

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors; 13 Twitchers): c.85

Offering: *Mennonite Mission Network* \$231

Aug. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$2,650

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet, if they choose 10 A.M., 1 P.M., etc. Aug. 30

Older children's SS class meets, after worship c.10 A.M., Aug. 30

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

Zion Space Usage Comm. meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Aug. 31

Education Board meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Sept. 2

Mowing church & parsonage: David & Josh Andres Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): Matt & Megan Wedel Next Sun.

Accompanist: Josh Andres Next Sun.

Vocalist: Josh Andres, et al. Next Sun.

Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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

Tentative brown-bag picnic + optional outing c.11 A.M., Oct. 4

Midweek activities resume "virtually" Oct. 7

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

Pray This Week for...

- Lester and Delilah Wedel, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2 (this Wed.).
- God's wisdom and guidance for WDC as we seek to understand more deeply the structural racism of our own church life and history, and to be faithful to God's vision for justice in today's world.
- thankfulness to God for how the youth of the Barcelona Mennonite community in Catalonia are flourishing in their spiritual growth despite pandemic restrictions. Pray for Alisha and Joshua Garber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they explore best practices to mentor and teach online.

Zion Mennonite Church

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August 30, 2020

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

Prelude "Create in me a clean heart" (instrumental) SS #62

Lyrics: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship from *Leader* (Summer, 2020)

Leader: Hear, O people; our powerful, holy, merciful, and sovereign God is one.

People: *And we will love our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength—and our neighbors as ourselves.*

L: Do this and you will live.

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

Scripture Reading Luke 19.2-10

Sermon "Glancing at rawness" Ray Reimer

Words of intention and promise: from *Leader* (Summer, 2020)

As Christians united with Christ, we are called to participate in God's reconciling work in our world.

We offer ourselves as servants of God's peace, who will listen with the ears and heart of God, speak God's forgiveness, mercy, justice, and grace, lead with God's strong yet tender compassion, and reflect God's steadfast love and kindness.

* Response Song "Will you come and follow me" SS #39

Work of the Church: Report on MVS term Lara Scott

Offering Dedication MCC - Meat Canning

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer of Confession

from *Leader* (Summer, 2020)

We confess that we get in the way of your reconciling work in our world. Our words are often spoken with disrespect and violence.

We want others to yield to our viewpoints. We hang on to our grudges. Our actions often hurt the people and creatures that you love.

We fail to see your image in the people with whom we disagree. Our patience falters when the work of restoring relationships gets hard.

God, we pray for the Spirit of Jesus to work among us these next weeks. Open our minds, hearts, and spirits, that we may grow in maturity and humility. Prepare us to take up the work of reconciliation for the sake of this world that you so love.

Prayers of the People

Karen Andres

* Sending Song

“Amazing grace!”

HWB #143

Benediction

Greeter(s): Ed & Candy Klingenberg

Vocalist(s): Allie Klingenberg

Accompanist: Carol 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).

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. 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.

Sept. 1: Reminder! Please respond to the **Zion directory update** inquiry e-mailed/mailed recently prior to this date.

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

- Supplement to the *Adult Bible Study* for week: *attached*.

Oct. 4, c.11 A.M.: The Outreach Board is tentatively planning to invite members to a **brown-bag picnic** (bring all your own fixings, including drink; we won’t share) as a way to kick off our virtual midweek fall activities instead of the usual hot dog roast. After lunch—for those interested—an optional outing to Cedar Point/Creek is envisioned, with potential biking once folks arrive in the area, exploring springs, etc. Jim Nickel is drawing a map.

Other Organizations

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. Questions? Contact <crlib@mennowdc.org>. Register at <<https://forms.gle/vpk7DXRwwHAbSo5A7>>.

Sept. 12: Proceeds from this year’s **Thresher Golf Classic** (a 4-person scramble at Sand Creek Station, Newton) will support all aspects of campus life through the Bethel College Fund. Registration (\$340/team) includes green fees, lunch, range balls, drink ticket, cart, and opportunity for various prizes. Several additional contests will occur. Please register *by Sept. 4* at <<https://www.sandcreekgolfclub.com/event/bethel-alumni/>>.

Oct. 28–Dec. 15: **A Worship Leader’s Introduction to Voices Together.** Join Katie Graber, Ph.D., and Anneli Loepp Thiessen, M.M., to explore how your worship can grow in vitality through understanding the new *Voices Together* hymnal within the unique culture of your church community. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. CEUs available. <[ambse.org/worshipleaders](https://www.ambse.org/worshipleaders)>.

Sept. 13, 2 P.M.: KIPCOR, the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel College, will kick off its annual film series virtually by hosting a Zoom call (starting at the date / time noted) featuring *Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot*, the story of a group of Alabama students and teachers who nonviolently resisted a century of Jim Crow in a segregationist state to win voting rights for African Americans. Included is a talk-back session with Larry Burks Sr., president of the Wichita branch of the NAACP. To participate, register at <<http://kipcor.org/>>.

Sept. 12, 7-8:30 P.M.: **Western District Women's Retreat 2020** will *not* meet in person at Camp Mennoscah this year. However, we *will* gather virtually via Zoom for a worship service. Susan Jantzen (interim pastor of Worship/Visitation at First Menn./Newton) will lead us on "Reflections on God as Keeper." Bethany Martin from Faith and Life Bookstore will review a few books. Annelle Claassen (Retreat Committee Chair) will lead singing, and Karen Mascho (Pastor and Retreat Committee) will lead communion. For free registration / questions, contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh at <2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com>.

Sept. 21, 7 P.M.: **Racial Justice from the US to Palestine:** The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force invites you to celebrate the International Day of Peace with a virtual conversation on racial justice. Palestinians Alex Awad and Jonathan Kuttub join US citizen Sarah Nahar. They'll share their own experiences of injustice and hope and discuss the similarities in both contexts. Join us for this free live event sponsored by WDC Resource Commission on WDC's Facebook page. You're welcome to donate to WDC at: <mennowdc.org>.

The Mennonite Heritage and Cultural Museum in Goessel, KS, has an ongoing display of Marie and Martha Voth's **Wheat Marquetry Art till the end of Sept.** Over 25 larger works (both paintings and wheat art) and many, many smaller items and greeting cards. Museum Hours are Tues.-Sat. 10 A.M.-5 P.M. Regular admission applies (free admission for museum members).

Oct. 3: Fall Fest 2020 is scheduled for Bethel College. Due to constantly changing requirements to contain the spread of COVID-19, this schedule is subject to change up to and including the day of Fall Fest. Please check for updates. To supplement the hoped-for festivities, Bethel is also announcing its first ever Cornerstone Day for Oct. 12, commemorating how 2,500 gathered on that date in 1888 to lay the cornerstone of what is now the Administration Building. In person or virtually, the college invites many to support the ongoing work of Bethel, by sharing memories on FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram, using the #BCGives.

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Oct. 30-Nov. 1; and Nov. 6-8: There are a limited number of slots for Camp Mennoscah's **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats**. Masks and physical distancing guidelines will be followed and the facility used has been changed. More spaces will be opened as determined safe and feasible, so put your name on the waitlist! Register online at <campmennoscah.org>. Call 620-297-3290 for further info.

Now (through Nov. 29) at Kauffman Museum: **"Sorting Out Race:** Examining Racial Identity and Stereotypes in Thrift Store Donations." Regular hours are Tues.-Fri. 9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M., Sat.-Sun. 1:30-4:30 P.M., closed Mondays and major holidays, but with ever-changing COVID-19 protocols, you are advised to check the museum website, kauffmanmuseum.org, or Facebook page or call 316-283-1612 before planning a visit.

MDS is accepting financial donations for **Hurricane Laura recovery efforts**. You can give online or by check, made payable to: Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Designate "Hurricane Laura" on the memo line. If you're interested in volunteering, please fill out the online volunteer registration form.