

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including 1 visitor; 5 Twitchers):	c.65
Offering: Church colleges (donor designation: all for BC)	\$436
Sept 6: Local Fund	\$3,317
Aug. 30 (updated): MCC meat canning	1,871
recent donations paid out: Camp Mennoscah	1,670
Sept. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed)	\$5,387

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Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	Sept. 16-22
Adult SS classes meet , if they choose	10 A.M., 1 P.M., etc. Sept. 20
Older children's SS class meets , after worship	c.10 A.M., Sept. 20
Zion Space Usage Comm. meets @ library	7 P.M., Sept. 21
Pastor Ray on vacation , camping in CO	Sept. 22/28
Mowing church & parsonage: Andrew Wedel	Before next Sun.
Mowing cemetery: Klingenberg/Duerksen	Before next Sun.
Greeter(s): Ben & Halie Duerksen family	Next Sun.
Accompanist: Carol Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): ...	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Deanna Entz	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Disaster Service	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion work day	9 A.M.-?, Oct. 3
Worship time shifts back to late morning	10:45 a.m., Oct. 4
Worship includes celebration of communion	Oct. 4
Tentative brown-bag picnic + optional outing	c.11:30 A.M., Oct. 4
Midweek activities resume "virtually"	Oct. 7
Spiritual Life Board meets via Zoom	7 P.M., Oct. 8
Deacons meet	9 A.M., Oct. 12
Governing Council meets via Zoom	7 P.M., Oct. 12

Pray This Week for...

- Rosie Epp, whose brother Kenneth (of Henderson, NE) died this last Mon. Rosie and Ray attended a memorial service Sat. Obit at <<https://www.metzmortuary.com/kenneth-epp.html>>.
- Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of Mennonite Mission Network, who request prayer for the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Benin since quarantine ended in June.

Zion Mennonite Church

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September 20, 2020

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

Prelude	“Let’s sing unto the Lord”	HWB #55
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Call to Worship	from <i>Leader</i> (Summer, 2020)	
Leader: Hear, O people, our powerful, holy, merciful, and sovereign God is one.		
<i>People: And we will love our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength—and our neighbors as ourselves.</i>		
L: Do this and you will live.		

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

Scripture Reading	Romans 8:18-25
Sermon	"Fire and rain" Ray Reimer
Words of intention and promise: from <i>Leader</i> (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 "God, who touches earth" HWB #511

Offering Dedication Western District Conference

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

“Rain down”

SJ #49

Benediction

Greeter(s): Don & Peggy Regier

Vocalist(s): Margaret Brewer

Accompanist: Karen Andres

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*.

We wish to **thank all of you** for the many congratulations we received on Sun. before our 60th anniversary, and to those of you who sent cards and made telephone calls to us. We feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. God bless each of you.
—Lester and Delila Wedel

As shared during recent announcements, Bonnie Brewer is organizing potential **mentors for our middle school youth**. You are encouraged to consider being included in this group. Please e-mail <bbonniejo@gmail.com>, call 316-799-2439, or sign-up on the sheet on the welcome table to note such interest.

Oct. 3, 9 A.M.-?: The Governing Council has scheduled a Zion **work day**. A (partial) list of anticipated chores is available on the

welcome table; feel free to “claim” one (or more), if you’re unable to join others on Oct. 3, or to add other suggested tasks of which you’re aware.

Oct 4, 10:45 A.M.: At Monday’s Governing Council meeting, the decision was made to revert to our **usual start time for worship** on this date (SS classes may wish to consider meeting before, or may continue to meet briefly after worship). We will plan to continue to meet “on the lawn” so long as forecast temperatures at worship time are above approximately 50° (pastors will alert the congregation of the shift); wear jackets as needed. A separate document is being circulated regarding the policy/protocol approved for larger-group indoor gatherings at Zion. At present, our understanding is that the recommended “Stage 3” restrictions continue to cap attendance at 45.

Oct. 4, c.11:30 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

The **Sept. issue of *On the Level***—Mennonite Disaster Service’s circular—is now posted at <<https://conta.cc/33EJ34W>>.

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

Sept. 25, 11 A.M.: **Rev. Dr. Stephany Rose Spaulding** of Colorado Springs will present a virtual TED-style talk with Q&A to follow. Dr. Spaulding is an activist, pastor, professor and member of the RAWtools board of directors. Check kipcor.org or the KIPCOR Facebook page for updates and the Zoom link. KIPCOR (the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel College), along with Bethel's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Peace Connections of Newton, are co-sponsoring this event as part of local activities for the 2020 National Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action, Sept. 19-25.

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's sale. If you have something you would like to donate or have questions, please contact <jimandbeatyrobb@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. 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."

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>. 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.

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

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 info, visit <<https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival>>.

Bethel College Women's Association is inviting area churches and former BCWA members to **help with Fall Fest Baking**. Check out items needed and sign up at: <<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ca8a72fa3f58-fall>>. Thank you for your continued support of Bethel College!

Oct. 16: The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) **benefit fundraiser supper** will take at First Menn. Ch. (Newton). This will be a burrito order-to-go, still cooked by chef Carlos Lujano. You can order pork, chicken or meatless burritos, sold by ½ dozen (6 burritos) and a dozen (12 burritos). Plan on picking them up between 4:30-6:30 p.m., via instructions to be sent later. *Sale by donation*. If you are not able to order, we still invite you to give a donation. Your generous gift will help ensure the future of this vital ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquiries or to order contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: <VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org> or call 316-281-4342. *Deadline to order:* Oct. 9.