

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 6 visitors):	80
Offering: Camp Mennoscah	\$766
Aug. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$3,471

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Potluck/grocery shower for newlywed couples	NOON, Aug. 18
Mowing church + parsonage: Randy Preheim	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Don Regier and Ray Reimer	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): John and Reinhild Janzen	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Ray Reimer	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Carol / Carol / Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Mission Network	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Joint SS gathering re women in ministry	9:45 A.M., Aug. 25
40 th ordination anniversary worship celebration	10:45 A.M., Aug. 25
Taco bar lunch ; sharing afterward	NOON, Aug. 25
Outdoor worship on parsonage back lawn	10:45 A.M., Sept. 1
Grief Support Group meets	4 P.M., Sept. 1
WDC Women & Girls Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah	Sept. 6-8
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Sept. 9
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Sept. 9
Food & Thought meets @ J&L Friesen's	12:30 P.M., Sept. 15
Doug Miller, guest speaker	10:45 A.M., Sept. 22
Zion hot dog roast	6 P.M., Sept. 25

Pray This Week for...

- Silas and Edna Stucky, unable to worship with us regularly. Next Mon. (Sept. 26) will be their 71st wedding anniversary.
- the WDC Resource Library and the materials it offers for teachers, mentors, youth sponsors and pastors as they nurture faith formation in their churches as a new school begins.
- Laura Schlabach, who has served as interim executive director for JCS in Mongolia for the past year. Pray for Elisabeth Mensert who assumed executive responsibilities on July 1 and for Laura as she returns to former roles in the country where she has worked since 1993.

Zion Mennonite Church

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August 18, 2019

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

Focus Statement:

*All the earth should praise the name of the Lord,
for God commanded and all were created.*

God is exalted above all things & yet extends help to the faithful.

* Gathering Hymn "Earth and all stars" HWB #47
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude
Call to Worship From *Leader* (Summer, 2013)

Leader: God of all creation,

North: who set the smallest microbe and the largest planet into their places,

All: release our joyful, noisy song of praise

South: that we may join with all creation in one huge choir of uninhibited praise and worship to the one who makes all life possible.

*All: In the name of Jesus, in whom all things hold together,
Amen.*

Children's Time Ann Schowengerdt

* Hymn "All creatures of our God and King" HWB #48, vss. 1-4

Scripture Reading *Psalm 148*

Sermon "All praise" Ray Reimer

* Response Hymn "When long before time" SJ #25

Bible Presentation to newlywed couples Rosie Epp

Offering *Support of Lara Scott's MVS service term*
Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns	Rosie Epp
Prayer, beginning with unison confession	SJ #141
* Sending Song "I will stand in the congregation"	SS #113
* Benediction and Postlude	
<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>	

Greeter(s): Ben and Halie Duerksen family
Worship Leader(s): Ann Schowengerdt Musician(s): Kristyn Wedel
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 take a turn mowing the cemetery, and they'll be getting ready for next weekend!

Weekly Creation Care exercise suggestion: Read Prov. 8:27-31. Can you delight in creation?

Congregational Announcements

Aug. 18 offering: In our yearly offering schedule, this date is "open." The Deacons have proposed and Governing Council affirmed that we utilize it to begin raising support for the \$3,000 Lara Scott is expected to gather as she shortly begins a 1-year term with Mennonite Voluntary Service in Chicago. Stephanie Entz will be serving as Lara's advocate, assisting with additional fund-raising.

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 with a presentation on women in ministry by Dorothy Nickel Friesen during the SS hour (all adult SS classes, and older children's classes as invited), as well as a celebrative worship service with Michelle Armster preaching. We'll enjoy a taco bar lunch (please sign-up to bring an item), with more sharing following.

Sept. 1: As a conclusion to our summer series on creation care, we're planning **an outdoor worship service** (weather permitting). Plan on bringing lawn chairs, as we enjoy nature under shade trees in the back yard of the parsonage.

Thank you!... to all who contributed to the **MCC Immigration Detainee Care Kits**. Zion had 12 complete kits plus some extra supplies and \$200 to take to the MCC material resource center in North Newton. One item at a time makes a difference and men and women released from immigration detention will be extremely grateful for some new clothes and hygiene items.

Other Organizations

Aug. 18, 1:30-4:30 P.M.: **Opening reception** for Kauffman Museum's award-winning "K is for Kansas: An Exhibit Exploring Kansas from A to Z." This is a come-and-go event, with introductory remarks at 2 and 3:30 P.M., refreshments and "Kansas lawn games" inside the museum. "K is for Kansas" is at the museum through Feb. 2, 2020; see <kauffman.bethelks.edu> or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page.

Aug. 23, 8:30-11:30 A.M.: One of Southern Hills Menn. Ch.'s outreach ministries in Topeka is active membership in an interfaith ministry called JUMP (Justice and Unity Ministry Project). This year their focus is an effort to **reform Payday Loan regulations** in state statutes. The group will gather in Topeka at Grace Episcopal Ch. (701 SW. 8th, Topeka) to discuss and formulate advocacy strategies. Individuals from Mennonite congregations across KS are invited. For details, communicate with <dougpen@sbcbglobal.net> or <topeka.jump@gmail.com>.

Aug. 24, 7-9 P.M.: You're invited to *Just Desserts, Offender/Victim Ministries'* summer fundraiser. Join us at Carriage Factory Art Gallery park (128 E 6th St, Newton) for an evening of sweet treats, live music, and good company. Come meet current volunteers and learn more about OVM's work in our community. Tickets available online or through our office. Call (316) 283-2038 or visit our Facebook page for more information. <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/just-desserts-tickets-64393594976>>.

Aug. 25, 10 A.M., etc.: Tabor Menn. Ch. (rural Newton), will celebrate the **dedication of their new Fellowship Hall**. Worship begins at 10 A.M. followed by a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join the celebration! Additionally, Tabor invites everyone to join us at our church park in the evening for our **annual MennoGrass event**. Supper is provided and will be served beginning at 5:30 P.M. Music by Hopeful Blues and the Flannelbacks will begin around 6. If possible, bring table service and lawn chairs. We hope to see you there!

Aug. 25, 5 P.M.: First Menn. Ch. (427 W. 4th St, Halstead) will **celebrate the ordination** of Pastor Steve Wilcox. Pastor Wilmer Harder will be the guest speaker and the choir and bell choir will provide special music. A meal will follow in the fellowship hall beginning at 6 P.M. All are welcome.

Aug. 25, 6:30 P.M.: Come celebrate **God's action through Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission** at First Menn. Ch. (Newton). Enjoy pie and ice cream, and hear reports on ministries in Africa from Stan Graber, Chuck Regier and Rod Hollinger-Janzen. An offering to support such ministries will be received. RSVP at (574) 612-6091 or <rod@aimmintl.org>... or just show up!

Aug. 29, 7-8:30 P.M.: **Immigration Justice and You:** The WDC Immigration Task Force invites 1-2 people from each WDC congregation to share in an immigration networking event at the WDC offices. Share what your congregation is doing...and what do you wish you were doing. What kind of resources does your congregation want and need on this topic? If you are at a distance, contact Nancy Funk to receive a link to join via Zoom.

Aug. 31: **Family Fun Night** at Hoffnungsau Menn. Ch. (43 13th Ave., Inman, KS). A car show will begin at 5 P.M. Children will enjoy playing in free inflatables and with water games. A corn hole tournament will begin at 5:30 P.M. (register your 2-person team at 5 to play with a \$20 entry fee; half will be prizes and half will go to MCC's school kit project). Food trucks and booths will offer supper and snacks. Bring your lawn chairs at 8:30 P.M for a family-friendly movie projected on the outside big screen. Check Hoffnungsau Menn. Ch.'s Facebook page for more info.

Sept. 1-2: The theme for the **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah is "Living Peacefully!" Come enjoy fellowship, music, and worship. This retreat is for those affected by mental illness, and family and friends. Register at <campmennoscah.org>.

Sept. 4, 2-3 P.M.: You are invited to join MC USA staff in the Newton offices (718 N Main St, Newton) to hear Mennonite Mission Network International Service Workers, Mark and Mary Hurst, **share about their work** with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand, where they have served since 1990.

Sept. 6-8: Come join us at the **2019 Women & Girls Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah. Many activities available. The schedule and registration forms are available at <<http://mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/>> or on the bulletin board. Tammy Duvenal Unruh, debate/forensics coach from Newton, KS will speak on the topic of being Fearless (II Tim. 1:7). This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Please register *by Aug. 26*.

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>.

Sept. 14: **Work & Play Day** at Camp Mennoscah! Join us for service, a simple lunch, and some free time in the afternoon (your choice). Please register online at <campmennoscah.org> or call us at 620-297-3290!

Sept. 21: The **annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride**, originating at the MCC offices in North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for a water development project in Nigeria. Rides of app. 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. A brochure is available on the bulletin (make copies as needed); or see <mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride>. Both bikers and contributors are needed! If you wish to contribute to this project, make your check payable to MCC; write "Flatlander Bike Ride" on the memo line; and send it to: MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.