

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

**Worship attendance** (including no visitors): 73

**Offering:** *Western District Conference–Church Plant support* \$991

July receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed) \$17,788.13

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

**Pastors on vacation** in CO July 28 p.m.–Aug. 3

Mowing church + parsonage: Matt Wedel Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): David and Karen Andres Next Sun.

Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.

Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen Next Sun.

Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

**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 10:45 A.M., Aug. 11

**Teacher Appreciation meal** @ Zion 5:30 P.M., Aug. 11

**Governing Council** meets 7 P.M., Aug. 12

**Spiritual Life Board** meets 7 P.M., Aug. 14

**Potluck/grocery shower** for newlywed couples NOON, Aug. 18

Potluck/celebration of Rosie's **40<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary** Aug. 25

## Pray This Week for...

- Andrew and April (Newfield) Wedel, as yesterday they committed before God to share their lives together in marriage.
- Elda Hiebert, unable to worship with us regularly as she continues to reside at Comfort Care in Newton.
- the WDC Annual Assembly gathering that took place this weekend on the theme "We are Witnesses," and pray that all WDC congregations and members will give witness to God's good news of healing, hope, justice and peace in Christ.
- Mennonite Mission Network, serving in Mongolia through JCS International, a consortium of mission agencies. Rejoice with Laura Schlabach, interim executive director, that the long search for a new executive director has borne fruit. Pray for the rapidly growing church in this country.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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July 28, 2019

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

## Focus Statement:

*God cares for the birds and flowers.*

*How much more then does God care for us? Strive for God's righteousness and other things will be taken care of.*

\* Gathering Hymn "This is my Father's world" HWB #154

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Leader: God of plenty,*

North: who has walked with us through our week of worry and hope,

**All: be to us all that we can ask or imagine,**

South: that we may be still and know that you are God: trustworthy, all-sufficient, and enough.

**All: In the name of Jesus, who gave that we might live, Amen.**

Children's Time Bonnie Brewer

Children's Song "I am the church"

Scripture Readings *Matt 6:25-34, I Tim 6:6-10, 17-19*

Sermon "Lessons from the birds and flowers" Rosie Epp

\* Response Hymn "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" HWB #324

Offering *Mennonite Church USA* Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns Ray Reimer

Prayer, beginning with confession *Insert*

\* Sending Song “We are often tossed and driv’n” SS #72  
\* Benediction and Postlude  
*\*Please stand if you are able*

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Greeter(s): Ann Schowengerdt  
Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer  
Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

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**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 be at Rocky Mountain Menn. Camp (Divide, CO) on vacation, returning late Sat. For pastoral care this week, please contact the deacons (Annette Voth, Ann Schowengerdt, Karen Andres).

**Weekly Creation Care exercise suggestion:** Ponder what places in nature give you the greatest sense of peace and comfort? Why?

### *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. 11, 10:45 A.M.: **Zion hymn sing** during worship. Please return the questionnaires identifying your favorite hymns that were recently placed in your mailbox to Karen Andres *by Aug. 7*, so she can prepare.

Aug. 11, 5:30 P.M.: Children’s teachers please mark your calendars for a **Teacher Appreciation Meal** at the church on this evening for all Sunday School and Wednesday evening teachers. This will also be a time for sharing and reviewing Safe Sanctuaries.

Aug. 18: NOON: **Wedding shower** for Matt/Megan and Andrew/April! The congregation is invited to a joint grocery shower for the newlyweds following church. Please help provide a potluck meal of main dishes, salads, and sides. The Overflow Class will be responsible for dessert (a sundae bar).

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—another potluck lunch.

### *Other Organizations*

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.

Aug. 3, 6:30 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.

Aug. 8, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold a **retirement planning workshop** at its North Newton, covering when to begin taking Social Security benefits, risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. Those interested in attending can register by contacting 316-283-3800; 877-467-7294 or <michelle.ramer@everence.com>.

Aug. 11, 5:45 P.M.: We're having our annual **Camp Sing celebration** of a stunning summer of Camp Mennoscah youth camps at Hoffnungsau Menn. Ch. (rural Inman). We'll start with a storytime from 5:45 P.M.–6:05 P.M., followed by joyous singing at 6:30 P.M. After joyfully worshipping, we'll share in popcorn, pop and conversation. All are invited, whatever your age or skill!

Aug. 15, NOON: **MCC Lunch & Learn:** Come hear from participants who recently went on the MCC South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour share about their experiences. Lunch is served at noon; the presentation starts shortly after. A suggested donation of \$10 is welcome to help cover the cost of lunch. Please RSVP by Aug. 12 to <patsydirksen@mcc.org> or 316.283.2720.

Sept. 7, 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M.: Tabor College is offering a **Worship Arts Seminar** featuring "Presence Worship." Registration (including admission to the *For All Seasons* evening concert is \$25/person or \$125/group. Register online at <tabor.edu/WorshipArtsSeminar>.

**Opening:** The Central KS Community Foundation (which alerts us to various available grants which have utilized) is searching for a new *Program Officer*. For the job description and application instructions, see <<https://centralkansascf.org/job-openings/>>.

**The 2019 issue of *Mennonite Life*,** Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at <[ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu)>, with articles and reviews by Brad Born, Sarah Balzer, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Mark Jantzen, Donald Kraybill, Alec Loganbill, Jacob Miller, Weldon Schloneger, Keith Sprunger and Melanie Zuercher.

## ***Prayer of Confession and opening Prayer for the World***

From *Leader* (Summer, 2013) and *Words for Worship 1*, #191

*Leader: God of all creation, who gives us more than enough food,  
more than enough water, more than enough to sustain our  
lives,*

North: free us from fears that lead us to believe there will never be  
enough of what we need.

South: Give us courage to make changes when you call us to new  
patterns of living,

***ALL: that we may grow in generous hospitality with all you have  
blessed us with.***

***Liberate us, free Spirit,***

***from all within us that holds us captive.***

***Call us into freedom:***

N: freedom to be and become and belong;

S: freedom to stand and admit we were wrong;

N: freedom to see and to say what we know;

S: freedom to fail and freedom to grow;

N: freedom to feel and be grateful for feeling;

S: freedom to heal and to help with our healing;

N: freedom to laugh and freedom to cry;

S: and perhaps above all, the freedom to try.

***ALL: Free us, liberating Spirit, from all around us that holds us  
captive.***

***Give us freedom for you to be you and me to be me.***

***Come, Spirit of freedom. Come, set us free.***