

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (including no visitors; 6 Twitchers): c.68

**Offering: Local Fund** \$...

Sept. 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. Sept. 13

**Older children's SS class meets**, after worship c.10 A.M., Sept. 13

**Deacons meet** 9 A.M., Sept. 14

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

Mowing church & parsonage: Matt Wedel Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): Don & Peggy Regier Next Sun.

Accompanist: Karen Andres Next Sun.

Vocalist: Margaret Brewer Next Sun.

Children's Time: Allie Klingenberg Next Sun.

Offering: Western District Conference Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

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

**Zion Space Usage Comm.** meets @ library 7 P.M., Sept. 21

**Pastor Ray on vacation**, camping in CO Sept. 22/28

**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...*

- Steph Entz's mother, who's six weeks post-hip-replacement; this Tue. she's scheduled for left-knee-replacement.
- the Holy Spirit's wisdom, guidance and joy for Lois Barrett, as she begins serving as the new moderator for WDC.
- praise to God that no students, staff, or faculty of the Near East School of Theology were injured when last month's explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon. Pray for wisdom for George Sabra, the school's president, and for the necessary resources to repair the extensive damage done to the eight-floor building, partnering with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray also for all who have lost loved ones and homes.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*September 13, 2020*

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

Prelude (instrumental) Kristyn Esau

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 Kristy Andres  
(*Children ages 3-kindergarten dismissed for a brief class time*)

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Sermon "The structure of God's peace" 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 "He's got the whole world in his hands"

Offering Dedication *Mennonite College(s) (donor specification)*

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. 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, 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 “Bless’d be the tie that binds” HWB #421  
Benediction

Greeter(s): Steven Kauder, Thurman Entz Vocalist(s): Bonnie Brewer & friends  
Accompanist: Kristyn Esau

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*.

Sept. 18: Zion is responsible for making a **meal for New Hope Shelter** on this date (main dish, bread/rolls, vegetable dish or fruit for 15 people). We do not serve the meal—just drop it off. Please talk to June Entz.

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. 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](https://www.mennowdc.org)>.

Sept. 26, 5 P.M.: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is sponsoring an **online auction** at <<https://charityauction.bid/KMRS>>, with bidding to close at the date/time noted. This auction will feature donations that would have been sold at the silent or general auction at last April’ sale. Currently there are over 20 donations; items will continue to be added through the month, so check out the auction site often. If you have something you would like to donate or have questions, please contact <[jimandbeatyrobbs@gmail.com](mailto:jimandbeatyrobbs@gmail.com)> or 620-747-0186. Items purchased may be picked up at a distribution point in North Newton; shipping or delivery will be considered upon request. There will *not* be any quilts sold at this auction, but the quilt committee will have its own online auction, scheduled for October (more details to follow). You have been very generous in your donations and contributions to KMRS and MCC; for this we are thankful. But in this centennial year we should consider stretching ourselves as the original supporters of MCC did. The best way to celebrate is to “give in the name of Christ.”

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. Please register by contacting our office at <central.kansas@everence.com>, 877-467-7294, or 316-283-3800.

Sept. 26: Check out **Hesston College's virtual homecoming celebration** at <<https://www.hesston.edu/events/homecoming/>>.

Register now for the **MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride**! Due to COVID-19, the ride is a “virtual” event this year and open to everyone. Riders may register any time *until Sept. 29*. Register online at <[Bikereg.com](http://Bikereg.com)>. Join us in raising money for MCC to fund the construction of new wells and repair existing water and sanitary systems at schools in Nicaragua. With these improvements, students will have safe water to drink and wash their hands. In this global pandemic, access to clean water is more essential than ever. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Checks to “MCC Flatlander Bike Ride” may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

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](http://www.bcwamarketonline.com)> to purchase crafts, jewelry, Bethel-themed items and much more. For updates and 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>> or 316-217-1932. The deadline is *Sept. 19* or 300 reservations—whichever comes first!

Sept. 27: Camp Mennoscah’s annual meeting will be on this date. Details regarding will be shared as soon as possible.

Oct. 9, 1 P.M. start: The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Paul E. Oswald Memorial **Golf Tournament** benefiting Harvey Co. Circle of Hope is scheduled at Hesston Golf Course, with various prizes, scholarship opportunities, etc. 4-person team registrations *due Oct. 2* (early bird discount, if before Sept. 25). Details are 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. 17, 5:50 P.M. (CDT): Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC’s ministry. The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC’s work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC’s ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC’s centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at <[mcc.org/celebration-2020](http://mcc.org/celebration-2020)>.

Nov. 5, 7 P.M.: KIPCOR will kick off its **2020-21 Peace Lecture series** with journalist and best-selling author Sarah Smarsh in an online format, as a fundraiser. More details to follow!

**Office space** available for rent in WDC’s building on North Main in North Newton, KS. Contact John at 316-258-5389.