

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors):	61
Offering: The Corinthian Plan – Access	\$646
July receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$12,788.13

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Food & Thought meets @ J&L Friesen's	12:30 P.M., July 21
Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	during wk of July 24-30
WDC Annual Assembly @ BC (Newton, KS)	July 26-27

Mowing church + parsonage: Daryl Regier	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: John Janzen	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Ann Schowengerdt and Sharon Regier	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Carol / Carol / Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Pastors on vacation in CO	July 28 P.M.-Aug. 3
Grief Support Group meets	4 P.M., Aug. 4
Zion swim party @ Peabody pool; potluck after	5 P.M., Aug. 4
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Aug. 7
Hymn sing during worship	Aug. 11
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Aug. 12
Spiritual Life Board meets	7 P.M., Aug. 14
Celebration of Rosie Epp's 40th ordination anniversary	Aug. 25

Pray This Week for...

- Matt and Megan (Thiessen) Wedel, as yesterday they committed before God to share their lives together in marriage.
- Thelma and the rest of Wedel family as they reflect this Mon. on the 1st anniversary of Clarence's death.
- a Spirit-filled gathering for all who attend the WDC Annual Assembly next weekend on the theme "We are Witnesses."
- for Elena Buckwalter and Freddy Satalaya, serving in Iquitos, Peru with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray as they share God's love and care with children and adolescents in Isla Bonita.

Zion Mennonite Church

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July 21, 2019

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

Focus Statement:

God has formed us in all our complexity and knows us inside and out, better than we know ourselves. Wherever we are, God is there. God's ways are mysterious to us.

* Gathering Hymn "God of our strength" HWB #36

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

From *Leader* (Summer, 2013)

Leader: God of creation,

North: who knit us together and knows our heart and mind,

All: be present with us this morning as we aim to be present with you,

South: that we may face our fears, name our doubts, and find that, no matter our relationship with you, we are your beloved daughters and sons.

All: In the name of Jesus, who is present through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Children's Time

Steph Entz

* Hymn "O God, who gives us life"

HWB #483

Scripture Reading *Psalms 139:1-18*

Sermon "Known by God"

Ray Reimer

Response Hymn "Lord, you have come to the lakeshore" HWB #229

Offering *Western District Conference – Church Plant support*
Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Rosie Epp

Prayer, beginning with confession Adapted from *Words for Worship 1*, #154

Leader: O faithful God, keeper of an everlasting covenant,

South: we confess that we are a faithless people;
again and again we turn away from you.

North: Left to ourselves,
we would gain the whole world and lose our souls.

All: Forgive our sin. [...silence...]

Leader: Restore us in mercy, O God;

*All: teach us to be faithful and true, to love you above all else
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

* Sending Song "The Lord lift you up" SJ #73

* Benediction and Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Michael and Lisa Scott

Musician(s): Karen Andres

Worship Leader(s): Steph Entz

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 they'll both attend a "Minister's Afternoon Apart" Fri. P.M., and the WDC annual assembly the remainder of the weekend (Ray will be moderating delegate sessions).

Weekly Creation Care exercise suggestion: Go outside and listen; what do you hear?

Congregational Announcements

Zion would like to provide several of MCC's **immigration detainee care kits** (men's and women's). Select an item or two from those listed on the display (either purchase the item or donate money to purchase the item). These will be collected during the month of July. Thank you for sharing Christ's love with our neighbors. (Inserts, listing supplies, are by the display).

Aug. 4, 4 P.M.: **Grief support group** continues at Zion. Join others who are experiencing losses due to death of a loved one.

Aug. 4, 5 P.M.: A free **Zion swim party** at the Peabody City Pool from 5-6 P.M. We'll plan to have a group potluck afterwards in the park; bring food, tableware (cups, plates, spoons and forks) and lawn chairs. We will provide drinks.

Aug. 25: 40 years, that's how long Pastor Rosie has been an ordained pastor! Zion will celebrate this milestone on this Sunday with a presentation on women in ministry by Dorothy Nickel Friesen during the SS hour, as well as a celebrative worship with Michelle Armster preaching. There will be other sharing as well, and—of course—a potluck lunch.

Other Organizations

July 26-27, 6-9 P.M.: Even if you aren't a delegate or don't attend the entire **WDC 2019 Annual Assembly**, consider coming to several portions which are open to the public and (mainly) free:

- At Friday evening's **worship service** (July 26, 7 P.M.) at Bethel College Menn. Ch. Glen Guyton, MC USA Executive Director, will share about his transformation from a military man to a follower of the Prince of Peace. This service will include a special offering for WDC Church Planting, and communion.

- Glen Guyton shares his **vision for Mennonite Church USA** during the Sat. morning (July 27) worship at 8:30 A.M.

- Sat. afternoon (July 27, 2:30-5:00 P.M.), join the "**Imperfect Peace Witness Tour**" led by local historian Brian Stucky. (There is a \$20 fee for non-registrants... and please let WDC office know of your intention to join the tour). Meet at the Kauffman Museum parking lot to ride the charter bus.

- A reception will be held on Sat. afternoon from 4-5 P.M., celebrating 40+ years of **women in ministry in WDC**.

- the **Family Festival** on Sat., July 27. Friends and neighbors are invited to the supper at the BC cafeteria at 5:30 P.M. (*community members by donation as long as food lasts*), inflatables for all ages, live music! Inflatable slide, bouncy house 6-8 P.M.; Concert @ MoJo's 7-9 P.M. (*On the BC green and at MoJo's*)

- at assorted times through the Assembly, "**The Storm Encounter**" **mobile theatre** will allow you to experience the sights and sounds of a virtual tornado, and learn how Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) brings hope to survivors of disasters.

July 24, 7:30 P.M.: Tom and Lois Harder and their three daughters (“Five Times Harder”) will perform a **concert of folk and bluegrass music** at First Menn. Ch. (Hillsboro, KS).

July 28, 3 P.M.: Christopher Shaw will present an **organ recital** at Bethel College Menn. Ch. (North Newton, KS) featuring works by Bach, Clerambault, Krebs, Reger, and Vierne. There will be a hymn with settings by David Cherwien. Shaw will be joined by trombonist Andrew Thiesen for a piece composed by Schiffman.

Aug. 2-4: **Young Adult Weekend** at Camp Mennoscah! Young adults (18 and older) are invited to enjoy camp activities, worship, and fellowship. Attendees will share in preparing simple meals. Scholarships are available online in the registration process or contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for info. Register at <campmennoscah.org>.

Aug. 2, 6:30 P.M.: Peace Connections encourages local congregations to participate in the “**Mud & Tug** Charity Challenge Tug-o-War Tournament” at the Harvey County Fair. Details posted; register through July 31.

Are you looking for a summer sewing project? MCC is **running low on school kit bags!** You can review the guidelines and instructions at <<https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag>>. Please contact Kate Mast at <katemast@mcc.org> or 316-283-2720 with any questions.

Interested in MCC’s response to the **crisis in the Kasai region** of the Democratic Republic of Congo? See flier on bulletin board.

Opening: Mennonite Mission Network is searching for a *Marketing and Communication Assistant*. If you love organization and are naturally gifted at customer service, we’d love to hear from you! And if you aren’t but you know someone who is please encourage them to contact us. This position is for .75 FTE. Check out the job description at <<https://www.mennonitemission.net/>> or send your resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.