

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

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| Worship attendance (including 1 visitor): | 75 |
| Offering: Mennonite Mission Network | \$721 |
| Feb. receipts for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) | \$3,411 |
| Hymnal Fund | \$2,445 |

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| Zion MCC fellowship meal , catered by A. Koehn | NOON, Mar. 1 |
| Wed. evening activities | Mar. 4 |
| 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: Ann + Deanna / Lois | This Wed. |
| Greeter(s): Ralph and Jeanne Schmidt | Next Sun. |
| Worship Leader(s): Lisa Scott | Next Sun. |
| Musician(s): Holy No. / Holy No. / Karen / Adult Choir | Next Sun. |
| Offering: Deacons' Fund | Next Sun. |

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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| Governing Council meets | 7 P.M., Mar. 9 |
| Deacons meet | 9 A.M., Mar. 10 |
| Zion work day | 9 A.M.-?, Mar. 14 |
| Zion ice skating party @ Wichita Ice Center | 1-4 P.M., Mar. 15 |
| Special Zion cong. mtg. re pastoral transition | c.11:45 A.M., Mar. 29 |
| Spiritual Life Board meets | 5:45-6:30 P.M., Apr. 1 |
| Zion service night @ MCC Center/NNewton | 6-7:30 P.M., Apr. 6 |
| Easter breakfast potluck | 9 A.M., Apr. 12 |

Pray This Week for...

- blessings and supportive nurture for Ben and Halie, with the birth of Oliver Willis Duerksen at 1:53 P.M. last Sun. (Feb. 23, 2020). Weighing 8 lbs. and 20" long, everyone is doing well. The rosebud in our service today celebrates this occasion.
- WDC commissions as they meet to nurture leadership, church planting, resourcing and stewardship in the conference.
- Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and Mennonite Mission Network praising God for the success of the Congo Mennonite Literacy Project and the hope it gives to the 3,000 people (mostly women) who have learned to read; may they have resources.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 1, 2020: The First Sunday in Lent
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

* Gathering Hymn "Come, thou fount" HWB #521
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship From the 2019/2020 *Leader* resource

Leader: Eternal God, you call beloved daughters and sons.

People: We praise you for creating us and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.

L: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden.

P: We come to worship, acknowledging our vulnerabilities and temptations.

L: Eternal God, you are our hiding place, where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.

All: Thanks be to God for the radical grace offered to us through Jesus Christ.

Children's Time Margaret Brewer

* Hymn "Beauty for brokenness" SS #115

Scripture Reading *Matt. 6:1-18*

Sermon "Hiding our piety" Rosie Epp

Congregational recitation of the Lord's Prayer

* Response Hymn "Come and be light for our eyes" SJ #5

Work of the Church *MCC Winter Warmup video*

Offering *Local Fund* Offertory

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Responsive Confession

Leader: God calls to us, "Where are you?"

People: We, like Adam, hide in the garden, hoping God does not come looking for us.

Leader: God asks, “What have you done?”

People: We, like Eve, say, “the devil made me do it,” masking our shame.

Leader: Our choices have consequences and yet God’s grace abounds.

**People: I confess I have hidden and denied my sin.
When I refused to admit my wrongs, I was miserable;
even my bones felt brittle.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

...continued prayers of the community Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “The Lord lift you up” SJ #73
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader(s): Margaret Brewer

Greeter(s): Jim and Gladys Preheim

Musician(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 attend an Everence Stewardship Leaders Celebration (along with Zion’s Everence Advocates, Reynold and Deanna Entz); and one of them will preach at the Wed. morning worship at Wheat State Manor.

Congregational Announcements

A couple individuals will be **joining the membership of Zion congregation** later this spring; if others have interest in doing the same, please contact one of the pastors.

Mar. 15, 1-4 P.M.: The Outreach Board is sponsoring a Zion **Ice Skating Party** for all ages at the Wichita Ice Center (505 W Maple St, Wichita, KS 67213). Cost is \$7 per person, including admission and skate rental. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many people will be ice skating. Watching is free and you don’t need to sign up. Questions? Ed, Vern, Wes, Rosie or June.

Mar. 29, c.11:45 A.M.: The Governing Council has called for a **special Zion congregational meeting** to vote on the interim pastoral transition proposal for the next year. It is anticipated that a motion will be brought to call Ray Reimer (at 2/3 FTE) and Karen Andres (at 1/3 FTE) to carry out the duties of the existing pastoral job description, with the division of responsibilities as presented.

Apr. 6, 6-7:30 P.M.: **Zion service night** at the North Newton MCC Center. MCC is in need of dark colored bath towels and dark colored hand towels (no white towels). They will be used for Relief and Hygiene Kits. –Outreach Board

Thank You!—to Zion members who served at **New Hope Mission** during the week of Feb. 19-25; a report on New Hope’s activity during your rotation is posted on the bulletin board.

Other Organizations

Mar. 1, 4 P.M.: **Seeing Each Other’s Light**, a program of story and song that provides understanding of diverse people, cultures and faith traditions of the Wichita community, will be held at Emanuel Congregation Reform Synagogue (7011 E Central Ave., Wichita). The program features Hesston College students and internationally-acclaimed baritone Tony Brown, as well as other members of the Wichita community, including the Emanuel Klezmer band and congregation choir. The concert is free and open to the public. For more info, go to <www.hesston.edu>.

Mar. 1, 4-6 P.M.: Everyone is invited to join us at Camp Menno’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** at Journey Menn. Ch. at the Yoder Campus (one mile north of Yoder). Blitz times are Mon. and Tue., 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., and Wed., 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Check out <mcc.org/comforter-blitz> for more info.

Mar. 4-7, 7 P.M.: Hesston College Music and Theatre will present six performances of the **musical *Tuck Everlasting*** in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. There will be extra 2 P.M. showings on Mar. 7 and 8. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students. Seating is limited so advanced ticket purchase is encouraged at <hesston.edu/bookstore> or by calling 620-327-8105. *Tuck Everlasting* is family-friendly and rated G, but due to length is recommended for ages 7 and up.

Mar. 6-8: 2nd spring **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat** 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.

Mar. 7, 7:30 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.

Mar. 8, 7 P.M.: All are invited to “Prelude to Spring” concert of the **Newton Chorale** at Bethel College Menn. Ch. Directed by Renae Schmidt Peters, the concert is built around Alice Parker's “Heavenly Hurt: Songs of Love and Loss,” with additional pieces by Weelkes, Handel, Schumann, Paulus, Ramsay and Johnson.

Mar. 9, 7:30 P.M.: The Irish quintet *Goitse* will perform at Hesston Menn. Ch. as **Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts'** final concert of this season. Tickets can be purchased at <hesstonbethel.org>, by calling 620-327-8105 or at the Hesston or Bethel College Shops.

Mar. 10, 7 P.M.: **Artist talk** at the Administration Building chapel by Ayesha Durrani on her miniature paintings, followed by a **reception** for “Secrets of an Inner World,” at the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Mar. 10, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host its popular workshop, **Make Medicare an easy step**, at its North Newton office. 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 <michelle.ramer@everence.com> or 316-283-3800.

Mar. 11, 5:30-7 P.M.: The Youth Group of First Menn. Church (Newton) would like to invite you to a **Verenike supper**. The menu will include verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zweibach, cherry moos. Vegetarian/gluten free options available. Proceeds will go towards our summer trip in Harlan, KY under Serving With Appalachian People (S.W.A.P.).

Mar. 12-14, 7:30 P.M.: Bethel College **spring musical: *The Theory of Relativity*** by Neil Bartram and Brian Hill, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Tickets in Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, or at the door (subject to availability). Content warning: rated PG-13 for adult themes and language.

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, speaking on “My Journey Through Scripture.” Reservations required by calling Darlene at 316-323-9762 or emailing <westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com>. Cost is \$10/person and payable at the door.

Apr. 20-22: Refresh and renew at Camp Mennoscah's **Retirees Retreat!** All ages are invited to enjoy sessions on various topics, partake in coffee breaks and community, and join together in song and Bible study. Request a registration form at 620-297-3290.

July 5-9: Camp Mennoscah **needs a RN** for PreJunior II camp! Please contact <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org> or 620-297-3290 if you are interested. We are thrilled with the number of people who volunteer or work for a stipend during the summer.

Apr. 19, 26: Two shows are available for ***We Own This Now***, a Ted and Co. play, looking at what it means to “own” something like land: Apr. 19, 7 P.M., University Un. Meth. Ch. (2220 N Yale, Wichita); and Apr. 26, 4 P.M., Flaming Performing Arts Center (Tabor College, Hillsboro). Tickets: Adults \$20/students \$10 (or pay what you can). Get tickets at <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/UFxoCrkBgVt8LJ4Xf7z06J?domain=first-church-of-the-brethren.square.site> or through a sponsoring church. Questions? Contact Kathy Neufeld Dunn at 316-283-6300.