

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 2 visitors; not Twitched): c.60

Offering: *Camp Mennoscah* \$890

Aug. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$1,900

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet, if they choose 10 A.M., 1 P.M., etc., Aug. 16

Mowing church & parsonage: Reynold & Russell Entz Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): Josh & Kristy Andres family Next Sun.

Accompanist: Brett Klingenberg Next Sun.

Vocalist: Brett Klingenberg & associates Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Worship includes **teacher appreciation** 9 A.M., Aug. 23

Outreach Board meets after worship c.10 A.M., Aug. 23

Wedding shower for Kristyn 2 P.M., Aug. 30

Deacons meet 9 A.M., Sept. 14

Governing Council meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Sept. 14

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

Midweek activities resume “virtually” Oct. 7

Spiritual Life Board meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Oct. 8

Pray This Week for...

- Lara Scott, whose VS assignment at Lakeview Pantry in Chicago ended Fri. (Aug. 14). She’s returning to KS today (Aug. 16), and will begin the Masters of Social Work program at the Un. of Kansas on Aug. 24, living in Kansas City. She hopes to worship with us on Aug. 30, reporting on her service term.
- William Eash, director of choral activities at Bethel College; trying to navigate the special challenges for singers and vocal groups during a pandemic.
- Nemi Chigoji, providing leadership for the Nigerian Anabaptist Resource Center (a Mennonite Mission Network partner) as he works in California and Nigeria, training Anabaptist pastors in peacebuilding, mediation, and holistic ministry.

Zion Mennonite Church

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August 16, 2020

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

Gathering Music “Bright New World” –Flo Price

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship HWB #670

Leader: Our God, we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things new.

People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

L: We gather to worship you, the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

P: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

L: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise for all your gifts.

All: We worship you—our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

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

Scripture Readings *Revelation 21.1-4; 22.1-5*

Sermon “Bearers of newness” Karen Andres

* Response Song “Beyond the dying sun” HWB #323

Offering Dedication *Wheat State Manor*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “O healing river” HWB #372

Benediction

Greeter(s): Jeremy & Steph Entz family

Vocalist(s): Bonnie Brewer

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

Keyboardist: Kristyn Esau

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

The fall quarter of the ***Rejoice!*** **devotional** has arrived and is available under the church mailboxes.

Aug. 30, 2 P.M.: Women of the church are invited to a wedding shower for Kristyn Wedel Esau on the parsonage lawn (bring lawn chairs). 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 27–28: “Paul.” Here are some ways to nurture faith at home this week: (1) Read Acts 27:33–36. What trouble were Paul and the others facing? (2) Call, write, or send a text to encourage a family friend who is going through difficult times. (3) Have you ever experienced a frightening storm? Describe the experience. Did you know? Sailors in Paul’s day used the sun and stars to navigate their ships. Prayer for the week *God, you are present during fierce storms. Help us take courage from your love. Amen.* *Preschool children have a “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story “Lydia.”

Other Organizations

Collaborative storytelling project launched to capture 2020 through an Anabaptist lens: The creators of **Anabaptist History Today (AHT)**, a new collaborative storytelling project, are calling on Anabaptists across the United States and Canada to share their experiences during the remarkable historical, biological and social events of 2020. See attached news release for more info.

Camp Mennoscah still welcomes guests! Camping areas and cabins are open to guests/groups for overnight stays and day visits. Spend time in the river, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie and the Ninnescah River! Contact camp at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation and to inquire about use of additional facilities.

Sept. 7: **Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah will be a one-day event. This retreat is for those affected by mental illness, including friends and family. All activities will be outside. We will follow social distancing and mask guidelines (please bring a mask with you). Those interested in attending the retreat should contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

Preschool Story Hour at the WDC Resource Library returns this fall with VIRTUAL LIVE story hours full of stories, rhymes, and craft ideas on Tuesdays at 10 A.M. and Thursdays at 3:30 P.M. Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be different—join us for one or both sessions each week. Story Hour will start Sept. 8 and be geared toward ages 3-5. Story Hour will be led by Library Director Jennie Wintermote and will be shorter than our Summer Story Hour. Register at <<https://forms.gle/vpk7DXRwwHAbSo5A7>> and contact Jennie with any questions at <crilib@mennowdc.org>.

Thanks to all who attended WDC's 2020 online assembly a couple weekends ago! At Saturday morning's business session, delegates heard the conference minister's state-of-the-conference reflections and a financial update, approved the budget for 2021 and elected leaders for the coming year. Comments and questions addressed topics such as WDC's application for a CARES Act Payroll Protection Program loan, equipping existing congregations in conjunction with church planting initiatives, and affirmation for Camp Mennoscah's ongoing mission in these challenging times. The session concluded with a resolution of thanks for all involved in making Assembly possible, and recognition of outgoing moderator Ray Reimer and transition to new moderator Lois Barrett. Saturday afternoon, participants attended webinars on: Missional in the Age of Covid; Growing in Faith Wherever You Are: Boxes, Bundles, or Books Which is Right for You?; Real Live Faith; and Voices Together. And on Sunday, many WDC congregations and members joined in watching the Assembly worship service. If you were not able to attend Assembly events, access the videos at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzyrfAucccOFYYd_M5>.