Response Hymn “I have decided to follow Jesus” *insert*

Offering *Christian Peacemaker Teams / Peace Connections*

Offertory Annette Voth

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Rosie Epp

* Sending Song “Lord, I want to be a Christian” HWB #444

* Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Doug and Margaret Brewer Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg
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 will lead a Western District Conference Executive Comm. meeting Mon. morning, and thus will not be in the office.

Congregational Announcements

Women in Mission will not meet during the month of April.

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. 17, 6:00 P.M.: **Chime Choir** will practice this Wed. evening. The **Adult Choir** will practice at 6:30 P.M.

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, 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.

Other Organizations

Apr. 14, 3 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series:** *This Little Light*, Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center, with talkback following, led by Lois Harder, Alexanderwohl Menn. Ch., and Heidi Regier Kreider, Western District Conference.

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.

Camp Mennoscah is looking for a **camp nurse** for the weeks of June 9-15 and June 23-29. Nurses receive a stipend or a full camper discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org> to become one of our nurses!

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. 24, 7:30 P.M.: Bethel College **Wind Ensemble season finale concert**, with special guests from Eisenhower High School, Goddard, in Memorial Hall. (*Please note:* Date and time are different from some previously printed calendars).

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.

Apr. 27, 8:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M. (then play!): **Work and Play Day** at Camp Mennoscah coming soon! A simple lunch will be served. Please call us at 620-297-3290 or register online at <campmennoscah.org> to let us know you're coming! All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Apr. 27, 3 P.M.: Neil Smucker **senior flute and saxophone recital**, Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

May 5: **Interested singers** are invited to join Bethel's Master-works production of Faure's *Requiem*. Rehearsals *begin Apr. 22* at 6:30 P.M. in the FAC choir room (other evenings are Apr. 23, 25, 29 & 30, May 2 & 3; dress rehearsal May 4, 2:30 P.M.) For info, contact <weash@bethelks.edu> or 316-284-5316.

Thank You...

...to everyone who contributed to the MCC sale with your time, money, prayers, and participation. A special thank you to the children who contributed items to be sold. The sale could not happen without all your support. The "My Coins Count" amount was \$278.95. May God bless the work of our hands for those in need!
—David and Karen Andres

...to all who helped with Wed. evening activities this year: preparing meals, leading children's programming, directing and singing in the choir, participating in adult Bible study.

...to all who were so kind to help me with cleaning the church these last weeks. It meant so very much that you were so willing to help during this time. Thank you so much.
—Raeanne Wiebe

...to all of you for the prayers, cards, food and all the acts of kindness shown to us during this time. Many thanks to those who helped us with the funeral and all of you who helped with the meal preparation afterwards also. Everything was appreciated so much. Thank you!
—the family of Evelyn Buller

"I have decided to follow Jesus" (S&R #39; alt. lyrics)

1. We have decided to follow Jesus (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.
2. For he has called us to be his people (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.
3. He is among us to heal our sorrow (3x)
And bring us joy, and bring us joy.
4. He goes before us unto his Father (3x)
To lead us home, to lead us home.