

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 2 visitors): c.68

Offering: Local Fund \$...

July receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$...

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** during wk of July 8-14

Adult **SS classes meet**, if they choose 10 A.M., etc., July 12

Governing Council meets via Zoom 7 P.M., July 13

Deacons meet at Zion (rescheduled) 7 P.M., July 14

Mowing church & parsonage: Andrew Wedel Before next Sun.

Mowing cemetery: Marcia Stoesz & family Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): Matt & Lindsay Regier & family Next Sun.

Keyboardist(s): Kristyn Wedel Next Sun.

Vocalist(s): Joe & Lois Friesen Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite Church USA Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Governing Council meets 7 P.M., July 13

Deacons meet (rescheduled) 7 P.M., July 14

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

WDC virtual **Annual Assembly** 9-11 A.M., Aug. 1

Zion will join **virtual WDC Assembly worship** 10 A.M., Aug. 2

Pray This Week for...

- Bernard Entz, unable to worship with us regularly at present.
- teachers and administrators who are at a crucial point planning for the upcoming school year.
- generous donors and congregations who contribute faithfully to Western District Conference, and pray for ongoing financial support for WDC in its mission to empower congregations and leaders during this uncertain time.
- Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family as they begin the North American segment of their two-way mission with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they continue their Ecuador ministry from a distance and as they engage in teaching ministries from Goshen, Indiana.

Zion Mennonite Church

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July 12, 2020

Worship (on the parsonage lawn) at 9 A.M.

Gathering Music “Immortal, invisible, God only wise” HWB #70

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, we gather in your presence to worship you.

People: May our worship join with all creation, praising you according to its kind.

L: We celebrate the beauty and importance of the trees that you have made.

P: May the worship of our hearts be reflected in the worship of our lives,

L: So that we enable the trees of the field to clap their hands,

P: And the trees of the forests to sing for joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children’s Time Bonnie Brewer
(Children ages 3-kindergarten dismissed for a brief class time)

Scripture Reading *Genesis 2.9, 15-17*

Sermon “Trees of life, trees of temptation” Ray Reimer

* Response Song “When long before time” SJ #25

Offering Dedication *WDC–Church Plant support*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Karen Andres

* Sending Song “You shall go out with joy” HWB #427

Benediction

Greeter(s): Jim and Becky Nickel

Vocalist(s): Allie Klingenberg

Pastor: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012)

Keyboardist(s): Karen Andres

Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

(Our worship is livestreamed and recorded at <[twitch.tv/zionmennonite](https://www.twitch.tv/zionmennonite)>).

Pastors Ray and Karen's Schedules: One of them is at the church office several weekday mornings by about 9 A.M.—Ray on Mon. & Fri., Karen on Tue. & Thur.; visits/calls some afternoons.

Contact info for Pastor Ray remains the same: (316) 212-2012 for texts or calls (please leave voice message if no answer), and either the church e-mail or <rreimer76@gmail.com>. For Pastor Karen, call (316) 799-2857—if no answer, try texting her cell at (316) 212-1029, and use <karenandres84@gmail.com> for e-mail.

Congregational Announcements

We're **livestreaming our worship** while meeting on the lawn on Sundays at 9 A.M. at <[twitch.tv/zionmennonite](https://www.twitch.tv/zionmennonite)>; henceforth programs will be automatically saved, so they can be viewed later at the same url if that's more convenient.

July 12, 6-9 P.M.: Our choir director, Kelsey Huxman, will be having a **graduation party**, at which her senior recital will also be shown (for those who haven't seen it yet). Address: 426 N Jaax Ct, Wichita, KS 67235. Choir members—or other interested members—are invited; they'll be lots of food!

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 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 shade under a tree. Bring your swim suits, towels, lawn chairs or blankets, sunscreen, insect repellent, etc.

Is there a volunteer to make a **video snapshot of Zion** for WDC Assembly 2020? It could be as simple as a few digital photos—or more elaborate. Instructions available; chat with Pastor Ray. The wider WDC fellowship is looking forward to learning more about each other's congregations through these brief videos.

Aug. 2, 10 A.M.: We will not have in-person worship on the Zion parsonage lawn this week, and instead join many from across our area conference for **virtual worship associated with WDC's Annual Assembly**. Although the service will be pre-recorded (the YouTube link will be supplied later), it is suggested families or small “watch parties” join together at 10 A.M., and offer comments in the “chat room.”

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 week: *none this wk.*
- “Faith Talk” note accompanying the *Shine* curriculum: Luke 19:1–10: “Zacchaeus responds.” Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story.* (1) Read Luke 19:8–10. Talk about how Jesus changed the way Zacchaeus lived. How has Jesus changed the way you live? (2) Practice hospitality. Invite a guest to your house for a meal. (3) Jesus became a friend to Zacchaeus. Who needs your love and friendship? Did you know? The sycamore tree has a fig-like fruit that grows directly from the trunk of the tree. Prayer for the week: *God, change us so that we grow more loving. Chip away at our mean-spirited ways. Amen.* *Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.”

Other Organizations

July 14, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host its popular workshop, **Make Medicare an easy step**, as a webinar. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting 877-467-7294, 316-333-1808 or <darlene.buller@everence.com>.

July 18-19: Camp Mennoscah is inviting you to join in a modified **Family Weekend!** Many of the same activities like crafts and s'mores will be offered but adjusted to fit life during a pandemic. The pool is closed for the summer, but the river is still as splashable as ever. Each family group will be assigned their own bathroom. Register online at <campmennoscah.org> or call 620-297-3290.

MCC Central States offices and material resources center are again closed to the public indefinitely. Your material resource donations are still needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room. Your financial donations continue to be vital: donate at <mcc.org/donate> or by sending checks to MCC, PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. Questions? contact us at 316.283.2720 or <centralstates@mcc.org>.

Mennonite Church USA has launched a **Justice Fund** to provide a way for individuals/groups to support fellow congregations that are actively involved in dismantling racism. Learn more at <<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-launches-new-justice-fund/>>.

July 23, 5:30 P.M. CDT: Hundreds tuned in to Mennonite Church USA's live online discussion entitled "**Race, Church and Change.**" If you missed the live event, find the video at: <<http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/>>. Join a follow-up event on the date/time noted; register at: <https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JKz_1lrpS76YxM8QwSvRzg>.

The **Western District Women in Mission** Executive Council notes it has many open positions; you can help ensure the future of WDWM programming by volunteering for one of them. If interested, please e-mail <westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com>.

Openings:

- Mennonite Central Committee is seeking to fill several essential positions: *canner operator*; *program manager-DR Congo*; and *Representative for Bangladesh*. For more info, visit <<https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve>>.

- Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full time *Network Systems Administrator* located in the Newton, KS office. This position will ensure the stable operation of the organizations Local Area Network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet systems and software applications. Degree in computer science / info tech or 3-5 years' experience is preferred. View position description at <www.MennoniteMission.net>. Submit cover letter and resumé to: <StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net> for consideration.