

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 2 visitors):	80
Offering: Western District Conference	\$794.25
Jan. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed)	\$7,111

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Wed. evening activities	Jan. 29
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: Kristy + Halie / Carol	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Michael and Lisa Scott	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Annette Voth and Daryl Regier	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Grief Support Group meets	4 P.M., Feb. 2
Spiritual Life Board meets	5:45 P.M., Feb. 5
Zion/Grace Hill winter Bible series	9:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M., Feb. 9
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Feb. 10
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Feb. 11
Zion MCC fellowship meal , catered by A. Koehn	NOON, Mar. 1

Pray This Week for...

- the safe return of Abi Entz and Makayla Klingenberg (and their escort, Derek Klingenberg), returning later this evening from Middle School Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Menn. Camp.
- Laura (and Alden) Entz, grieving the death of Laura's sister Susan Driediger in Sask. on Jan. 17; an obituary is posted.
- Delila and Lester Wedel, this Sat. remembering the second anniversary of the death of their son LaVern.
- WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek God's guidance for future direction and leadership.
- Joanne Brandt as she teaches at Union Biblical Seminary in India this trimester, via Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for wisdom and grace as she adapts her teaching to a new context and as she builds relationships with faculty, staff and students.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 26, 2020

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

* Gathering Hymn	"Holy God, we praise thy name"	HWB #121
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Prelude		
Call to Worship		SJ #120
Children's Time		Kara Klingenberg
* Hymn	"Blest are they"	SJ #94
Scripture Reading	<i>Matt. 5:1-12</i>	HWB #834
Sermon	"Wonderful news"	Rosie Epp
* Response Hymn	"Dona nobis pacem"	HWB #346
Work of the Church	<i>MCC video (re thrift stores)</i>	
Offering	<i>Mennonite Central Committee – Sale expenses</i>	
Offertory		
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer		Ray Reimer
* Sending Song	"Now go in peace"	SJ #74
Benediction		
Postlude		

Worship Leader(s): Carol and Vern Klingenberg and family
Greeter(s): Ann Schowengerdt 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 Ray may go to a winter Bible series at Emmaus, with focus for pastors on Tue. morning.

Congregational Announcements

Last Wednesday evening, the children's Bible lesson was Mark 10:13-16; for the accompanying activity (called "**Heart-to-Heart Delivery**") the children placed a heart with their name on it randomly in hymnals in the sanctuary. Please inspect the hymnals near you this morning; if you find such a heart, please return it back to the child along with a short note or card written to the child. Feel free to put the note/card in their church mailbox, send it through the postal service, or give it to the child in person. If you have any questions contact Ann Schowengerdt or June Entz.

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. 2, 4 P.M.: The **Grief Support Group** meets again at Zion; new participants are welcome.

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 carry-in potluck luncheon together, we'll have a third session. In preparation, participants are encouraged to read the Abraham stories in Genesis 12-25; in addition, there are several books in our library about Christian/Muslim relationships.

Former member Lena Maxine (Klassen) Woolverton of Denton, TX (daughter of Oliver and Rosella [Friesen] Klassen), 68, died on Tue., Jan. 21, 2020 at home. She was born in Newton on Mar. 2, 1952, and baptized at Zion by Harold Graber on May 25, 1969. A Celebration of Life occurred on Jan. 25, 2020 at the Lewisville Church of Christ (Lewisville, TX). You may contact her sister Marjorie E. Snyder at (316) 655-8741. Obituary posted.

Other Organizations

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. Details posted.

Feb. 1, 8 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.

Feb. 9, 3 P.M.: KIPCOR **film series: *The Great White Hoax***, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College; talkback follows with Mark McCormick.

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.

SafeHope—the local shelter from abusive situations—**solicits volunteers** to assist in numerous ways. See the poster for details and contact information.

Feb. 11, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **organ recital series:** KU graduate students Mark Campbell and Edward Poston, featuring Kimberlynn Poston, soprano, in Ad. Building chapel. (This is a change in schedule; Shirley Sprunger King will play Apr. 17).

Before Feb. 14: Offender/Victim Ministries is again writing **notes of encouragement** to men incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. The notes are set to be delivered on Valentine's Day and with over 1,000 men incarcerated we are hoping to get as many letters as possible! See posted guidelines and suggestion; for more info, contact Becky Nickel.

Feb. 29, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.: **Christian ladies retreat** at Federated Ch. (Whitewater). Speakers, praise music, craft project and activities, snacks, lunch, drinks. See registration details posted.

Feb. 29, 7:30 P.M.: Join us for **We've Come This Far by Faith, an MCC Centennial Celebration** at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College (Hillsboro). We hope you'll join us in celebrating the past 100 years and at the same time help us look forward to the next 100 years of serving in the name of Christ around the world. More info can be found at <mcc.org/weve-come-far-faith> and to learn more about MCC's centennial, please visit <mcc.org/centennial>.

Mar. 2-4: **MCC Great Winter Warm-up:** Thank you to all who participated at one of the 22 events around the MCC Central States region earlier this month; we'll have the official tally by the end of the month. If you are looking for another opportunity to make comforters for MCC, save the dates noted for the Comforter Blitz in Yoder, KS. More information to come!

Mar. 7-14: There's still time to sign up to join the Mennonite Mission Network **Alumni & Friends Service-Learning Tour**, in which we will serve alongside our Service Adventure partners in Jackson, and our SOOP partners in Meridian and Mashulaville, MS. We will also be taking in Civil Rights experiences by hearing from an activist and going to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, as well as other sites. for more info, e-mail <AlumniTrip@MennoniteMission.net>.

Registration for all **2020 Camp Mennoscah retreats** is now available at <www.campmennoscah.org> (look for the Register Online link at the top of the page). Summer youth camp registration will open at the beginning of February.

June 4-14: Join an **MCC learning tour to Palestine and Israel!** This deeply impactful and informative trip is open for 14 people. On this trip you will meet Palestinian Christians, hear from Israelis and Palestinians about their current challenges and joys, deepen your faith, and be empowered to engage in education and advocacy on Palestine and Israel. Visit <mcc.org/events> for more info and to up for the trip.

Summer staff needed! Camp Mennoscah is looking for college-aged people to fill summer staff positions (lifeguard, nature, music, crafts, office) and someone 21-or-older to fill the new position of "director of support"—a summer-long position to assist the camp director, summer staff, program and support staff through management, coordination, and communication. Complete your application for any of these positions at <campmennoscahstaff.campbrainstaff.com>! Questions can be directed to olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

The first excerpt from Mennonite Church USA Archives' **oral history project**, which features interviews of young people between the ages of 24-40 within MC USA, is now available. In this excerpt, Dona Park asks, "How do we bring people who are on the outside inside?" and challenges leaders to intentionally encourage students from marginalized communities. Visit: <<http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/oral-history-project/>>.

Opening: Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full-time assistant for Program Human Resources. Responsibilities include supporting the work of the Care Coordinator and Personnel Counselors, along with managing details for worker orientation and seminars. Strong attention to details, ability to manage and track people and processes. Some travel required. See the position description at <www.MennoniteMission.net>. Send resumé to <StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net> for consideration.