

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors):	75
Offering: Dec. 29: Mennonite Church USA	\$441
Jan. 5: Local Fund	\$2,921
Jan. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed)	\$2,921

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Gideon presentation as part of worship	10:45 A.M., Jan. 12
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Jan. 14
Regular Wed. evening activities resume	Jan. 15
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: Carol + June / Allie + Halie	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Wes and Bonnie Brewer family	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Carol Klingenberg and family	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen; Adult Choir	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Food & Thought @ S&J Kauder's	12:30 P.M., Jan. 19
Zion game night	6 P.M., Jan. 19
Women in Mission meet	1-4 P.M., Jan. 20
Spiritual Life Board meets over supper	5:45 P.M., Feb. 5
Zion/Grace Hill winter Bible series	9:30 A.M., Feb. 9
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Feb. 10
Zion MCC fellowship meal , catered by A. Koehn	NOON, Mar. 1

Pray This Week for...

- Bernard Entz, celebrating his 68th birthday tomorrow—hopefully back at Presbyterian Manor, after a medical procedure at Newton Medical Center at the end of this last week.
- the Menn. Church USA Exec. Bd. is reviewing outcomes of the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group. See <<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-membership-guidelines-advisory-group-meeting/>>.
- Hong Kong, after in this sixth month of unrest. Mennonite Mission Network asks for prayer for the unity of all churches.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 12, 2020

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

* Gathering Hymn "O come, loud anthems let us sing" HWB #68
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Reinhild Janzen

Call to Worship From *Words for Worship* 1, #20

Leader: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forever.

People: For God has anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power,

L: to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the captives,

P: to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

L: At Jesus' baptism, God confirmed, "This is my Son, whom I love; with whom I am well pleased."

P: Let us praise God, that Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness, that we are buried with Christ in baptism, that we will be united with Christ in resurrection. Amen.

Children's Time Carol Klingenberg

* Hymn "Come, gracious Spirit" HWB #303

Scripture Reading *Matt. 3:13-17* Carol and Anna Klingenberg

Sermon "My beloved" Rosie Epp

* Response Hymn "I sing with exultation" HWB #438

Work of the Church: *Gideons' Report* Frank Duvanel

Offering *Wheat State Manor*

Offertory Reinhild Janzen

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer

Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “O Jesus, I have promised” HWB #447

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader(s): Carol Klingenberg and family

Greeter(s): David and Karen Andres

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 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 both plan to attend a WDC “#ChurchToo” gathering for credentialed leaders Thur. eve.

Congregational Announcements

Jan. 19, 6 P.M.: Zion **game night!** Bring snacks and games to share. Corn hole tournament for all ages sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or talk to Ed Klingenberg.

Jan. 20, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet to tie a quilt for MCC. Please bring a snack of your choice.

The Governing Council asks that Sunday School classes discuss the **1-year pastoral leadership plan** presented at the Jan. 8 Congregational Meeting where Pastor Ray would continue to serve our church in a shared capacity with Karen Andres after Pastor Rosie’s retirement (copies of the half-sheet handout sketching the plan are under the mailboxes). Notes from your discussion may be returned to Becky Nickel by Feb. 2, either on paper in Becky’s church mailbox or by email at <bnickel77@gmail.com>. Questions or comments from individuals are also invited and may be submitted in the same manner. Deacons, Church Council and Officers will take your comments and questions into consideration as they move toward a proposal for pastoral leadership which will be presented at a congregational meeting later this winter.

Feb. 9: Patty Shelly will be leading three sessions on “The Faith of Abraham in Three Traditions (Christianity, Judaism and Islam)” at the joint Zion/Grace Hill **winter Bible Series**. We’ll gather at Grace Hill Menn. Ch., with worship beginning at 9:30 A.M. At 10:30 A.M. our regular children’s Sunday School will occur (but at Grace Hill), with the adults joining for a second session with Patty. Then, after a luncheon together (details to be announced), we’ll have a third session.

Other Organizations

Jan. 12, 2-5 P.M.: Offender/Victim Ministries will hold its **Annual Meeting** at the MCC Center (121 E. 30th St., North Newton). The public is invited. In addition to a brief program and business meeting at 3 P.M., Valentine letter/card writing materials will be available. For more information, contact OVM, (316) 283-2038 or <info@offendervictimministries.org>.

Jan. 18, 9 A.M.-4 P.M.: Mennonite Central Committee’s **Great Winter Warm-Up**—challenging supporters to make 6,500 quilts in recognition of its 100th anniversary supporting people affected by conflict and disaster around the world—is occurring at multiple sites in central KS this day. Consider dropping in at First Menn. Ch. (Newton) to tie on a few!

Jan. 19, 7 P.M.: **Glen Guyton**, executive director of Mennonite Church USA will speak at Hesston Menn. Ch., both in the 10:30 A.M. worship service and at a free community building workshop at 7 P.M.; he’ll explore how diversity, equity and inclusion were at the heart of King’s work, and how such principles might be translated into a dream for the future that connects with founding principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Such an intersection can help us all grow, increase our productivity and expand the impact of the businesses, civic leaders, private organizations and residents of our region. Visit <www.hesston.edu/MLK> for more information.

Jan. 20, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.: Honor the legacy of Dr. King by participating in an **MLK Day of Service**. Visit Newton Community for Racial Justice Facebook page or <email newtoncrj@gmail.com> for service locations and sign up link.

Jan. 19, 7 P.M.: Hesston College artist-in-residence Tony Brown gives his MLK Day tribute to the 20th century civil rights activist Paul Robeson at Hesston Menn. Ch. **“I Go on Singing: Paul Robeson’s Life in Word and Song.”** The narrator for the show will be Victor Hogstrom of KPTS TV Wichita (PBS). Tickets are \$12 for all adults, available at the Hesston College Bookstore or at 620-327-8104, as well as at the door. Students college-age and younger are free. For more info, visit <www.hesston.edu/MLK>.

Jan. 20, 2-5 P.M.: All are invited to Memorial Hall for **Bethel College’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.** Activities start at 2 P.M. (or come and go as your schedule allows) with an informal time of snacks and mingling, followed by special music by the Bethel Worship Center band, and a step dance performance by the Junior People of Color (POC) Step Team from Leavenworth. Michelle Vann of Wichita, an author, teacher, speaker, radio show host, blogger and active church and community member, will speak at 3 P.M., and the afternoon will end with a reception. (*Note different place and time than previous years, and some previously published calendars/announcements.*)

Jan. 24-25: WDC Women in Mission in cooperation with Everence Financial will host a two-day conference **“Let’s Talk...Women, Money & Faith”** at Tabor Menn. Ch. (rural Newton). Featured speakers, Teresa Boshart Yoder and Rhoda Blough, from Everence Financial will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. Download registrations at <mennowdc.org/lets-talk-women-money-faith/>.

Jan. 25: Celebrate Kansas Day!: 11:30 A.M., program in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College; 1-4 P.M., activities, performances and demonstrations for all ages in and around Kauffman Museum.

Jan. 28: 4th annual **Soup Supper & Dessert Auction** to benefit Harvey County Circle of Hope, to be held at First Ch. of the Nazarene (1000 N. Main, Newton). Supper is from 5:30-6:15 P.M. and is by donation. Then a live dessert auction from 6:15-7:30 P.M. with delicious homemade goodies, followed by a time of fellowship and sharing from 7:30-8:00 P.M.

Jan. 31, 7 P.M.: Ted & Co., Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) and Hesston College are partnering for a unique fundraising opportunity called **Boots, Buckets and Barrows** at Hesston Menn. Ch. Ted & Co. will present *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine*, which is interrupted two times to auction off buckets of home-related items. Proceeds will benefit MDS and scholarships for Hesston’s Disaster Management Program.

Feb. 11, 6-7 P.M.: If you’d like to join our volunteers at the **Newton Et Cetera Shop**, please attend the new volunteer orientation. We’re currently seeking volunteers to help with costumes, greeting cards, holiday items and clerking.

Urgent call for volunteers in MDS Region 3: Work continues in Avant, OK repairing homes that were flooded last spring; please consider helping. The Oklahoma Unit has an opportunity for 4-5 volunteers per week for an estimated 12-15 weeks beginning immediately. This response can also use daily volunteers. There are accommodations to house volunteers or hookup for campers. Please call Jay Blough (405) 412-4414 or Bill Mast (405) 590-7747 for more information.

Feb. 21-23: Save the date! Hesston College’s annual Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) is pleased to partner with Everence Financial on the theme **“Living More with More: Redefining the Good Life.”** Presenters include Leonard Dow, stewardship and development specialist, and Colin Saxton, stewardship consultant and former general secretary of Friends United Meeting, and Hesston College Bible and ministry professor Michele Hershberger. The weekend’s content will have interest points for all life stages from high school-age youth to retirement, as well as group-focused content relatable to congregations and other organizations. Seminars will focus on understanding one’s personal history with money and resources, careers, hospitality, finances, generosity, trauma and economic injustice, health and wellness, and more. Registration is now open; please register *by Feb. 10*. See the full weekend schedule, conference rates and discounts for sponsor congregations/ conferences, weekend resources, etc. at <<https://www.hesston.edu/events/avds/>>.