

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (including no visitors + 14 Twitchers): c.64

**Offering: Mennonite Church USA** \$186

July receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$9,489

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**Adult SS classes meet**, if they choose 10 A.M., 1 P.M., etc., July 26

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

Mowing church & parsonage: Larry Andres Before next Sun.

Mowing cemetery: Thurman & Jeremy Entz Before next Sun.

Offering: Local Fund (*please send in, or bring the following Sun.*) Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

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

**Education Board** meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Aug. 4

**Spiritual Life Board** meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Aug. 6

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

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

Worship includes **teacher appreciation** Aug. 23

**Wedding shower** for Kristyn ... P.M., Aug. 30

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

### *Pray This Week for...*

- Kristyn Wedel and Bryan Esau, preparing to commit their lives together before God, family and friends this coming Sat.
- Jana Wedel, recovering from shoulder surgery on Friday.
- Pastor Ray and family, traveling and relaxing in CO this week.
- the Holy Spirit to empower and guide WDC's online gathering for Annual Assembly next weekend, as we engage the theme "Living in Exile," and for Pastor Ray as he fulfills his final WDC duties as moderator at the virtual delegate session.
- Stanley W. Green, whose last day as MMN's executive director after 27 years of service is July 31. Pray for Stanley and his wife, Ursula, as they resettle in CA where he will work as conference minister for Pacific SW Menn. Conf. Pray for Michael J. Sherrill as he becomes executive director on Aug. 1.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*July 26, 2020*

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

Gathering Music "We plow the fields and scatter" HWB #96

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Steph Entz

Call to Worship From *Great Big Beautiful World* VBS material

Leader: God's creation is all around us.

**People: Come Holy Spirit. Bring new life to the world.**

L: We see beauty in creation, but we also see parts of creation that are hurting. Sometimes we are worried about things that are happening in the world.

**P: Come Holy Spirit. Bring new life to the world.**

L: We know that God cares for us and all of creation.

**P: Out of the tiniest seeds, new life will grow.**

**All: Come Holy Spirit. Bring new life to the world.**

Children's Time Allie Klingenberg  
(*Children ages 3-kindergarten dismissed for a brief class time*)

Scripture Reading *Mark 4:26-32*

Sermon "One seed at a time" Karen Andres

\* Response Song "In the bulb there is a flower" HWB #614

Child / Parent Dedication: Jake, Brett and Cassie Klingenberg

Litany:

Leader (*to congregation*): Brett and Cassie have expressed their trust in God and in you, the body of Christ gathered here, by presenting this child for dedication. Will you offer your support and loving presence to Jake in times of ease and difficulty, in times of joy and sorrow, in times of growth and frustration?

**People: We will.**

L: Will you uphold this family as faithful witnesses for Christ by your prayers, example, and words of support in nurturing Jake to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ?

**P: We will.**

Prayer of Blessing (*unison*):

**God, you have blessed us with the wonders of creation,  
and today we celebrate your gift of creation in the form of a  
new life.**

**May we, being mindful of your presence at all times,  
remember that Jesus welcomed the little ones.**

**Make your presence known in the life of Jake and in the life of  
his family.**

**Bless Jake and the rest of your children gathered here today.**

**We pray in the name of Christ,  
whose love for all your children brings us here. Amen**

Special Music                      “Sanctuary”                      Caleb Klingenberg

Offering Dedication *Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer                      Ann Schowengerdt

\* Sending Song                      “I’ve got peace like a river”

Benediction

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Musician(s): Josh & Kristy Andres, Caleb Klingenberg

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

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

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**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. Ray is on vacation through July 30.

### *Congregational Announcements*

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](https://www.twitch.tv/bkesauwedding)>.

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).

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.”

Aug. 30: Women of the church are invited to a wedding shower for Kristyn Wedel (time is still to be determined). Kristyn is registered at Target.

### **Nurture / Faith Formation resources:**

- Supplement to the *Adult Bible Study* for week: *attached*.
- “Faith Talk” note accompanying the *Shine* curriculum: Acts 8:4–8, 26–40: “Philip and the Ethiopian official.” Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story.\* (1) Read Acts 8:29–31, 35. Who helps you understand the Bible? (2) Philip met an interesting traveler. What interesting people have you met on a trip? (3) Take turns filling in the blank in this sentence: The good news is for \_\_\_\_ (*name of person*). Did you know? What is a chariot drawn by four horses called? <*quadriga*>. Prayer for the week: *Thank you, God, that the good news of Jesus is for all people. Amen.* \*Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “Peter.”

### *Other Organizations*

Aug. 1, 11 A.M.-1 P.M.: The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum (Goessel, KS) will have a benefit **Bierock Carry-out Meal** on the date/time noted (while supplies last). The meal is a free-will donation or \$10 suggested donation. New Year’s Cookies will also be available by the half dozen and dozen. Suggested donations: \$5 and \$10, respectively. Look for the arrows to direct traffic past the museum’s Prep School (200 N. Poplar, Goessel, KS). No reservation needed.

Aug. 1-2: WDC (Virtual) Annual Assembly. Info attached and 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).

**Opening:** Mennonite Men, the men’s organization of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, has an open quarter time position in *Communications and Marketing*. To see a description of this position, visit <[MennoniteMen.org](http://MennoniteMen.org)> or contact <[SteveT@MennoniteMen.org](mailto:SteveT@MennoniteMen.org)>. Resumés are due by Aug. 3.

The Harvey County Food and Farm Council just published a **“Local Food Guide for Harvey County and Beyond,”** listing local farmers who are willing to sell directly to consumers. Find it at: <<https://www.harveycounty.com/foodandfarm/resources.html>>.

MCC is hosting **virtual alumni gatherings** for 4 of the regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe & Middle East and Africa. Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Find out specific dates, times and register at <[mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings](http://mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings)>. Questions? Please contact <[heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org)> or call 316.283.2720.

Mennonite Church USA has put together **a collection of laments**, written by pastors, leaders, lay people and students, on the recent and persistent violence of racism. You are invited to pray and lament along with them: <<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/lament-violence-of-racism/>>.