

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 20 visitors):	100
Offering: <i>Mennonite Mission Network</i>	\$...
Aug. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$...

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

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

Mowing church + parsonage: Mike Scott	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Klingenberg / Duerksen	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Josh and Kristy Andres family	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Lois Friesen	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Annette / Annette / Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite College(s) (donor specification)	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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
Wednesday night programs resume	Oct. 2
Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	during wk of Oct. 2-8
Worldwide Communion observance	Oct. 6
BC Fall Festival	Oct. 12

Pray This Week for...

- Ruth Andres, unable to worship with us regularly; today is the anniversary of her wedding with Ronald in 1947.
- all who gather at the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, and give thanks for women and girls who lead in so many creative ways in WDC congregations.
- Ruben Fellmann, Carissa Mast, Delia Mielke, and Cindy Headings (unit leader), who make up Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs. Pray for them as they work with people with disabilities, families in homeless situations, and affordable housing organizations.

Zion Mennonite Church

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September 1, 2019

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

Focus Statement:

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
This worship service completes our Creation Care series.
Trust that it has connected you anew to God's world
and that it has made you aware of our call
to be caretakers of all that God has made.
May we carry on the work of healing and hope
as we live in right relationships with people and the world,
being respectful to one another and all that is around us.*

* Gathering Hymn "I sing the mighty power of God" HWB #46
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Call to Worship HWB #684

Scripture Reading *Psalm 24:1-2*
Hymn "All things bright and beautiful" HWB #156
Reflection Time: *stop and notice the creation around you...
the sun and wind, the trees and plants...*

Prayer of Confession Friesen, *for the Beauty of the Earth*, 58-59

Leader: O God, who called all life into being,

People: the earth, sea and sky are yours.

L: Your presence is all around us;

P: every atom if full of your energy.

L: Your spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;

P: with her we yearn for justice to be done,

L: for creation to be freed from bondage,

P: for the hungry to be fed,

L: for captives to be released,

All: for your kingdom of peace to come on earth! Amen.

Psalm of Praise Shelly, *Let All Within Us Praise*, #6 3rd/4th grade SS class
Hymn "From all that dwell below the skies" HWB #49

Prayer of Reconciliation Friesen, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, 59

Leader: Creating God, we join with the earth and with each other,

People: to bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air.

L: We join with the earth and with each other,

P: to renew the forests, to care for the plants, to protect the creatures.

L: We join with the earth and with each other,

P: to celebrate the seas, to rejoice in the sunlight, to sing the song of the stars.

L: We join with the earth and with each other,

P: to recreate the human community, to promote justice and peace, to remember our children.

L: We join with the earth and with each other.

All: We join together as the many and diverse expressions of one loving God, for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life. Amen.

Creation walk: *Stroll—mainly in silence, alone or pairs—around the church grounds for 7 or 8 minutes. Pause to observe a plant or animal or bird; seek to discover something new about it. Return to our gathering when the music begins...*

Hymn "For the beauty of the earth" HWB #89

Sharing insights / reflections from creation walks

Scripture Reading *Psalm 147:1-11*

Offering *Local Fund*

Offertory: *As the offering is received, ponder new ways in which you can take care of God's creation...*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns Rosie Epp

Prayer

* Sending Song "Sing praise to God who reigns" HWB #59

* Benediction

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Lillian Wedel

Worship Leader(s): Rosie Epp

Musician(s): Karen Andres

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 one of them will preach at the Wheat State worship on Wed. morning; they'll be at a Reimer family reunion Sat.

Congregational Announcements

Children's SS teachers for the fall quarter: Pre-preschool, Grant & Allie; Preschool & Kindergarten, Steph; 1st & 2nd grades, Lillian; 3rd & 4th grades, Kristy; 6th grade, Lisa. Thanks to all!

Thank you for celebrating with me. I'm grateful that I'm at Zion. The cards, flowers, comments and more were wonderful. —Rosie

Other Organizations

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 [still open!]*.

Sept. 7, 7 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.

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>.

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! Depending on weather, we’ll be painting the pool... but tasks for all skill levels and ages are available. 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. 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.

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

Sept. 21, 1-4 P.M.: First Menn. Ch. (McPherson) is offering **bierocks for sale**, available for pick up on this Saturday. Cost: \$30 per dozen / \$15 per half dozen. A portion of the proceeds goes to a local mission. *Preorder by Sept. 14:* phone 620-241-4040 or e-mail <firstmennonitemac@gmail.com>. Please leave your name, number ordered, and a contact phone number.

Sept. 22: Camp Mennoscah’s **Annual Meeting**. Self-guided activities available beginning at 2 P.M., with a BBQ chicken supper beginning at 5:30. After supper, staff will share about the past year, and campers will reflect on their camp experiences. Also, enter to win one of several Camp Mennoscah prizes! Please register online at <campmennoscah.org> to let us know you’re coming!

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. Questions, contact katemast@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

Sept. 27 (through): Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: “**In Bloom**,” ceramics by Natalie Brown; gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M.-5 P.M., SUN. 2-4 P.M.

Get involved with something BIG—record breaking BIG! Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating our 100th anniversary and attempting to collect 6,500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter *on Jan. 18, 2020* (mark your calendars now!). We’re looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community. Contact Kate Mast at 316.283.2720 or katemast@mcc.org for details, supplies and resources. It’s more than a warm blanket—it’s a message of love and compassion.