

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors + 12 Twitchers): c.80

Offering: WDC—Church Plant support \$411

July receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$5,039

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet, if they choose 10 A.M., 1 P.M., etc., July 19

Mowing church & parsonage: Daryl Regier Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): Art & Jana Wedel Next Sun.

Musician(s): Josh & Kristy Andres Next Sun.

Offering: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Pastor Ray on **family vacation** in CO July 25-31

~~Zion swim / picnic @ East Lake~~ cancelled July 26

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

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

Deacons meet at Zion 9 A.M., Aug. 10

Governing Council meets 7 P.M., Aug. 10

Worship includes **teacher appreciation** Aug. 23

Zion **serves at New Hope Shelter** Sept. 16-22

Pray This Week for...

- the Kyle & Liz Rutschman family as they seek to relocate in the Remington school district and struggle to find housing; if you know of options, talk to Pastor Ray (or contact them directly).
- Jana Wedel, preparing for 1-day shoulder surgery this Fri., just before needing to return to work.
- the Clarence Wedel family, reflecting this Wed. on the second anniversary of his death.
- Wheat State Manor, as they ponder plans for how they might safely reopen to families and visitors in the future.
- Mennonite Mission Network's short-term service programs that help young people deepen their faith and broaden their cultural perspectives. Pray for program directors as they plan for the coming year with so many unknowns.

Zion Mennonite Church

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July 19, 2020

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

Gathering Music "Morning has broken" HWB #648

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship Adapted from Duck, *Touch Holiness*, 189.

Leader: Bless God, O my soul! God has great wonders for us!

People: The works of God are bountiful!

The earth is full of God's creation!

L: The hands of God open—and we are filled with good and wonderful life.

P: May we rejoice in your works, God of glory!

You endure forever in this creation.

All: We shall sing to God as long as we live!

Let us rejoice in God's everlasting blessings!

Children's Time Kristy Andres

(Children ages 3-kindergarten dismissed for a brief class time)

Scripture Reading *Psalms 104.10-30*

Sermon "Revering God's creation" Ray Reimer

* Response Song "Fairest Lord Jesus" HWB #117

Child / Parent Dedication: Oliver, Ben and Halie Duerksen

Congregational response (*unison*) HWB #791

You have offered your child to the strong and tender providence of God. We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your child. We promise, with humility and seriousness, to share in your child's nurture and well-being. We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful.

Offering Dedication *Mennonite Church USA*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer

Karen Andres

* Sending Song “Johnny Appleseed”

Benediction

Greeter(s): Matt & Lindsay Regier & family

Vocalist(s): Joe & Lois Friesen

Keyboardist(s): Kristyn Wedel

Pastor: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

(Our worship is livestreamed and recorded at <twitch.tv/zionmennonite>;
recorded services are available for 2 weeks).

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.

Congregational Announcements

A month into our re-gathered “**worship on the lawn**,” most are reporting appreciation for it happening and the group efforts at safety. We’re glad there’s essentially universal recognition of the advisability wearing masks, but perhaps we need to tend to social distancing better, especially while fellowshiping after worship.

After further discernment, the Outreach Board has decided it is best to **cancel the fellowship activities** once planned for the remainder of the summer, including the *congregational swim / picnic* at Harvey County East Lake (once scheduled for July 26), any other swim /picnics, and the *Zion retreat* at Camp Mennoscah (once scheduled for Aug. 29-30).

Missing: Presently we are unable to find a small *guitar amplifier* that’s often been kept in the SE anteroom off the sanctuary stage. If you have information about it, please contact Josh or Pastor Ray.

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. 1, 5 P.M.: Kristyn Wedel and Bryan Esau are busy preparing for their **upcoming wedding**! Whether you were invited to attend in-person or not, be aware the ceremony will be livestreamed at: <twitch.tv/bkesauwedding>.

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 link will be supplied later), families or small “watch parties” may wish to gather 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: *attached*.
- “Faith Talk” note accompanying the *Shine* curriculum: John 3:1–21: “Nicodemus visits Jesus.” Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story.* (1) Read John 3:14–15. Which Old Testament character does Jesus refer to in his conversation with Nicodemus? (2) Make “new life” drawings. For instance, draw a winter tree and a spring tree. Or draw a nest with bird eggs and then a nest with baby birds. (3) Talk about a time you made a mistake and needed a fresh start. Did you know? The In-N-Out Burger chain prints “John 3:16” on the inside of the bottom rim of their paper cups. (You can do an Internet search for “In-N-Out Burger cup” to see.) Prayer for the week: *Spirit of God, breathe in us. Show us how to walk in your light. Amen.* *Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “Matthew the tax collector.”

Other Organizations

July 17, 7-9 P.M.: Tabor College is hosting *Two’s a Crowd*—a **jazz duo** featuring Westen Gehring on tenor sax and Tom Harder on fretless bass—on the Kliever Plaza (311 East B, Hillsboro). Starbucks will be open; bring your own lawn chairs.

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_I1rpS76YxM8QwSvRzg>.

July 19, 2 P.M. (CDT): Join many (virtually) to celebrate the 75 years of Christian stewardship and mutual aid that **Everence** (and its predecessors) have experienced—neighbors and friends walking alongside each other, investing in the path ahead. Presenters include John Roth and Emerson Leshner. More info at everence.com/75years. Link: <https://everence.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=57b899c5280614020ab466660&id=b6f8c354d3&e=cef0dd6ebb>.

Aug. 1-2: WDC (Virtual) Annual Assembly. Information at: <https://mennowdc.org/2020-wdc-annual-assembly/>. The delegate session be Aug. 1 at 9-11 A.M. with a Zoom link provided to delegates. *Anyone* (no registration required) can participate in the Aug. 1 afternoon webinars—links to those will be posted on WDC’s website prior to Aug. 1. On Sun. morning, Aug. 2, God will be praised through wonderful music with a Texas flair, a story of God’s presence by a first-generation immigrant (Sue Park-Hur), a sermon by Danny Carroll R. (a biblical scholar who specializes in stories of God’s people on the move) and a blessing of WDC ministers. The prerecorded worship (in separate English and Spanish versions) will be available live on the WDC Facebook page via Facebook Live (link to be provided later).

Although many group activities at **Camp Mennoscah** (including Family Camp planned for this weekend, and the Aug. 8 Camp Sing) have been cancelled, open to families, individuals, and groups for days and overnights. The number of groups on campgrounds is limited and each family/group will have their own bathroom. Canoes are available for use; paddles and lifejackets are checked out and disinfected after use. Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Spend some time at the river, on the trails, or simply enjoying this sacred space!

Nov. 12, 1-4 CST: Save the date for the **virtual launch event for *Voices Together***, the new worship and song collection, to celebrate the release of this monumental project. More details coming soon.

The recent issue of **MDS’s newsletter**, *On the Level*, is available at <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/On-the-Level---MDS-July-2020.html?soid=1133208989833&aid=uSN00qdr3KQ>.