

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors):	77
Offering: Local Fund	\$3,816.04
Oct. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$3,816.04

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Spiritual Life Board meets	NOON, Oct. 13
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Oct. 14
Women in Mission meets	1 P.M., Oct. 15
Wed. evening activities	Oct. 16
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

Activity leaders / meal: Steph + Deanna / Nadine + Laura + Gladys	This Wed.
Mowing church + parsonage: Thurman Entz	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Klingenberg / Duerksen	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Reynold & Deanna Entz	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Josh Andres	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Kristyn / Kristyn / Kristyn	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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 Mennoscah	Nov. 9-10
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Nov. 12
Zion's Harvest Mission Fest ; potluck	Nov. 24

Pray This Week for...

- Silas Stucky, unable to worship with us regularly. He'll be celebrating his 92nd birthday tomorrow.
- Lester Wedel, scheduled for a heart stent procedure this Wed.
- new Mennonite Church of Congo leaders officially begin their responsibilities this week. MMN requests prayer for Pastor Fidele Yongo, president; Pastor Martin Musukisa, vice president; and Charles Kazadi, general secretary; as they begin to serve the denomination in these new capacities.

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 13, 2019

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

* Gathering Hymn	"Praise with joy the world's Creator" SJ #16
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements	
Prelude	
Call to Worship	HWB #671
Children's Time	
* Hymn	"Dear Lord and Father of mankind" HWB #523
Scripture Reading	<i>Proverbs 1: 2-7, 20-33</i>
Sermon	"Embracing wisdom" Rosie Epp
* Response Hymn	"O God, who gives us life" HWB #483
Offering	<i>Western District Conference</i> Offertory
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer	Ray Reimer
* Sending Song	"Abide, O dearest Jesus" HWB #426
* Benediction and Postlude	
<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>	

Greeter(s): Lester & Delila Wedel Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg
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 Rosie offered her MCC-Ukraine presentation at Grace Hill this morning; they plan to attend a MEDA supper Tue. evening; Ray will be in Phoenix, AZ from Wed.-Sat. for MC USA Constituency Leaders Council meetings; and Rosie will be in Akron, PA Thur.-Sun. for MCC-US board meetings.

Congregational Announcements

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 or abroad [including programs such as CPS, PAX, TAP, MCC-VS, Trainees, etc.]): plan 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. 15, 7 P.M.: All are invited as **Parables**—a student worship ensemble from Goshen College—will share music, original drama and personal stories at Shalom Menn. Ch. (Newton). The concert is free of charge; a free-will offering will be taken to support the ensemble. More info posted.

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. 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>.

Oct. 18, 7 P.M.: Mennonite Ch. of the Servant (2401 N. Woodland, Wichita) invites you to a presentation by Dayle and Bill Toews on the **spring tour of the U.S.-Mexican border area**. For more info contact <patcam@southwind.net>.

Oct. 18, 7:30 P.M.: Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts presents the **Donald Sinta Quartet** in Mem Hall. Ticket purchase required (\$18-27) at 620-327-8105 or <https://my.hesston.edu/ICS/Alumni/Alumni_Home.jnz?portlet=Alumni_Information&screen=FormView&form=1db6ae7a-d79c-45f5-bbfe-8a7ff08e6382>.

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. 20, 5-7 P.M.: **BBQ & Bluegrass:** All are invited to First Menn. Ch. of Halstead’s Annual Hog Roast at the city park gazebo (3rd & Locust, Halstead). A pulled pork meal with fixings will be served and bluegrass music provided by Smokey Mountain Bluegrass Band. Cost will be by donation, with proceeds going to Offender Victim Ministries in Newton, and Mennonite Central Committee refugee relief/immigration welcome efforts. Bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the church at 4th and Santa Fe.

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*. <ambs.edu/shortcourses>.

Oct. 23-27: Hesston College Theatre will present **five performances of the play**, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* (rated PG-13) in the Keim Center Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be purchased in advance at the Hesston College Bookstore or at <hesston.edu/bookstore>.

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.

Oct. 28, 5-8 P.M.: 7th annual **Celebrity Servers** at Water's Edge Restaurant (701 S Main, Hesston), with all tips donated to Harvey Co. Circle of Hope. To reserve a table, contact 316-284-000 or <info@peaceconnections.org>.

Oct. 29-Nov. 1: The MCC **Mobile Meat Cannery** will be in North Newton soon, with Newton-area churches serving on the dates noted! Not sure what meat canning actually is? Check out this video for a quick intro: <<https://youtu.be/eAxo0moMz3M>>. People of all ages are encouraged help; there's a job for everyone!

Nov. 1-3 and 15-17: Plan ahead for Camp Mennoscah's two fall **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats**. These retreats are for any skill level, grades 3 through adult. Register now at <campmennoscah.org>, as the retreats are filling up fast!

Nov. 8-9: The Mennonite Disaster Service Region 3 **Annual Meeting** will be held at Faith Menn. Ch., Minneapolis, MN. An invitation with details and registration can be found at <<https://mds.mennonite.net/region-3-annual-meeting-2019/>>.

Nov. 8, 6 P.M. (with live auction beginning at 7 P.M.): **SafeHope Holiday Gala**, at the Meridian Center (Newton). Heavy hors d'oeuvres, with cash bar available. Suggested donation: \$40/person (with donations matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$40,000, through the "Bailey Challenge"). Please RSVP by *Oct. 30* at <safehope.net> or 316-284-6922. More info posted.

Nov. 11-14: Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for **summer staff positions** at Hesston, Tabor, Bethel, and McPherson Colleges. Come talk to us about a position for next summer!

Nov. 21-23: 5th biennial Bethel College **Worship & the Arts Symposium**, "Many Cultures, One Worship: A Foretaste of a Reconciled Heaven in a Broken World," with David M. Bailey and Urban Doxology of Richmond, Va. See <www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium> for more info and online registration; fee reduction when 3 or more members of one congregation register as a group.

Feb. 21-23, 2020: Save the date: Hesston College **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship (AVDS) Series** conference: "Living More with More, Redefining the Good Life." More info and registration in Dec. <<https://www.hesston.edu/events/avds/>>.

Volunteer with SWAP: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) is a program of MCC Great Lakes, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry and can now sign up for 2020. Please consider forming a group, large or small, to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more info go to <swap.mcc.org> or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has an **urgent need for volunteers** this fall, due to a rise in natural disasters. Weekly volunteers are especially needed to rebuild and restore homes in TX, SD, CA, and more. For more info or to serve please visit <mds.mennonite.net> or call 1-800-241-8111.