

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Offering: Zion Scholarship Fund \$105

June receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$3,759

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Zion summer **Business Meeting** on lawn 9:45 A.M., June 21
As we resume gathering, Zoom fellowship mtgs discontinue Wed.

Keyboardist(s): Karen Andres Next Sun.

Vocalist(s): Rosie Epp & Ray Reimer Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network Next Sun.

Mowing church & parsonage: David & Josh Andres Before next Sun.

Mowing cemetery: John Janzen & Ray Reimer Before next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Worship includes **farewell for Rosie Epp** June 28

Worship includes **installation of Karen Andres** July 5

Worship includes **meditation by Kathy Neufeld Dunn** July 5

Governing Council meets 7 P.M., July 13

Deacons meet 9 A.M., July 14

Zion **swim / picnic** @ East Lake c.4–6:30 P.M., July 26

Pray This Week for...

- Martha Wedel, unable to worship with us regularly.
- Pray for Camp Mennoscah and WDC congregations and members, as they make new kinds of connections this summer in the place of traditional camp experiences.
- The Mennonite Early Childhood Network reminds us to thank God for fathers who personify the love of God as they assume their role as teachers. Teaching God's way of love is built on loving, caring and trusting relationships through singing, storytelling and playing games. Teachable moments may come while engaging children in family projects that reach out to others or while caring for God's creation.
- On this Father's Day, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for fathers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one global family.

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June 21, 2020

Worship (on the lawn) at 10:45 A.M.

Gathering Song "This is my Father's world" HWB #154

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship Based on Ps 68

Leader: Come, rejoice in God's presence!

**People: For he is our God: a father to the fatherless,
and the defender of all who need protection;**

L: the One in whom the lonely find a home,
and the prisoner finds release.

P: Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation,

L: who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!

All: Let's worship God together!

Children's Time Rosie Epp

Scripture Reading *Proverbs 4:1-5*

Sermon "Is Dad your pal?" Ray Reimer

* Response Song "Dear Lord and Father of mankind" HWB #523

Offering Dedication: *Western District Conference*

Reception of New Members

Matt and Lindsey Regier, via transfer from Grace Hill

Kristy Andres, via reaffirmation of faith

Bonnie Brewer, "Friend" of the congregation status

Congregational Response HWB #794

People: We freely receive you, even as Christ has received us.

**We open ourselves to fellowship with you
in worship, study, service, and discipline.**

**We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel, to
offer & accept forgiveness in the redeemed community.**

**We joyfully accept you as partners, both in the care of our
spiritual family, and in our mission to the world.**

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer

Rosie Epp

* Sending Song “Take thou my hand, O Father”

HWB #581

Benediction

Vocalist(s): Bonnie & Wes Brewer family Musician(s): Carol Klingenberg
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 weekday mornings—Ray on Mon. & Fri. by about 9 A.M., Rosie on Tue.; they’ll be visiting some afternoons.

Congregational Announcements

A revised **Greeter Schedule** for June-Sept., 2020, is attached.

July 26: The Outreach Board is planning a **congregational swim / picnic** at Harvey County East Lake, at the beach near the west end of the dam. Arrive at 4 P.M. (or whenever you desire) for “socially-distanced swimming” and / or fellowship; we’ll plan on eating around 5:30 P.M. To try to promote safe hygiene we won’t have a potluck; bring your own sack lunch / family picnic meal. No shelter house is being reserved. If a pavilion is open, we’ll utilize that; otherwise, we’ll find some shade under a tree. Bring your swim suits and towels, lawn chairs or blankets, sunscreen, insect repellent, etc.

Sunday School: as communicated previously, children’s classes are cancelled until further notice. See the next resources. Adult classes may determine their own preference (to meet in person before or after worship, via Zoom, etc.).

Nurture / Faith Formation resources (most Menno Media digital resources are no longer “free”). However, the following items are still available:

- Supplement to the *Adult Bible Study* for this week:...
- “Faith Talk” note accompanying the *Shine* curriculum:

Jer 1.1–10; 31.31–40: “Jeremiah and a new covenant”

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story.* (1) Read Jer 1:9. I wonder what words God put in Jeremiah’s mouth. (2) Is it hard or easy for you to speak in front of a group? (3) How does God want us to live? Write your ideas on paper hearts.

Did you know? There are 17 books of prophecy in the OT. Jeremiah is sometimes called the “weeping prophet.”

Prayer for the week: *God, help us speak words of kindness and love to whoever we meet. Amen.*

*Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “Elijah and the Shunammite woman.”

Other Organizations

A group of Mennonites worked together to create a **virtual hymn** for *My Soul Cries Out* this last week. It is a cry from Mennonites across the US for an end to white supremacy and police brutality against our siblings of color. Listen to it at <<https://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6c82c57d5882e890a1945358a&id=a7b7bc7f204&e=62e70c9d3b>>.

Since the June bake sale fundraiser at **Wheat State Manor** was cancelled, additional donations are requested from individuals and groups. (Governing Council is directing our Aug. 16 “open offering” to Wheat State).

MCC in North Newton is *now open* on a limited basis Mon.-Fri., 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. and 1 to 5 P.M. Following the biblical call to love our neighbors as ourselves, there are several COVID-19 protocols in place when you visit MCC. Please take your time, read the posted signs and follow the directions to the best of your ability. Masks are required and some are available, if needed. The material resources center and warehouse are *not* open to volunteer groups at this time, except for a handful of essential volunteers. Material resource donations *are* being accepted in the 24-hour donation room on the northeast side of the building for contactless drop-offs. If you need to meet with a staff person, please call the office and set up an appointment with that person at 316.283.2720 or email <centralstates@mcc.org>.

The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service** at <<https://conta.cc/2UX1MVZ>>. In our current issue, you can learn about MDS innovation and creativity in the current crisis, how MDS is planning and visioning for an eventual return to projects.