

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>Worship attendance</b> (including no visitors):	86
<b>Offering:</b> Mennonite Central Committee—Sale expenses	\$1,191.50
Jan. receipts for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed)	\$8,161

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>Grief Support Group</b> meets	4 P.M., Feb. 2
<b>Spiritual Life Board</b> meets	5:45 P.M., Feb. 5
<b>Wed. evening activities</b>	Feb. 5
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: Allie + Bonnie / Becky	This Wed.
Greeter(s): (at Grace Hill)	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Pastors	Next Sun.
Musician(s): (at Grace Hill)/Adult Choir	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite College(s) (donor specification)	Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion/Grace Hill <b>winter Bible series</b>	9:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M., Feb. 9
Zion/Grace Hill <b>potluck @ Grace Hill</b>	c.NOON, Feb. 9
<b>Governing Council</b> meets	7 P.M., Feb. 10
<b>Deacons</b> meet	9 A.M., Feb. 11
Zion <b>MCC fellowship meal</b> , catered by A. Koehn	NOON, Mar. 1
Zion <b>ice skating party @ Wichita Ice Center</b>	1-4 P.M., Mar. 15
Zion <b>work night @ MCC Center/NNewton</b>	6-7:30 P.M., Apr. 6
Zion <b>retreat @ Camp Mennoscah</b>	Aug. 29-30

## Pray This Week for...

- those struggling with flu and viruses in our community and around the world.
- thanksgiving for the WDC Resource Library, and pray for God to nurture growth in faith and discipleship for all who use library resources.
- the Anabaptist youth in Burgos, Spain, as they prepare for their annual Origen conference with the guidance of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that God would use this year's event to touch lives needing healing and hope.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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February 2, 2020

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

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* Gathering Hymn “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”	HWB #70
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements	
Prelude	
Call to Worship	SS #150
Children's Time	Annette Voth
* Hymn “I long for your commandments”	HWB #543
Scripture Reading	<i>Matt. 5:17-20</i>
Sermon	“Exceeding righteousness” Ray Reimer
* Response Hymn “Come, thou fount”	HWB #521
Work of the Church	<i>Update on MVS term</i> Lara Scott
Offering	<i>Local Fund</i> Offertory
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns	
Prayer	Rosie Epp
* Sending Song “When we walk with the Lord”	HWB #544
Benediction and Postlude	

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Worship Leader(s): Annette Voth and Daryl Regier  
Greeter(s): Michael and Lisa Scott Musician(s): Kristyn Wedel  
Co-Pastors: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) and Rosie Epp (316-217-7338)

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**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 leads a WDC Executive Committee meeting Tue. morning.

## *Congregational Announcements*

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.

### *Thank You...*

...for your kind thoughts and prayers for us. It was difficult not to be able to be with family at Drake during this time of celebration for my sister Sue.

Thanks for the cards, prayers, phone calls and visits. These were all much appreciated.

—Laura and Alden Entz

## *Other Organizations*

A copy of *Mission Mosaic*—Mennonite Mission Network's yearly prayer directory—is available under the mailboxes for whomever is interested (another copy is in the library).

Mennonite Church USA is inviting everyone to **focus on climate justice** during the month of Feb. through its "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative. Discover how you can get involved at <[mennoniteusa.org/news/climate](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/climate)>.

Mennonite Church USA recently released the **report from the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group**, a 21-person volunteer group that was commissioned by the MC USA Executive Board to generate options for how to best discern the future of the Membership Guidelines. Read about it at: <<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/report-guidelines>>.

Feb. 7, 7:30 P.M.: Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts fourth concert of the 2019-20 season will feature **The Queen's Cartoonists** at Bethel College's Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with repertoire comprising music from classic cartoons and contemporary animation, in performances synchronized to video projections of the original films. Single tickets range from \$18 to \$27, with discounts available for senior citizens and students. Tickets can be purchased by calling 620-327-8104 or at the Hesston or Bethel stores during regular business hours.

Feb. 8, 8 A.M.: Kauffman Museum **bird walk** (moved from the first Saturday for Feb.): 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.

Feb. 10, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host a **Social Security and retirement income planning workshop** at its North Newton office. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <michelle.ramer@everence.com>.

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. 14, 7 P.M.: The group Sidewalk Prophets presents their only Kansas concert in their "**Smile Tour**" at the Shari Flaming Center of the Arts at Tabor College. Tickets are available at <www.sidewalkprophets.com>; infor at <boxoffice@tabor.edu> or (620) 947-3121 ext. 1401.

Feb. 23, 7 P.M.: The Bethel College Concert Choir and the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will unite for a **joint concert**, "How Firm a Foundation," at Alexanderwohl Menn. Ch. near Goessel. The choirs will perform individual selections from their respective repertoires, and will join together for other pieces, as well as being joined by members of the Alexanderwohl Menn. Ch. Chancel Choir. Admission to the concert is free. An offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

Feb. 28-Mar. 1; & Mar. 6-8: **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** at Camp Mennoscah; register online at <www.campmennoscah.org>. These retreats fill up fast—don't miss out on your chance to spend a weekend relaxing through cropping and crafting. Questions? Contact 620-297-3290 or <office@campmennoscah.org>.

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/>.

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>.

