

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship attendance</b> (including 3 visitors):	79
Dec. 24 eve (including many guests):	122
<b>Offering:</b> Dec. 22: SafeHope / Prairie View chaplaincy	\$432
Dec. 24: Harvest of Love	\$1,520
Dec. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed)	\$18,833.23
(includes \$5,000 contribution for cemetery fence)	

### *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**No Wed. evening activities** on New Years' Day Jan. 1, 2020

Activity leaders / meal: <i>None this week</i>	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Randy and Kathy Preheim	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Carol Klingenberg and family	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Kristyn / Kristyn / Kristyn	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

Epiphany <b>communion</b> ; "field trips" in P.M.	Jan. 5
Zion <b>cong. mtg.</b> for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 8
<b>Governing Council</b> meets following cong. mtg.	Jan. 8
<b>Gideon presentation</b> as part of worship	10:45 A.M., Jan. 12
<b>Deacons</b> meet	9 A.M., Jan. 14
Regular <b>Wed. evening activities</b> resume	Jan. 15
<b>Food &amp; Thought</b> @ S&J Kauder's	12:30 P.M., Jan. 19
Joint Zion/Grace Hill <b>Bible lectures/presentations</b>	Feb. 9

### *Pray This Week for...*

- Edna Stucky and Ed Andres, as they celebrate birthdays tomorrow: their 91<sup>st</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup>, respectively!
- God's joy and vision for WDC congregations, leaders, and staff as the New Year begins.
- praise to God that the government in Mongolia has renewed JCS International's registration for another two years. JCS is the consortium of mission agencies through which Mennonite Mission Network ministers in this country. Pray for God's light to brighten people's lives in this season of extreme cold and short days.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*December 29, 2019: The First Sunday of Christmas*  
*Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.*

\* Gathering Hymn "Infant holy, infant lowly" HWB #206  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements  
Prelude "Do you hear what I hear?" Alyssa Klingenberg

Call to Worship From *Leader* (Winter, 2019)

Leader: Oh God, our God, you cry out to us.

**People: Asking, when will you see that I love you, that I  
have shown you abundance, saved you with my  
presence, freed you from the powers of brokenness?**

L: When will we see that when bad things happen, you  
remain?

**All: God, what are we waiting for?**

Children's Time Joe Friesen and Margaret Brewer  
Lighting the Advent Wreath Russell and June Entz family

\* Hymn "Helpless and hungry" SS #26  
and "What child is this" HWB #215

Scripture Reading *Matthew 2:13-23*

Responsive Reading *based on Psalm 148* From *Leader* (Winter, 2019)

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**People: the sun, moon, and stars and all the angels praise  
the Lord!**

L: Praise the Lord from the earth;

**People: the mountains and the valleys, the creatures above  
and below; they all praise the Lord!**

L: Young and old, women and men, let us all praise the Lord.

***All: Let us all praise the Lord, for the Lord's name alone is exalted above all. The Lord God is faithful. Praise the Lord!***

Sermon "Immigrant family" Rosie Epp  
\* Response Hymn "O little town of Bethlehem" HWB #191

Offering *Mennonite Church USA*  
Offertory "Away in a manger" Lauren Klingenberg

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer, beginning with unison affirmation Ray Reimer  
**Praise be to you, O God! Let all that is within us rejoice and praise you, Lord, for you are goodness and mercy. Help us to move forward with this confidence, knowing that you reclaim and restore us. You give us life. Your love for us knows no bounds. Lord God, we put our trust in you as we walk the paths you have laid out for us.**

\* Sending Song "Oh, how joyfully" HWB #209  
Benediction  
Postlude "Jingle bells" Wyatt Klingenberg

Worship Leader(s): Margaret Brewer Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg  
Greeter(s): Kristyn Wedel  
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 they'll again spend extra time with family, and be planning for the new year.

### *Congregational Announcements*

**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 needs can be found on the bulletin board. Monetary donations are appreciated, to be used for prescription medications and specialty supplies for surgery. Thanks for your support!

Jan. 8, 2020: The Zion January **congregational meeting for reports and projects** will be held. Supper will be served beginning at 5:45 P.M. The boards will meet at 6:15, with the meeting following at 7, and a brief council meeting after that.

### *Other Organizations*

Jan. 4, 8:15 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.

Jan. 7, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host its popular workshop, ***Make Medicare an easy step***, at its North Newton office. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting 316-283-3800 or <michelle.ramer@everence.com>.

Jan. 9 or Feb. 11, both 6-7 P.M.: **Newton Et Cetera Shop** thanks you for your generous support in 2019! We invited you to SHOP, DONATE and VOLUNTEER, and YOU DID! With the help of 260 volunteers, we've sold over 500,000 items this year! If you'd like to join our volunteers, please attend an upcoming new volunteer orientation on a date noted above. We're currently seeking volunteers to help with costumes, greeting cards, holiday items and clerking. Blessings for the new year to you from Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors, volunteers and employees!

Jan. 31-Feb. 1: **Boots, Buckets and Barrows:** In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co. presents the original play "The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine," including a unique auction of buckets filled with baked goods and home items, along with "flash auctions" to fund the resources MDS needs to help rebuild communities ravaged by natural disaster. All proceeds benefit MDS: admission is free—but please come prepared to bid! Fri., Jan. 31, 7 P.M. at Hesston (KS) Menn. Ch. and Sat., Feb. 1, 7 P.M. at Journey Menn. Ch., South Hutchinson, KS. Sponsored by Kansas MDS Unit, Hesston College Disaster Management Program, and Journey Mennonite South Hutchinson.