

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (joined WDC assembly virtual worship): ...

Offering: Local Fund \$...

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

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet, if they choose 10 A.M., 1 P.M., etc., Aug. 9

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

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

Mowing church & parsonage: Randy Preheim Before next Sun.

Mowing cemetery: David & Josh Andres Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): Jeremy & Steph Entz family Next Sun.

Keyboardist: Kristyn Esau Next Sun.

Vocalist: Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.

Offering: Wheat State Manor Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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...

- Bonnie Brewer, as she sorts out options and seeks God's guidance after resigning her teaching position with the Remington school district last weekend.
- children and youth in our congregation (and many others), and for their families, teachers and mentors, as preparations for a new school year unfold in the face of challenging circumstances, with many difficult decisions.
- Bethel College students who begin returning to campus this month, especially those from identified hotspot areas who will need to quarantine for 14 days.
- Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, who request prayer for Ecuador where COVID-19 cases continue to rise and the economic situation worsens. Pray for Quito Menn. Ch. as the congregation inaugurates a seed grant initiative this month to help people get back on their feet.

Zion Mennonite Church

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August 9, 2020

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

Gathering Music "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" HWB #71

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship from Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*, 48

Leader: The beginning of wisdom is to give reverence to God.

People: God grant us wisdom to worship and live with reverence.

L: The wise delight to meditate on God's will and way.

P: They are like a tree, planted by streams of water, that yields fruit in season; its leaf does not wither.

All: We come to worship God with reverence, hoping to send down the roots of righteousness. Glory be to God, to Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Children's Time Matt Regier
(Children ages 3-kindergarten dismissed for a brief class time)

Scripture Readings Pss 52.8-9; 92.12-15; Jer 17.7-8

Sermon "Being like trees" Ray Reimer

* Response Song "I saw a tree by the riverside" SS #116

Offering Dedication *Camp Mennoscah*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Karen Andres

* Sending Song "All things bright and beautiful" HWB #156

Benediction

Greeter(s): Vernon and Carol Klingenberg

Vocalist(s): Margaret Brewer

Keyboardist: Karen Andres

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

(Our worship is *usually* livestreamed and recorded at <twitch.tv/zionmennonite>, with recorded services available for 2 weeks; however, this week our tech support person is absent, so no livestream).

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

Aug. 9, 9 A.M.: **Worship** on the parsonage lawn resumes. Note, however, that there will be no Twitch livestream on Aug. 9.

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.

Contact information update: Doug and Margaret Brewer have cancelled their home phone; in the future contact them via their **cell phones**—Doug, 316-841-4188; Margaret, 316-258-7767.

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

- Supplement to the *Adult Bible Study* for week: *attached*.
- “Faith Talk” note accompanying the *Shine* curriculum: Acts 18:1–3, 18–28: “Aquila and Priscilla.” Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story.* (1) Read Acts 18:24–28. How did Priscilla and Aquila help Apollos? (2) Search online for a map of Paul’s travels to see where he traveled with Priscilla and Aquila (Corinth to Ephesus). (3) Priscilla and Aquila were tentmakers. Make your own indoor tent using blankets and furniture or set up a tent outside. Did you know? Traditional yurts are round tents that were first used in Central Asia nearly three thousand years ago. Prayer for the week: *God, help us to share what we have learned about you with others. Amen.* *Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “Barnabas.”

Other Organizations

Aug. 11, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host a ***Social Security and retirement income planning webinar***. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <central.kansas@everence.com>.

The 2020 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College’s online journal, is live at <ml.bethelks.edu>, with articles and reviews by Alain Epp Weaver, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Ben Woodward-Breckbill, Cheryl Denise, Christopher Reed, Emma Beachy, Jason Schmidt (son of Ralph and Jeanne!), Joanne Lehman, Joyce Zuercher, Julia Kasdorf, Keith Sprunger, Lisa Schirch, Marc Gopin, Melanie Zuercher and Raylene Hinz-Penner.



Verse 1

I saw a tree by a riverside one day as I walked along
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, growing tall and strong.
"How do you grow so tall and strong?" I said to the riverside tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

Refrain

I've got roots growing down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
and the fruit that I bear is a sign of life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sun-down,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven.
I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be—
A strong young tree.

Verse 2

I saw a tree in the wintertime when snow lay on the ground,
straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky; as winter winds blew all around.
"How do you stay so tall and strong?" I said to the wintertime tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

Verse 3

I saw a tree in the city streets where buildings block the sun;
green and lovely, I could see it gave joy to ev'ryone.
"How do you grow in the city streets?" I said to the downtown tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me: