

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 3 visitors):	82
Offering: <i>Mennonite Mission Network</i>	\$446
Nov. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,198 needed)	\$4,452.60

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Zion's Harvest Mission Fest (SS + worship); potluck	Nov. 24
Thanksgiving Worship @ Wheat State Manor	7 P.M., Nov. 26
No Wed. evening activities this week	Nov. 27
Activity leaders / meal: [no activities this Wed.]	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Edwin Andres & Ann Schowengerdt	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Margaret Brewer	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Carol / Carol / Carol	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Co-Pastors' Advent open house	3-5 P.M., Dec. 1
Zion cong. mtg. for budget & elections	11:45 A.M., Dec. 8
Governing Council meets	c.12:15 P.M., Dec. 8
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Dec. 10
Material for 2019 Annual Report due to Becky Nickel	Dec. 13
Zion cong. mtg. for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 8, 2020
Food & Thought @ S&J Kauder's	12:30 P.M., Jan. 19

Pray This Week for...

- Martha Wedel, unable to worship with us regularly. This Thur. she celebrates her 87th birthday.
- discernment for our congregation and co-pastors Rosie and Ray as we move into a period of transition following Rosie's announcement last Sunday of upcoming retirement for herself.
- WDC congregations and leaders to sense God's peace and presence as we prepare for the season of Advent and enter the fullness of the holiday season.
- Marvin Lorenzana and his leadership of the Missional Discipleship Initiative under Mennonite Mission Network. More than 45 leaders in 8 "huddles" (learning groups) began training last month. Praise God for their willingness to reach out to share the good news about Jesus' love.

Zion Mennonite Church

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*November 24, 2019: Harvest Mission Festival:
Zion's connections with MCC's 100th anniversary
Combined Sunday School / Worship from 9:45 A.M.-11:45 A.M.*

* Gathering Hymn "God of grace and God of glory" HWB #366
Welcome, Introductions
Call to Worship SJ #122

Overview of the morning

Scripture *Galatians 6:10*

MCC in the 1920s and 1930s: service as relief

Video: "Do not close your ear"

Member presentations

Song "Now thank we all our God" HWB #86

MCC in the 1940s and 1950s: service as alternative to war

Member presentations

Scripture *Matthew 25:34-46*

Song "True evangelical faith" *Insert*

MCC in the 1960s and 1970s: service as transformative education

Member presentations

Reflection: *The More with Less Cookbook*

Song "Tú has venido a la orilla" HWB #229
vs. 1, Spanish; vss. 2-3, English

[*Break: visiting - snacks - view tables in overflow*]

Announcements

Children's Time *MCC Christmas bundles* Rosie Epp

MCC in the 1980s and 1990s: service as listening and presence

Member presentations

Offering *Offender Victim Ministries*

Offertory song "Hamba nathi" SJ #2

MCC in the 2000s and 2010s: service as accompanying,
 connecting, and mutual transformation
 Member presentations
 Others from Zion who've served with MCC
 Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
 Song "O God, our help in ages past" HWB #328
 Sharing Celebrations and Concerns
 Prayer Rosie Epp
 * Sung Benediction "Praise God from whom" HWB #118
 Postlude

Greeter(s): Russ & June Entz family Worship Leader(s): Co-Pastors
 Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg
 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 Pastor Ray will preach at the community Thanksgiving worship service at Wheat State Manor at 7 P.M. on Tue.; they'll also spend extra time with family this week.

Congregational Announcements

Zion members and friends are encouraged to collect **food for area Food Pantries** during November. Bring non-perishable foods such as rice, beans, pasta, sauce, mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, soup, canned vegetables or fruit. Monetary donations are welcome.

Nov. 24, 9:45 A.M.-1 P.M.: Our **Harvest Mission Fest** will emphasize Zion's connection with the centennial of Mennonite Central Committee, and include activities that will cross over the Sunday School and worship hours for adults and older children's classes. Following, all are invited to a potluck at noon.

Nov. 26, 7 P.M.: All are invited to the Wheat State Manor **Thanksgiving worship service** (Zion won't be having a separate service this year). Pastor Ray will be offering the meditation.

Children's SS teachers for the winter quarter: Pre-preschool, Ben & Halie; Preschool & Kindergarten, Nadine; 1st & 2nd grades, Ann; 3rd & 4th grades, Becky; 6th grade, Sharon W. Thanks to all!

It's time to renew our **church subscription to *The Mennonite***. If anyone is not receiving it and would like to—or receiving it and wishes to cancel—please let Jeanne Schmidt know *by Dec. 1*.

Dec. 1, 3-5 P.M.: Come to the home of Co-Pastors Rosie Epp and Ray Reimer (5 Jasper Court, North Newton) for an **Advent open house**. Come and go as you wish. Refreshments will be served. Please note that there are a minimum of four steps to any floor.

Dec. 8, c.11:45 A.M.: A **business meeting** has been called, starting immediately after worship. In addition to the annual consideration of budget and elections, a "sense of the congregation" ballot vote will discern the congregation's interest in Pastor Ray's ongoing leadership once Pastor Rosie retires.

Dec. 13: Reports for the Zion Menn. Ch. **Annual Report Book** are due *by this Friday*. Please email them to Becky Nickel, at <bnickel177@gmail.com>, preferably as a MSWord attachment. Questions? Please see Becky.

As board chairperson for **Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM)**, I'd like to thank my church community for designating an offering for OVM. I'm also grateful for M-2 volunteers and a volunteer bookkeeper from Zion. Your support is so very important to those impacted by conflict, trauma, crime and incarceration in our communities. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. —Becky Nickel

Donations are requested for Kara Klingenberg's upcoming medical mission project to the Dominican Republic. Examples include medical supplies, unexpired medications, or hygiene items. List of specific needs can be found on the bulletin board. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and will be used for prescription medications and specialty supplies for surgery. Thanks for your support!

Other Organizations

Nov. 24, 3 P.M.: Friends of the MLA program, “**Remembering the Vietnam War**” with Rachel Pannabecker (50th anniversary of Bethel’s participation in the Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam), at Kauffman Museum.

Dec. 1, 3 P.M.: The Treble Clef Club invites you to a **Christmas Vespers** at First Presbyterian Ch. (900 Columbus Ave., Newton). A free-will offering will benefit the Club’s Scholarship Fund.

Dec. 3—the first Tue. after Thanksgiving—has come to be designated as “**Giving Tuesday**.” Many organizations our congregation supports have appealed to us to support their ministries via this mechanism. Consider making additional year-end, deductible donations to such non-profit organizations.

Dec. 4, 11 A.M.: Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of **Handel’s Messiah**, with Bethel College instrumentalists, soloists & student conductors, Bethel College Menn. Ch.; scores provided.

Dec. 4, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Steel Drum Band Christmas concert**, in Mem Hall (NOTE: different from some calendars).

Dec. 6, 8 P.M.: **Christmas Gala jazz concert** with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I & II, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Fine Arts Center.

Dec. 6, 12:45 P.M.: Remington High School is hosting their annual **Senior Citizen Christmas luncheon**. Reservations are due by *Dec. 2*, and should include name, address, phone, and \$4/person. Please mail reservations to: Lola Coats, Remington High School, 8850 NW Meadowlark Rd., Whitewater, KS 67154; or call 316-799-2123 ext. 103.

Dec. 7: **All bakers and craft makers** are invited to make items for Bethel College’s part in 5 Places of Christmas! The BC Women’s Association will again be selling baked goods, and crafts and poinsettias. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed roll and cinnamon rolls are always a great seller. Please bring your items on Fri., Dec. 6 from 1:30-4:30 P.M. or on Sat. from 7-8 A.M. to Room 140 in the Fine Arts Center (behind the Box Office).

Dec. 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.

Dec. 7, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.: **Five Places of Christmas:** Kauffman Museum offers free admission (including the special exhibit “K is for Kansas”), refreshments, and sale items in the museum store. Bethel College Women’s Association will have holiday food and gift items for sale in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Dec. 7, 5-7 P.M.: Join us for our annual **German Dinner and Bake Sale** at First Menn. Ch. (1161 E. Ave. A, McPherson)! The menu will be verenika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, zwieback, and cherry moos for a free will donation. Baked goods will be priced.

Dec. 7, 7 P.M.: Hesston College Music and Theatre will present a **Christmas performance**, “Still, Small Voice,” in Hesston Menn. Ch. The concert is free and open to the public.

Dec. 8, 8 P.M.: 34th annual **Lighting of the Green**, Bethel College.

Dec. 12, 5-7 P.M.: Mark your calendars for the annual **MCC Christmas Soiree** at MCC in North Newton. Everyone is welcome to join us for snacks, fellowship and Christmas cheer!

Dec. 14, 2:30 P.M.: **Camp Mennoscah is hosting a gathering** for all who have volunteered (ever!). We’ll have cookies and snacky items, hot drinks, games, and whatever reasonable activity you can think of—it’s a time to enjoy camp and other camp folks.

Dec. 16, 11 A.M.: You are invited to join MC USA staff for “**Coffee and Conversation**” in the Newton offices (718 N Main St, Newton) to hear from Mennonite Mission Network International Service Worker, Deb Byler, share about the ministries in which she is involved with Kekchi Menn. women in Guatemala. A recent article on Deb’s ministry is available on-line: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/Spiritual-direction-in-Kekchi-context-brings-mutual-growth>.