

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (including no visitors; 10 Twitchers): c.77

Offering: Mennonite Disaster Service \$336

Sept. receipts for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$12,289.16

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet, if they choose 9 A.M., 1 P.M., etc. Oct. 4

2 older children's SS classes meet 10:25 A.M., Oct. 4

Worship time shifts to late morning 10:45 A.M., Oct. 4

Tentative brown-bag picnic + optional outing c.11:30 A.M., Oct. 4

Midweek activities resume "virtually" Oct. 7

Education Board meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Oct. 7

Midweek adult Bible Study begins via Zoom 7:30 P.M., Oct. 7

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

Zion work day 9 A.M.–?, Oct. 10

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing church & parsonage: Don Regier Before next Sun.

Greeter(s): Doug & Margaret Brewer Next Sun.

Accompanist: Kristyn Esau Next Sun.

Vocalist(s): Allie Klingenberg Next Sun.

Children's Time: Annette Voth Next Sun.

Offering: Offender Victim Ministries Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Deacons meet 9 A.M., Oct. 12

Governing Council meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Oct. 12

Space Usage Committee meets 7 P.M., Oct. 14

Pray This Week for...

- our nation, navigating a difficult political season.
- Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher of Mennonite Mission Network, resuming ministries in South Korea after a sabbatical.
- longtime Mennonite church leader in Burkina Faso, Siaka Traoré, who has tested positive for coronavirus; this is particularly concerning because he is diabetic—and last week he was already suffering from typhoid fever. Siaka's wife Claire is also hospitalized with glycemia. (Siaka preached for us at Zion in 2012, with Rod Hollinger-Janzen of AIMM translating).

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 4, 2020: Worldwide Communion Sunday

Worship (on the parsonage lawn) at 10:45 A.M.

Gathering "I sing the mighty power of God" HWB #46

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship from *Minister's Annual Manual* (2011/2012)

Leader: We gather to worship God who alone can heal us and make us whole.

People: Open our hearts that you may transform our lives with your healing touch.

L: We gather to serve God, who through us would heal and make whole a wounded creation.

P: Open our lives that you may use us in your holy and saving purposes.

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

Scripture Reading *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46*

Sermon "Healing beneath the surface" Ray Reimer

Response Song "Healer of our every ill" HWB #377

Offering Dedication *Local Fund*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns
Prayer Karen Andres

Communion Song "Heart with loving heart united" HWB #420

Communion
Instructions
Words of Invitation

Unison Prayer of Confession:
**All faithful God, whose mercy never ends,
we confess that our will to serve you is imperfect:
We choose actions that honor ourselves.
We succumb to the temptations of power and greed.
We believe that our own work will save.
We belittle the goodness of creation.
We mar the witness of the church with our pettiness.
We do not trust the Spirit's work in our midst.
Heal our infirmities, we pray.
Give us the mind of Christ.
By your Spirit work in us what pleases you—for Jesus' sake, Amen.**

Words of Assurance and Prayer of Dedication
Words of Institution; Distribution of Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Song "O healing river" HWB #372
Benediction

Greeter(s): John & Reinhild Janzen Musician(s): Brett Klingenberg & Co.
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

2020 revised versions of **Zion's directory and calling chain** are now available; a limited number of paper copies (app. 1/attending family) are on the welcome table. Digital copies were distributed with the Friday e-mail; feel free to make more paper copies on your own. Thanks to the Deacons for updating the calling chain; and to congregational secretary Becky Nickel for work on the directory (with assistance from Stephen Kauder).

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Oct. 4, 10:25 A.M.: The two older **children's Sunday school classes** will begin meeting at this time, beginning the first Sunday of October. —Education Board

Oct. 4, 10:45 A.M.: At the last Governing Council meeting, the decision was made to revert to our **usual start time for worship** on this date (SS classes may meet before, or continue to meet briefly after worship).

Oct. 4, c.11:30 A.M.: The Outreach Board invites members to a **brown-bag picnic** (bring all your own fixings, including drink) to kick off our virtual midweek fall activities. 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 (*attached*).

Despite not having a full choir this fall, Kelsey Huxman continues to be interested in **resourcing music for worship** at Zion. A variety of options are being considered, especially small ensembles of 3-6 people (mixed, men's, women's, chimes). *Please contact Kelsey directly* at <kelseyhuxman@tabor.edu> or text her at (316) 207-4370 to express your interest in participating.

Oct. 7, 7:30-8:15 P.M.: Pastor Ray invites any interested adults to join a **Bible study** on Zoom coordinated with the fall sermon series on selected passages in Leviticus and Numbers. Zoom link: <<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88519074617?pwd=R0ZNaIRpU2NJb0ZaUlhxVTZPQUZGQT09>>, or Meeting ID: 885 1907 4617 and Passcode: 204387.

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

Oct. 10, 8:30 A.M.-c.2:30 P.M.: **Work and Play Day!** Camp Mennoscah invites volunteers to a day of service/fun. Please bring a mask! Details at: 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org.

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. 13, 5 P.M.: The Bethel College Chamber Orchestra will present a **short outdoor concert** (weather permitting) on the Green. Face coverings must be worn on the Bethel campus.

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.*

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>.

Oct. 17, 7 P.M.: Join Sam Rotman, concert pianist, in a **250th celebration of Beethoven** as part of the Tabor College Concert Series at Richert Auditorium, Shari Flaming Center for the Arts. Tickets at <<https://tabor.universitytickets.com/w/default.aspx>>.

Oct. 24, 5-6:30 P.M.: Hoffnungsau Menn. Ch. (43 13th Ave, Inman, KS) **annual Mission Supper**. While we will not have a dine-in experience this year, we will be offering a carry-out meal featuring homemade sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie. Orders will be accepted *from Oct. 4-18*; call/text 620-543-6863 or 620-242-2357 to let us know how many meals to prepare for you. Meal pick-up will be at the church during the time period noted. This will be a free-will offering benefit, with all proceeds going to support the Buhler Omega Project, a Christian addiction recovery program for women. Checks can be made out to "Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church" and cash donations will also be accepted.

Through Oct. 30: Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: **"Forthcoming," photography** by David Long. Gallery hours: 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Mon.-Fri. Face coverings must be worn on the Bethel campus.

Oct. 30-Nov. 1: Camp Mennoscah's **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat** still has a few spaces available. (Nov. 6-8 is waitlist only.) Participants will stay in the Retreat Center with their own bathroom and scrapbook/crafts tables will be set up in the dining hall to provide more space and better ventilation. Register at campmennoscah.org! Call 620-297-3290 for more information.

Nov. 5: The Tabor (891 Chisholm Trail, Newton) Menn. Men's **annual chicken BBQ** will occur, but there will be no in-church dining; the meal will be a drive-by to-go meal. Menu: BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll and ice cream.

Nov. 6-7: **MEDA Convention 2020: Towards an equal world.** Join 2 days of inspiration, information and networking online—an intersection of faith and business where you can explore what it means to be faithful in daily work and learn about MEDA's business solutions to poverty. For more information, go to <www.medaconvention.org>.