

## *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship attendance</b> (including 2 visitors):	84
<b>Offering:</b> <i>Support of MVS term</i>	\$1,980
Aug. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$5,021

## *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Joint SS gathering</b> re women in ministry	9:45 A.M., Aug. 25
40 <sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary <b>worship</b> celebration	10:45 A.M., Aug. 25
Taco bar <b>lunch</b> ; sharing afterward	NOON, Aug. 25
Mowing church + parsonage: Virgil Epp	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Lillian Wedel	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Rosie Epp	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

## *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

<b>Outdoor worship</b> on parsonage back lawn	10:45 A.M., Sept. 1
<b>Grief Support Group</b> meets	4 P.M., Sept. 1
<b>WDC Women &amp; Girls Retreat</b> @ Camp Mennoscah	Sept. 6-8
<b>Deacons</b> meet	9 A.M., Sept. 9
<b>Governing Council</b> meets	7 P.M., Sept. 9
<b>Food &amp; Thought</b> meets @ J&L Friesen's	12:30 P.M., Sept. 15
Doug Miller, <b>guest speaker</b>	10:45 A.M., Sept. 22
Zion <b>hot dog roast</b>	6 P.M., Sept. 25

## *Pray This Week for...*

- Lorena Klassen, unable to worship with us regularly; she'll soon have an outpatient procedure to improve circulation in a leg.
- sister WDC congregations: Tabor Menn. Ch. congregation as they dedicate a new fellowship hall today, and for pastor Stephen Wilcox at First Menn. Ch. (Halstead), as they celebrate his ordination this afternoon.
- Benin, where post-election violence has killed more than a dozen people. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for peace and for the well-being of all citizens as the economy worsens. Pray also for Mission Network partners—Benin Bible Institute, Bethesda Hospital, and La Casa Grande children's village.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*August 25, 2019*

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

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Rosie Epp's Ordination

\* Gathering Hymn "Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah" HWB #50

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*unison*)

From LAMC order of service, Aug. 26, 1979

We gather in the name of Jesus

and we think that is all to being the church.

But the church is much, much more.

It is a holy community.

It is a place where people walk as sisters and brothers.

There may be differences of belief, but the differences  
should not divide, for division breaks down the holy  
community.

It destroys the ministry of Jesus.

The church is not a building, for the church

is where the members are carrying on their ministry.

The church is more than people,

for its strength arises through faithful living.

The church gathers to celebrate the possibility of new life,  
but then it scatters into all the world to work and serve.

If we only practice the church on Sunday morning,  
it becomes corrupt, destructive, and only a club.

It is in service done of others,

that brings the reason for the church to be.

Scripture Reading *Ps. 139:1-18* Makayla Klingenberg and Abi Entz

Children's Time Rosie Epp and Rachel Reimer-Kouame

\* Hymn "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song" SJ #14

Scripture Readings *Jer. 1:4-10, 2 Tim. 1:3-7*

Sermon Michelle Armster

\* Response Hymn "Praise God from whom" HWB #118

Commissioning of Lara Scott for MVS service term HWB #796

Offering *Mennonite Mission Network*

Offertory "The mountain of God" Renee Reimer  
-Phil Campbell-Enns

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer

\* Sending Song "The Lord bless you and keep you" SJ #76

\* Benediction *Eph. 3:17ff* Rosie Epp

Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): John and Reinhild Janzen Worship Leader(s): Ray Reimer

Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg and Renee Reimer

Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

**We welcome** all who have gathered for worship this morning, including family members of Rosie, and friends from congregations where she has served previously. Special thanks are offered to Dorothy Nickel Friesen, retired Western District Conference Minister, for offering reflections during the Sunday School hour on the history of women in ministry; and to Michelle Armster, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee—Central States, for preaching this day. All are invited to linger for the taco bar luncheon at noon, and sharing which will follow.

**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 chairs a WDC Executive Comm. meeting Tue. evening.

### *Congregational Announcements*

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.

### *Other Organizations*

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. 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. There will be inflatables and water games for children. 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 lawn chairs at 8:30 P.M for an outdoor family-friendly movie. See Hoffnungsau'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, 10 A.M.: **New Storage Building Dedication.** It’s not every day that MCC gets a new building! Please join us as we give thanks for the generous gifts that made the building possible and to bless the ongoing work at MCC via dedicated volunteers. A warehouse may seem boring, but it’s an essential part of making MCC’s work happen around the world. Donuts and coffee will be served. Questions? Please call 316.283.2720.

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, 9-11:30 A.M.: Everence® will hold an all-inclusive **retirement planning workshop** at its North Newton office. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. Reserve your spot soon by contacting 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <michelle.ramer@everence.com>.

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](http://tabor.edu/WorshipArtsSeminar)>.

Sept. 8-22: The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel College will be organizing a **series of free public events** on campus and in the Newton community, in connection with the 2019 Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. Activities include film screenings, “swords into plowshares” demonstrations by Colorado Springs-based RawTools, and a lecture by Palwasha Kakar. See <[kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org)> or call 316-284-5217 for more info.

Sept. 8, 3 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series**, *Lost Angels: Skid Row is My Home*, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back follows with James Wilson, director of New Hope Shelter (Newton), and a member of the Wichita Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Team.

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

Sept. 14: **Thresher Golf Classic** at Sand Creek Station, (Newton), to support Bethel College. Register *by Sept. 6*. Details posted.

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](http://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.

Sept. 27-28: **Comforter Mini Blitz** at MCC in North Newton! If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter! Come and join in the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event. Bring your friends and family! Before you know it, you’ll have helped to spread warmth and love around the world to people in situations far out of their control. Hours for the event are Fri., Sept. 27, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Sat., Sept. 28, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Find out more at [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz). Questions, contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316.283.2720.