

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 4 visitors):	78
Offering: MCC – Meat Canning	\$3,222
Sept. receipts for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$21,907.56

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Worldwide Communion observance	Oct. 6
Grief Support Group meets	4 P.M., Oct. 6
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Oct. 8
Wed. evening activities	Oct. 9
5:45-6:30 P.M. Supper	
6:30-7:15 P.M. Children's Activities, Adult Choir practice	
7:15-8:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study	
BC Fall Festival	Oct. 12
Activity leaders / meal: Kristy + Bonnie / Kara + Lindsey	This Wed.
Mowing church + parsonage: Matt Wedel	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Lester & Delilah Wedel	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Josh Andres	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Holy No. / Holy No. / Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Spiritual Life Board meets	NOON, Oct. 13
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Oct. 14
Food & Thought meets @ Pam Lamborn's	12:30 P.M., Oct. 20
Zion work day (alt. date: Nov. 2)	9 A.M.–?, Oct. 26
Worship: BC Concert Choir, P. Goerzen preaches, potluck	Oct. 27
Newton-area churches @ MCC meat canner	Oct. 29-Nov. 1
Zion retreat @ Camp Mennoscab	Nov. 9-10
Zion's Harvest Mission Fest; potluck	Nov. 24

Pray This Week for...

- Lorena Klassen, remembering Pete's death 2 years ago yesterday.
- staff and students at Peace Academic Center (formerly Hopi Mission School) as they re-open this fall.
- Kate Widmer, preparing for ministry in France through Menn. Mission Network. Pray that she'll be guided by God's Spirit in language learning as she assists at Paris Menn. Center and serves at La Prairie Menn. Ch. in Montbéliard (Alsace region).

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 6, 2019: Worldwide Communion Sunday
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

* Gathering Hymn "Come, thou Almighty King" HWB #41
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship *Eccl. 2:18-23* Adapted by Josh Andres

Leader: When we despise our daily tasks,

People: God, forgive our hateful attitude.

L: When we worry about the fruits of our labor,

P: God, ease our restless spirit.

L: What do we have to show for all our labor under the sun?

All: God, only in You does life have meaning.

***Without you, nothing satisfies, but when we trust in You,
we find satisfaction and enjoyment.***

Children's Time Kristy Andres
* Hymn "When Jesus worked here on earth" SS #38

Scripture Reading *Ecclesiastes 2:18-23*
Sermon "Vexing toil" Ray Reimer
* Response Hymn "God is working his purpose out" HWB #638

Offering *Local Fund* Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Rosie Epp

Communion
Confession SS #172

Invitation and Prayer
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Blessing HWB #789

* Sending Song “I’m pressing on the upward way” SJ #96, vss. 1-2, 4

* Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Greeter(s): Jeremy and Steph Entz family

Musician(s): Karen Andres

Worship Leader(s): Josh 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 weekdays—Ray on Mon. & Fri. mornings by about 9 A.M., Rosie on Tue. mornings & Wed. afternoons; they’ll be visiting some afternoons. This week Tue. P.M. Rosie’s pastors’ cluster meets and Ray has a WDC Executive Comm. meeting; Ray may attend the Remington Area Minister’s gathering Thur. noon; both expect to participate in Bethel’s Fall Fest.

Congregational Announcements

Contact update: As Lisa noted last Sunday, Lara Scott’s contact information is: 2011 S. Loomis St., Chicago, IL 60608; (316) 281-5374; <laras1997@gmail.com>. Zion members are encouraged to stay in contact with Lara this coming year as she serves as a Pantry Assistant at Lakeview Pantry (<<https://www.lakeviewpantry.org>>) with Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS).

Creation Care Tip: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle. If you’re looking for a place to drop off your recyclables, try ProKansas Miller Recycling Center, 725 E Clark St, Wichita, KS. 67211; 316-269-1369. Hours: Tue. and Thur., 1-4 P.M.; Sat., 10 A.M.-4 P.M. For a list of acceptable recyclables and how to sort, see <prokansasrecycling.org>... or talk to Annette or Ann.

The **public library in El Dorado** has been lending a rotating selection of books to our Zion church library for a number of years. The original purpose was for outreach to the Elbing community, since there is no public library in town. We now are re-assessing the need for those books considering limited space in the library and access to the “Little Library” box outside. If you have been reading the El Dorado library books and would like to see this program continued, please talk to Jeanne Schmidt.

Nov. 24: We’re planning our **Zion Harvest Mission Fest** on this day to emphasize our connection with the centennial of Mennonite Central Committee. So... calling all Zion members who’ve *served with MCC* (whether 70 years ago or currently, as a regular volunteer at the North Newton resource center [this includes associated programs such as CPS, PAX, TAP, MCC-VS, etc.]): start thinking of how you might offer a 4-7 minute summary/presentation about your service, perhaps with pictures or video. Please chat with Pastor Ray, so he can compile an accurate list of alumni. Also—it would be appreciated if surviving family or friends would comment on the MCC service terms of deceased members.

Other Organizations

Oct. 6, 2 P.M.: **Removing the dam** (temporarily), with the chance of some preparations happening beforehand. Camp Mennoscah annually removes the boards of the dam in the fall. All are welcome to join in or to watch!

Oct. 7, 7-9 P.M.: Hesston College will host its annual **Cultures Fair** in the Hesston Menn. Ch. Community Center. The come-and-go event, which is free and open to the public, celebrates the campus’ diversity of cultures represented by international students from 27 countries, including U.S. territories, and features students showcasing their countries and cultures through displays and presentations, food, singing, dancing and more.

Oct. 10-13 (with most events on Sat., Oct. 12): **Fall Festival at Bethel College**; see <www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/> or Fall Fest 2019 on Facebook. Specific requests:

Pies Needed! Help support Bethel by donating pies for Bethel College Women’s Association’s Pie-By-The-Slice booth. Bring your pies to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center from 3:30-6:30 P.M., Fri., Oct. 11, or 8-11 A.M., Sat., Oct. 12. (no custard pies please). All proceeds go to Bethel.

Calling all Bethel College *Concert Choir alumni!* The Alumni Choir will again be meeting during Fall Festival on Oct. 12, rehearse from 10-11:30 A.M. and performing during the hymn sing at 2 P.M. Come join for great music with good friends! If you have questions, please contact <bradensunruh@gmail.com>.

Oct. 6, 3 P.M.: Bethel College **Wind Ensemble and Philharmonia Orchestra joint concert**, in Memorial Hall.

Oct. 10, 6-8 P.M.: **Artist reception** for Kathy Schroeder, “Read the Pictures: Notes from a Visual Learner,” in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College [NOTE different day of week than in past years, and change from some printed calendars].

Oct. 10, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold an informative **Medicare workshop** at its North Newton office. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Reserve your spot soon by contacting (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or <michelle.ramer@everence.com>.

Oct. 11, 11 A.M.-4 P.M.: **STEM Symposium** in Bethel College’s Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center featuring alumni Aimee Voth Siebert (speaking from 11-11:50 A.M.), Blake Johnson (2 P.M.), and Martin Ratcliffe (3 P.M.).

Oct. 11, 7:30 P.M.; Oct. 12, 3:30 P.M.; and Oct. 13, 2 P.M.: Bethel College Theater presents an immigrant story, *A Shayna Maidel* by Barbara Lebow, in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. Ticket purchase required.

Oct. 12, 7:30 A.M.: Kauffman Museum’s **monthly bird walk** will be on the *second* Sat. in Oct., to coincide with Bethel College’s Fall Festival. Meet in the museum parking lot.

Oct. 12, 1:30 P.M.: **Renae Stucky presentation**, “The Growth and Decline of the Alta Community: A Case Study of Dead and Dying Towns in Kansas,” in the Kauffman Museum auditorium.

Oct. 14-16: **Doctrine of Discovery training:** Oct. 14 (7-9 P.M.) at Bethel College Mem. Hall (public event); Oct. 15 and 16 (9 A.M.-5 P.M.) at MCC Central States office. MCC is committed to the ongoing work of education and awareness-raising to engage the legacy of colonialism and understand the intersecting history between Native people and European settlers. Registration: <https://mcc_us.formstack.com/forms/dod_training>.

The Mennonite, Inc., invites your **original submissions** for our December 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on “The unexpected.” <<https://themennonite.org/december-2019-call-submissions-unexpected/>>.

Oct. 18, 6 P.M.: The annual **Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner** will take place at First Menn. Ch. (Newton). A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano (chicken and meatless burritos available by request.) Dinner is by donation. A short program will follow with some words and greetings from Marco Güete, Director. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency’s Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquires contact: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Oct. 18, 7:30 P.M.: Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts presents the **Donald Sinta Quartet** in Mem Hall. Ticket purchase required.

Oct. 19, 5-7 P.M.: Hoffnungsau Menn. Ch.’s **annual mission supper** is just around the corner!—a traditional sausage meal with mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach and homemade pie. This year all proceeds will go to support Mobility Worldwide—an organization that provides Personal Energy Transportation (PET) carts to some of the world’s most vulnerable (Moundridge is home to one PET workshop). For more info, call (620) 585-6733 or visit Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church (43 - 13th Ave., Inman) on Facebook.

Oct. 23–Dec. 10: **Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible:** Join Safwat Marzouk, Ph.D., and Drew Strait, Ph.D., to study pertinent biblical passages and reflect on how these texts form practices of peace and justice today. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by *Oct. 18*. <ams.edu/shortcourses>.

Oct. 27-29: **Menno Simons Lectures** by Alain Epp Weaver, looking at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), which turns 100 in 2020, in a missiological context. Each evening at 7 P.M., as well as Mon. at 11 A.M.; all lectures in Bethel’s Krehbiel Auditorium.