

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (including 2 visitors; 9 Twitchers): c.84  
**Offering:** Western District Conference \$601.00  
Sept. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$12,239.16

### *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

Pastor Ray on **vacation**, camping in CO Sept. 22/28  
Adult **SS classes meet**, if they choose 10 A.M., 1 P.M., etc. Sept. 27  
Older children's **SS class meets**, after worship c.10 A.M., Sept. 27

#### *Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

Mowing church & parsonage: Daryl Regier Before next Sun.  
Greeter(s): John & Reinhild Janzen Next Sun.  
Accompanist: Brett Klingenberg Next Sun.  
Vocalist(s): Brett Klingenberg Next Sun.  
Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.  
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

**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  
**Education Commission** mtg. via Zoom 7 P.M. Oct. 7  
**Spiritual Life Board** meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Oct. 8  
**Zion work day** 9 A.M.-?, Oct. 10  
**Deacons** meet 9 A.M., Oct. 12  
**Governing Council** meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Oct. 12

### *Pray This Week for...*

- MDS as they seek to help those affected by hurricanes Sally and Laura in parts of the south.
- the WDC Church Planting Commission and church planters as they listen for the Holy Spirit's leading for church development in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.
- Matthew and Toni Krabill, serving with Mennonite Mission Network at the Paris Menn. Center in France, help resource Anabaptists to engage with issues of injustice and conflict.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*September 27, 2020*

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

Prelude Annette Voth  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements John Janzen  
Call to Worship *from Psalm 107*  
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**People: for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
L: The Lord satisfies the thirsty;  
**P: and the hungry he fills with good things.**  
L: He raises up the needy out of distress.  
**P: The people see it and are glad;**  
**All: Consider the steadfast love of the Lord.**

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

Scripture Reading *Luke 12:13-21; Colossians 3:1-5*  
Sermon "Turning from our iWants" Karen Andres  
\* Response Song "Teach me, O Lord" HWB #487

Offering Dedication *Mennonite Disaster Service* Karen Andres

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns Ann Schowengerdt  
Prayer of Confession (unison) SJ #128

***We have been heedless in our thoughts, cruel in our words, shameful in our actions. We are indifferent to a world made sad by want and wastefulness; we pass by on the other side when we see our neighbor in need. We wander from the way that leads to peace in paths of our own pleasing. God of the weak and the wounded, grant us your forgiveness.***

Prayers of the People

\* Sending Song/Benediction Ashley Brewer (on CD)  
“The Lord bless and keep you”

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Greeter(s): Ben & Halie Duerksen family Vocalist(s): Joe and Lois Friesen  
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://twitch.tv/zionmennonite)>;  
recorded services are available for 2 weeks).

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**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*.

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](mailto:bbonniejo@gmail.com)>, call 316-799-2439, or sign-up on the sheet on the welcome table to note such interest.

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). SS for children will meet **before** the service at 10:25 am.

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.

Oct. 10, 9 A.M.-?: The Governing Council has scheduled a **Zion work day** (*not* on Oct. 3, as falsely noted last week). 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.

### *Other Organizations*

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

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](https://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 at 7:30 a.m. starting in the museum parking lot. 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](https://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!

The Bethel College Women's Association is taking orders for baked goods at: [www.bcwamarketonline.com/shop/preorderforfallfest/9](http://www.bcwamarketonline.com/shop/preorderforfallfest/9) (**ordering deadline: Sept. 30**).

See [www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival](http://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival) for a detailed schedule, and for links to all virtual events.

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. 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](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org)> or call 316-281-4342. *Deadline to order: Oct. 9*.

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)>. **Save the date**: KIPCOR will kick off its **2020-21 Peace Lecture series** with journalist and best-selling author Sarah Smarsh, **Thursday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.**, in an online format. This is a fundraiser for KIPCOR. More details to follow!

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