

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

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| Worship attendance (including 3 visitors): | 76 |
| Offering: Local Fund | \$3,214.48 |
| May receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed) | \$3,214.48 |

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| Governing Council meets | 7 P.M., May 13 |
| Zion serves at New Hope Shelter | during wk of May 15-21 |
| Commencement @ Tabor College | 10 A.M., May 18 |
| Mowing church + parsonage: Thurman Entz | Before next Sun. |
| Greeter(s): Joe and Lois Friesen | Next Sun. |
| Worship Leader(s): ... | Next Sun. |
| Musician(s): SODZ / SODZ / Karen | Next Sun. |
| Offering: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary | Next Sun. |

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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| Women in Mission meet | 1-4 P.M., May 21 |
| VBS orientation (with pizza) @ Zion | 6 P.M., May 22 |
| Zion leads Vespers @ Kidron-Bethel Village | 3 P.M., May 26 |
| Zion/Grace Hill VBS | 9 A.M.–3 P.M., May 31-June 1 |
| Zion/Grace Hill joint worship @ Zion + potluck | 10 A.M., June 2 |
| Grief support group meets | 4 P.M., June 2 |
| Community VBS @ Remington MS | 8:30-11:30 A.M., June 3-7 |
| Deacons meet | 9 A.M., June 7 |
| Zion SS Picnic @King Park/Hesston + potluck | 10:15 A.M., June 9 |

Pray This Week for...

- celebration for the life of Emerick Ray Kouassi Reimer Kouame; son of Marcel Kouame and Rachel Reimer-Kouame (and grandson of Ray Reimer and Rosie Epp), born May 6; after some monitoring, all are doing well.
- Western District Conference members who serve as teachers, faculty and staff in schools, colleges, and graduate institutions as they support and shape the lives of students of all ages.
- La Casa Grande children's home in Benin (partnering with Mennonite Mission Network) as it goes through leadership changes. Pray for Bienvenu and Chimène Kakpo, the new co-directors, and the children, house mothers, and other personnel.

Zion Mennonite Church

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May 12, 2019

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

* Gathering Hymn "Our Father God, thy name we praise" HWB #32
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Bonnie Brewer

Call to Worship Adapted from Tilson & Cole, *Litanies: C*, 186.

Leader: We gather as members of the family of God,

People: Who long to be happy in the Lord and with one another.

L: We gather as members of the family of the earth,

P: Who long to make peace with the Lord and with one another.

All: Bring us together in your family, O Lord, that we might find happiness and peace in ours.

* Hymn "Lord of the home" HWB #490
Children's Time John Janzen

OT Reading *Genesis 5:1-5*
Litany celebrating the Christian Home *insert*

NT Reading *Mark 3:31-35*
Sermon "Relative relativity" Ray Reimer
Response Hymn "God's family" S&R #31 (*insert*)

Offering *Camp Mennoscah*
Offertory Bonnie Brewer

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Rosie Epp

* Sending Song "Father, we praise thee" HWB #650
* Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Mark Unruh Worship Leader(s): Reinhold and John Janzen
Musician(s): Bonnie / Bonnie / Carol
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 has a WDC Executive Comm. mtg. Tue. morning; his pastor cluster meets Tue. afternoon.

Congregational Announcements

May 12, 7 P.M.: "Woven" (women) and "Open Road" (men) **joint a cappella concert** in Memorial Hall at Bethel College; this will be Nick Preheim's last "Open Road" concert.

May 21, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet (on *Tuesday*, this time); we will be tying a quilt for MCC. Our offering will be for MCC school kits. Please bring a small snack of your choice.

May 31-June 2: Neighbors are more than the people who live next door. *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. Children age 3 through 6th grade are invited to participate in discovering God's love through five Bible stories focused on God's care and compassion for neighbors. The mission project will be area food pantries. Sunday, June 2 at 10 A.M. we'll have a joint worship at Zion (with a carry-in meal to follow) as we learn to share with others. Staff orientation for this VBS will be held Wed., May 22 from 6–7:30 P.M. at Zion, with pizza provided; anyone involved in this event is invited to attend.

June 2, 4 P.M.: **Grief support group** begins at Zion. Death and loss hit us all at some time in our life, and we struggle with grief in different ways. Often times it challenges our faith in unexpected ways. Join Nadine Friesen (former hospice chaplain) and others from Zion who are experiencing losses due to death of a loved one. A supportive group can make a difference in our life. Talk to the Pastors or one of the Deacons if you have questions.

June 9, 10:15 A.M.: **Sunday School Worship and Picnic**, at the King Park (Dutch Ave and N Ridge Rd, Hesston, KS). Celebrate the gathering of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Celebration of communion will be part of our worship. Bring food and table service for the carry-in meal to follow (drink and dessert provided). Offering is for the Zion Menn. Scholarship fund.

The **Flint Hills Visitation Program** is a project developed by women from Shalom Menn., Zion Menn., and Wichita's Immigration Support Services Network (ISSN), along with other community members. The purpose of the program is to connect and build relationships with female immigrants who are detained in the Chase County Jail due to their immigration status. The visits will occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 2–4 P.M. and 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30–8:30 P.M. The visits will be in group settings with the number of females in detention at about 5 and volunteers between 2-3. Most of the women detained speak Spanish. If you are a Spanish speaker (from conversational to fluent) and are interested in visiting, please contact Annette Voth, Becky Nickel or Rosie Epp.

Other Organizations

May 12, 4 P.M.: Tabor College **Concert Choir** performs "Lead, Kindly Light" concert in Richert Auditorium.

May 15, 6-7 P.M.: Rainbow Menn. Ch. (Kansas City, KS) invites all to an ecumenical gathering on **International Conscientious Objection Day**. During the gathering engraved stones will be dedicated remembering those who, in the spirit of two cherished Bible passages (Isa. 2:4 and Lk. 19:42), were conscientious objectors of WW1; these stones will be placed on the premises of the nation's only World War 1 Museum and Memorial. Although entrance to the ceremony is free and open to the public, it is preferred that you RSVP at: <<https://my.theworldwar.org/4216>>. Questions? Contact <ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org>.

Save the Date! Mennonite Central Committee is *celebrating 100 years* of working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. Mark your calendars to join us for the evening of Feb. 29, 2020 at Tabor College in Hillsboro, KS. More details to come!

May 17, 7 P.M.: Before departing for a spring tour to the Pacific Northwest, the 25-voice Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will present their **last home concert** at Hesston Menn. Ch. The program—entitled “Grant Us Peace”—features works focused on peace and justice. Following the concert, celebrate with the Class of 2019, faculty, staff, friends and families at a Go Everywhere graduate reception in the Community Center.

May 17, 7-9 P.M.: **Reception for annual Senior Art Exhibit** in the Regier Art Gallery in Fine Arts Center, Bethel College.

May 23, 6 P.M.: You are invited to attend the **KS Menn. Relief Sale Annual Meeting** at First Menn. Ch. (McPherson). The cost for the meal is \$15/person and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Zion’s MCC Sale Liaisons (Dave and Karen Andres), or bj.reeves@live.com or 620-543-6863 *by May 19*.

June 3-7, 8:30-11:30 A.M.: **Community Vacation Bible School** at Remington Middle School for four-year-olds through grade 8. Register at: whitewatercommunityvbs19.eventbrite.com.

June 3-July 19: Register now for Kauffman Museum’s annual **Uncle Carl’s Camp sessions**. The one-week, half-day camps held in June and July for age 4 through adult offer topics as wide-ranging as figure drawing, pioneer life and farm to table meal prep. For more info contact asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612 or see <https://www.bethelks.edu/summer-camps/uncle-carls-camps>.

June 4, 5-8 P.M.: **Dine Out 2 Donate**, benefiting New Hope Shelter, Inc.

Camp Mennoscah continues to seek nurses for the weeks of June 9-15 and June 23-29 and kitchen staff for June 9-15 and July 14-20. Nurses need to be licensed in Kansas and be a RN (or equivalent). Nurses can receive a stipend or a camper discount; kitchen staff can receive a camper discount. Email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

July 1-6: Like working with children? **Volunteers are needed** for the Children’s Program for MC USA Convention in Kansas City. Find out more by e-mailing ReneeEReimer@gmail.com.

June 10, 7 P.M.: You are invited to attend the Bethel College **Women’s Association annual meeting** at KIPCOR (2515 College Ave, North Newton). Donna Becker will present an historical sketch titled *Her Light Still Shines*, which is about a woman who was integral to the Bethel College Women’s Association. Refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome.

June 26, 5-7 P.M.: You’re invited to our annual **Volunteer Appreciation event** at Mennonite Central Committee in North Newton! We’ll celebrate all the work our volunteers do by enjoying an indoor summer picnic together.

Jan. 25–Feb. 8, 2020: **Learning Tour: “Encountering Egypt: Past and Present.”** Visit unforgettable historic sites and learn about current challenges and triumphs of people who call Egypt home with AMBS teaching faculty members and tour co-leaders Safwat Marzouk and Drew Strait. The estimated cost per person is \$3,700 to \$4,000, which includes all transportation (round trip from Chicago). To express interest in participating (not a firm commitment), contact AMBS *by May 31, 2019* at rtringenb@ams.edu or 800-964-2627 ext. 212.

Opening: Bethel College seeks a part-time caretaker of Memorial Grove—caring for and maintaining the plantings at the grove, located in the northeast corner of campus (Sand Creek Trail trailhead). Position is Mar.-Nov., about 5 hours a week. See www.bethelks.edu/careers to complete an application.

Service Opportunities: Do you excel in an administrative support role, helping to create and implement plans? Want to contribute to MCC’s community development work in the Central America context? ¡Entonces, venga! Bring your organizational expertise, assessment tools, accompaniment experience, Spanish language skills and a desire to learn—right this way! MCC has 2 opportunities for you to consider, starting either *July 15, 2019* (in Nicaragua) or *Jan. 6, 2020* (in Honduras); the close date for these positions is *May 26*. For more info, visit mcc.org/serve, or contact heidihuber@mcc.org.

Additional Spring 2019 Graduates related to Zion Menn. Ch.

High School

Storm Lake High School (Storm Lake, IA): commencement on May 19, at 2 P.M.

Lucas Tanner Nicholson (grandson of Lester and Delila Wedel). Lucas will attend Minnesota State Un. next fall.

Undergraduate Programs

Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD): commencement on May 25 at 2 P.M., in the Sioux Falls Arena.

Marlee Kate Nicholson (granddaughter of Lester and Delila Wedel); bachelor's degree in Psychology. Marlee will train with Youth with a Mission to work with children on the streets, refugees, and human trafficking victims.

Graduate Programs

Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ): graduation on Apr. 27.

Sarah Wedel (wife of Tim Wedel); Master of Ed. degree in Elementary Education. Sarah will teach in Lyons, KS.

God's family S&R #31

Refrain

All grownups, all children, all mothers, all fathers are sisters and brothers in the fam'y of God.

Verse 1: I am a person, God made me special.

You are a person and you're special too.

We have our fam'lies and friends we can play with;

There are so many good things we can do.

Verse 2: So many children, all of them diff'rent.

God gave each person his own thing to do.

All of God's children are sisters and brothers.

I know God loves me and God loves you too.

Verse 3: God has a fam'ly with many people:

Grownups and children who love God today.

We get together to care for each other

to worship and learn how to follow God's way.

Litany celebrating the Christian Home

Adapted from Tilson & Cole, *Litanies and Other Prayers: C*, 187

Leader: O God, who gives us life in our families, that we might come together in yours,

People: Grant that the ties which bind us to one another might bind us ever closer to you.

L: Let us remember Abraham and Sarah, who despite the rigors of life in a strange land, blessed all the families of earth.

P: We thank you, dear Lord, for the faith and courage with which they answered your call.

L: Let us remember Isaiah, who despite the exile that tore families apart, proclaimed a covenant that would unite them again.

P: We thank you, dear Lord, for the hope and vision with which he inspired your people.

L: Let us remember Jesus of Nazareth, who despite a deep regard for his kin, defined your family on the basis of grace.

P: We thank you, dear Lord, for the strength and joy with which he embodied your love.

L: O God, who gives us life in your family, that we might come together in ours,

P: Grant that the ties which bind us close to you might bind us ever closer to one another.

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