

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors; 5 Twitchers): c.77

Offering: MCC - Meat Canning \$771

Aug. receipts for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$2,700

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult **SS classes meet**, if they choose 10 A.M., 1 P.M., etc. Sept. 6

Older children's **SS class meets**, after worship c.10 A.M., Sept. 6

Mowing church & parsonage: Thurman Entz Before next Sun.

Mowing cemetery: Klingenberg/Duerksen Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): Steven Kauder, Thurman Entz Next Sun.

Accompanist: Kristyn Esau Next Sun.

Vocalist: Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite College(s) (donor specification) 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...

- Annette Voth, recovering at home after successful knee replacement surgery this last Thur.
- Craig and Edna Andres, reflecting this Tue. on the anniversary of the death of son/grandson Isaiah in 2018.
- Gabriel Pennington as he is installed today as pastor at Southern Hills Menn. Ch., a WDC congregation in Topeka, KS.
- the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA who are meeting virtually on Sept. 11 and 12.
- Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure participants, who began their assignments in the Jackson, Mississippi, unit this week. Pray that God will provide wisdom for Debbie and Rick Lee, new unit leaders, and for all as they transition into community living and learning.

Zion Mennonite Church

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September 6, 2020

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

Prelude "Praise God from whom" (instrumental) Reinhild Janzen

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship Adapted from WWI

Leader: O God of unity and peace, your image lies within our hearts.

People: We are your children, and we seek your blessing.

L: Together we lift our hearts to your all-embracing love.

P: Together we trust in your all-encompassing kindness.

All: We declare our peace with you and with each other.

Christ is our peace.

Children's Time "Peace begins with me" Brett & Derek Klingenberg
(Children ages 3-kindergarten dismissed for a brief class time)

Scripture Reading Matt. 5:38-42; Col. 3:12-15

Sermon "Creativity in conflict" Karen Andres

Words of intention and promise:

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 "Let there be peace on earth" S&R #53

Offering Dedication Local Fund

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from WWI

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

Prayers of the People

Ray Reimer

* Sending Song “This little light of mine”

Benediction

Greeter(s): Matt & Megan Wedel Musician(s): Josh & Kristy Andres family
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

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Zion’s website—<<https://www.zionmenno.org/>>—has recently been updated. Thanks Zach!

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

Anabaptist World—the new Mennonite news resource formed by the merger of *The Mennonite* and *Mennonite World Review* is now

active at <<https://anabaptistworld.org/>>; sign up for free newsletters if interested. The first print edition comes out Sept. 25.

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/>>.

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. 15, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host its popular workshop, **Make Medicare an easy step**, as a free webinar. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. Please register by contacting our office at <central.kansas@everence.com>, 877-467-7294, or 316-283-3800.

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. 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>.

Oct. 3: **Fall Fest 2020** is scheduled for Bethel College. Due to constantly changing requirements related to COVID-19, this schedule is subject to change up to and including the day of Fall Fest. As currently planned, Fall Fest will look different. The most visible change will be the lack of booths, vendors, and entertainment on the Green. On-campus, in-person there still will be the football game against Southwestern; browse the photography exhibit, "Forthcoming," by Bethel professor David Long in the Regier Gallery; Kauffman Museum will feature the exhibit "Sorting Out Race"; and don't forget to join the Saturday morning bird walk. On-line events include the Fall Fest production *No Cross, No Crown: Covid Edition*, an original play by Karen Robu; the alumni awards presentation; recognition of our Golden Thresher Class of 1970; and please visit the BCWA's On-line Marketplace at <www.bcwamarketonline.com> to purchase crafts, jewelry, Bethel-themed items and much more. For updates and additional info, visit <<https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival>>.

Sept. 26: **Wurst Fundraiser Ever:** You're invited to a German-themed drive-through carryout meal fundraiser to benefit Mennonite Central Committee, held at Shalom Menn. Ch. (Newton). Tim and Heidi Huber's family will be offering bratwurst, sides, dessert and drinks; please RSVP/order at <<https://forms.gle/ASndjK9AQP3BLRS7>>. The deadline is *Sept. 19* or 300 reservations—whichever comes first!

Oct. 10, 5:30 P.M.: Federated Ch. (Whitewater) invites those interested to a **Marriage Night** (childcare available). \$30/couple; register @ <www.marriagenight.org>. Details posted.

Oct. 12: Bethel is announcing its first ever **Cornerstone Day** celebration, commemorating how 2,500 gathered on this 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.

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 in the **Regier Art Gallery** in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: work by three seniors from the Class of 2020, Georgia Anderson, Blayne Stump and Anna Wiens. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 A.M.-5 P.M. Face masks must be worn on the Bethel College campus.

If you can tie a knot you can help MCC! There are lots of comforters at MCC in North Newton that need to be tied and we're looking for volunteers! If you would be interested in borrowing a set of sticks/stands from the MCC Workroom to set up and tie comforters at home, please contact Kate Mast at (katemast@mcc.org, 316.804.8432). Thank you!