

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors):	85
Offering: Local Fund	\$2,221
Feb. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed)	\$2,221

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Zion/Grace Hill Bible series + potluck @ G.Hill	9:30 A.M., Feb. 9
Governing Council meets	7 P.M., Feb. 10
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Feb. 11
Spiritual Life Board meets (rescheduled)	5:45 P.M., Feb. 12
Wed. evening activities	Feb. 12
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: Jeanne and Nadine / Kara	This Wed.
Greeter(s): Joe and Lois Friesen	Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Annette Voth and Daryl Regier	Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Camp Mennoscah	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	during wk of Feb. 19-25
Food & Thought @ J&R Janzen's	12:30 P.M., Feb. 23
MCC 100th anniversary celebration @ Tabor	7:30 P.M., Feb. 29
Zion MCC fellowship meal , catered by A. Koehn	NOON, Mar. 1
Zion ice skating party @ Wichita Ice Center	1-4 P.M., Mar. 15
Zion work night @ MCC Center/NNewton	6-7:30 P.M., Apr. 6
Zion retreat @ Camp Mennoscah	Aug. 29-30

Pray This Week for...

- the Andres family, grieving the death of Ruth (Wedel) Andres last Sun., Feb. 2; the funeral was in our church Feb. 7.
- WDC congregations struggling with conflict or painful situations, that God's Spirit of wisdom and healing sustains them.
- praise to God for Annelise Goldschmidt's three decades of service with Mennonite Mission Network, especially in Senegal for 15 years. Pray for her as she discerns what God is calling her to when she returns home to France.

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February 9, 2020: joint service at Grace Hill
Worship at 9:30 A.M. Sunday School at 10:30 A.M.

[Order of service distributed by Grace Hill]

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 attend a pastoral luncheon at Prairie View on Tue., and Ray will join Remington area ministers for lunch on Thur.

Congregational Announcements

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.

The **Everence Sharing Funds provided \$280** in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Reynold Entz serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

Copies of the **Rejoice! devotional** for Spring 2020 are available under the mailboxes.

Other Organizations

Youth Camp registration is now open at Camp Mennoscah! Go to <www.campmennoscah.org> and click on Register Online in the upper left corner. Only 100 spaces left at each camp! (That's almost all of them, but they'll fill up fast!). Questions? Call us at 620-297-3290 or email <office@campmennoscah.org>.

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. 10, 10 A.M.: You are invited to join MC USA staff at their offices (718 N Main St, Newton) for "**Coffee and Conversation**" with returning Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) International Service Workers Dan & Kathryn Smith Derksen. They are returning from serving in South Africa for the last 4 years with MMN's partner agency, Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency (SADRA).

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, 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.

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. 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).

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>; info at <boxoffice@tabor.edu> or (620) 947-3121 ext. 1401.

Feb. 20, 10 A.M. or 6:30 P.M.: Everence® Financial will host a workshop, **Maximizing giving through donor advised funds**, at their North Newton office. Attendees will learn about how a donor advised fund works, ways to increase your impact on causes you care about, how to minimize taxes and more. Reserve your spot by contacting <Darlene.buller@everence.com>, 316-283-3800, or 877-467-7294.

Feb. 21-23: Better understand your financial resources and philanthropy in terms of your goals and your faith for both you and the church at the 2020 **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS)** conference at Hesston College. In partnership with Everence Financial, weekend presentations will focus on understanding your personal history with money and resources, careers, hospitality, finances, generosity, trauma and economic injustice, health and wellness and more. Multiple registrants from the same congregation or organization receive a registration discount. Register by *Feb. 10* at <hesston.edu/avds>.

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. 22, 2 P.M.: Friends of the MLA program in Mantz Library lounge (ground floor) with Keith Sprunger, Bethel College professor emeritus of history, on “**Remembering Bethel in the Sixties: A Turning Point?**,” with light refreshments following.

Feb. 27, 7:30-9:00 P.M. ET: As part of its “Climate Justice: Learn, Pray, Join” initiative, Mennonite Church USA is providing a free webinar on “**Caring for climate: Beyond denial and despair.**” The panel discussion will explore ways we can help people navigate the myriad emotions they experience related to climate and how they can move from inaction to hopeful engagement. Register at: <<http://mennoniteusa.org/climatejustice/webinar/>>.

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?

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, 2:30 P.M.: The Mennonite Central Committee Central States board of directors will meet on Feb. 28-29 at MCC Center in North Newton. A brief **annual meeting** will take place at the time noted; you are welcome to attend.

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). Bid on silent auction items, grab a reproduction Mennonite Feeding Station sign from our limited supply and join us for a program celebrating MCC’s past 100 years, present and future! 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. 12, 6 P.M.: Mark your calendars for the Western District **Women in Mission Spring Supper** at Faith Menn. Ch. (Newton). Our guest speaker will be Patty Shelly, professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. Additional information coming soon!

Mar. 1, 4-6 P.M.: Everyone is invited to join us at Camp Mennoscah’s **Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction** at Tabor Menn. Ch. (rural Newton). Amazing desserts made by camp supporters will be auctioned off to raise funds to renovate our beloved amphitheater used for evening campfires. Bring your singing voices and open wallets!

Mar. 2-4: Everyone is welcome to join in making more comforters at the **MCC Comforter Blitz** in Yoder, KS; check out <mcc.org/comforter-blitz> for more info. Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who came together in January for MCC’s Great Winter Warm-up! Some events were delayed by weather, but it appears more than 9,500 comforters were collected—and that’s 3,000 more than our goal!