

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors):	76
Offering: Deacons' Fund	\$281
Mar. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed)	\$5,050

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Food and Thought meets @ J&R Janzen's 12:30 P.M., Mar. 15
~~**Zion ice skating party** has been cancelled~~ ~~Mar. 15~~

Women in Mission meet 1-4 P.M., Mar. 16

Wed. evening activities Mar. 18

No supper this week (Spring break)
6:30-7:15 P.M. No Children's Activities this week (spring break);
but Adult Choir *will* practice
7:15-8:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Activity leaders / meal: ... (Spring break) This Wed.
Greeter(s): Steven Kauder and Thurman Entz Next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Lisa Scott Next Sun.
Musician(s): Karen / Karen / Karen Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Chime Choir practice 6:30 P.M., Mar. 23
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
WDC Men and Boys Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Apr. 3-5
Receiving new members 10:45 A.M., Apr. 5
Zion service night @ MCC Center/NNewton 6-7:30 P.M., Apr. 6
Joint Maundy Thurs. service w Grace Hill @ Zion 7 P.M., Apr. 9
Easter breakfast potluck 9 A.M., Apr. 12
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Apr. 13
Deacons meet 9 A.M., Apr. 14

Pray This Week for...

- Silas Stucky, unable to worship with us regularly.
- WDC congregations in Dallas, TX, as they gather this coming Saturday for a joint worship service and fellowship.
- the next generation of teachers and administrators to respond to God's call at the Benin Bible Institute.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 15, 2020: The Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 10:45 A.M.

* Gathering Hymn "I sought the Lord" HWB #506
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude

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

Leader: Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!

People: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!

L: Come, you who are thirsty and can find no water in the desert.

P: We bring our questions, our complaints, to the Rock of our Salvation.

L: Come and see the One who speaks to us of living water.

P: Show us who you are and who we are, O Jesus.

All: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!

Children's Time Margaret Brewer
* Hymn "What does the Lord require" HWB #409

Scripture Reading *Matt. 7:1-6; Rom. 2:1-4*
Sermon "Practice what you judge" Rosie Epp
* Response Hymn "Lead me, Lord" HWB #538 (2x)

Offering *Western District Conference – Church Plant support*
Offertory

Work of the Church *MCC video re Cambodia*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, and we turn to many things we believe will satisfy us. In the silence of this moment we name those things.

...continued prayers of the community Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “The peace of the earth be with you” SJ #77 (2x)
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader(s): Margaret Brewer

Greeter(s): John and Reinhild Janzen

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’s pastor cluster (perhaps) meets Mon. afternoon; and Rosie will no longer be going to Winnipeg but will have on-line MCC US board mtgs Fri. & Sat.

Congregational Announcements

As **noted during announcements** on Mar. 8, attendees at Zion are encouraged to monitor their health and *stay home* should any symptoms appear. Until further notice we will no longer be shaking hands during greeting, after worship, while “passing the peace,” etc.; when we celebrate communion, it will be via individual cups. Furthermore, please place your offering in the single plate by the main sanctuary door (to avoid passing plates). At present it is left to parent’s discretion whether to have your children come forward during worship. Be advised that faith community leaders have been invited to meet with county health departments next week; there may be more changes coming. Pastors and deacons have been considering options.

Mar. 15: The Outreach Board has decided to cancel the Zion **Ice Skating Party** that had been scheduled for this date. They will attempt to reschedule at a later date, as there appeared to be significant interest.

Mar. 16, 1-4 P.M.: **Women in Mission** will meet to tie a quilt for MCC. Please bring a snack of your choice.

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

Other Organizations

Mar. 15: Final week to view “City of Hope: Resurrection City and the 1968 Poor People’s Campaign,” a **Smithsonian traveling exhibit** at Kauffman Museum *through Mar. 15*; hours Tues.-Fri., 9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M., Sat.-Sun. 1:30-4:30 P.M.

Mar. 22, c.2 P.M.: **Dam installation** at Camp Mennoscah! You’re invited to watch the process or to help (wear appropriate clothes for how you plan to participate and for what weather may occur). Watch the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page for any changes.

Mar. 24, 7 P.M.: Hesston College Bel Canto Singers perform their **spring break concert**, “Lift Our Voices Together,” at Hesston Menn. Ch. The concert features a cappella and accompanied works from Renaissance through contemporary composers with special music by soloists and small ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public, with an offering for tour expenses.

Apr. 1: The better **youth camp discount** ends Apr. 1! Get those registrations completed online for Camp Mennoscah’s summer youth camps and save \$10. Our theme this summer is “This Is Our Prayer.” You’ll explore the different ways Christians have prayed throughout history and have grown into the beloved community of God. Register online at <www.campmennoscah.org>!

Apr. 11, 5-8 P.M.: Any interested in attending a **Passover Seder** with a messianic perspective are invited to Whitewater Community Ch. Tickets are \$7.50/person, available at the church office; details posted.

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.

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.

May 25-29: Young Adults! Join MCC Central States in our first **Young Adult Immigration Learning Tour** to South Texas to raise awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, environment degradation, effects on habitat and sister communities near the Mexico/US border. Participants will increase their understanding of the social, economic, political and biblical/theological significance of migration, including advocacy tools to engage others on borderland issues. Grants available to participants with financial need. For registration or to inquire about a grant, please contact Abby Endashaw, <abbyendashaw@mcc.org>, 720-500-3413. *Final registration deadline is Apr. 1, 2020.*

Aug. 7-9: *Attention all MCC Alumni*—make plans now to join an **MCC alumni weekend** at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp! Bring your family for a relaxing weekend at camp, lots more information and a link to the camp registration is now available at mcc.org/alumni-gathering. For questions, please reach out to jordanpenner@mcc.org or 316-727-6837.