

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 6 visitors; & 23x2 Twitchers): c.89
Offering: Harvest of Love (Harvey Co. food bank) \$551
Nov. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$12,284 needed) \$6,266.43

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Adult **SS classes meet**, if they choose 9 A.M., etc., Nov. 15
Children's **SS classes meet** 10:25 A.M., Nov. 15
Chime ensemble practice 6:00 P.M., Nov. 18
Youth group & ensemble practice 6:30 P.M., Nov. 18
Wed. adult Bible Study by Zoom (final for fall) 7:30 P.M., Nov. 18

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Greeter(s): [*greeting is discontinued*] Next Sun.
Accompanist: Karen Andres Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Margaret Brewer Next Sun.
Children's Time: Lillian Wedel Next Sun.
Offering: The Corinthian Plan – Access Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion serves (with others) at **New Hope Shelter** Nov. 25-Dec. 1
Spiritual Life Board meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Dec. 1
Cong. mtg. via Zoom for budget & elections c.11:45 A.M., Dec. 13
Governing Council meets via Zoom 1 P.M., Dec. 13
Deacons meet via Zoom 9 A.M., Dec. 14
Cong. mtg. via Zoom for reports & projects 7 P.M., Jan. 6, 2022

Pray This Week for...

- Kathy Preheim, grappling with COVID at present; various other members quarantining; and all struggling with this disease.
- for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's IT Director Brent Graber as he redoubles work at implementing practices to enable distance learning.
- Mennonite Mission Network's Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit, which helps extend the ministry of Beth-El Menn. Ch. through building relationships in the community. Pray for Elyse Burton as she helps families who are homeless and for Makenzie Shelman as she works with people with disabilities. Pray also for unit leader Cindy Headings.

Zion Mennonite Church

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November 15, 2020

Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Gathering Song Reinhold Janzen
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship (unison) Adapted from HWB #669
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
The Spirit is with us, just as Jesus promised.
God's Spirit moves among us and gathers us together.
God's Spirit gives us power and calls us to serve the world.
God's Spirit is poured out upon us.
Worship God with joy!

Children's Time Deanna Entz

Scripture Reading *Numbers 11.24-30*
Message "Who can stop the Spirit?" Karen Andres
Response Song "Like the murmur of the dove" HWB #29

Offering *Camp Mennoscah*
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Ray Reimer

Sending Song "Go, my children" HWB #433
Benediction

Greeter(s): Daryl Regier and Annette Voth Accompanist: Karen Andres
Vocalist: Kelsey Huxman
Pastor: Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

(Our worship is livestreamed and recorded at <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.; calls (and occasional visits) some afternoons.

Congregational Announcements

Closing announcement

At Mon. evening's Governing Council meeting, in view of—

- various school districts in the region moving toward virtual instruction;
- hospitals in the region at capacity and along with health departments, imploring the public to stay home;
- our congregation being a mix of folks at significantly high risk and others significantly out in the community—

the Council decided to end gathered activities and return to virtual worship, etc., for an indefinite period.

Because this news may not reach all by this coming Sun., we will still permit some worshipers to join in person on Nov. 15, but *strongly encourage all who are able* to join the live-stream. By Nov. 22 and beyond, we request that only worship leading participants gather in person at the church. Those without internet access are asked to contact Pastor Ray about options for inclusion.

We also request that Sunday School classes (children's and adult's) return to virtual interaction, if they are not doing so already.

As the ensembles that are gathering on Wednesday evenings are primarily family units, those may continue—although if anyone is uncomfortable doing so, we respect your discernment (please contact Margaret Brewer).

Anabaptist World: Although this new denominational periodical (merging *The Mennonite* and the *Mennonite World Review*) only began several months ago, the subscription cycle is the end of the year, so we need to update records again—and are aware there may be some glitches. If there is anyone who had requested to receive it and has *not* been receiving it (or now wishes to start receiving it), please contact Jeanne Schmidt by Nov. 22. Conversely, if there is anyone receiving it who does *not desire* it, please contact Jeanne; her contact info: <rcjmschmidt@gmail.com> or 316-799-2276.

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Wed., 7:30-8:15 P.M.: Pastor Ray invites you to join a **Bible study** on Zoom on Lev. and Num. Zoom link: <<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88519074617?pwd=R0ZNaIRpU2NjB0ZaUlhxVTZPQUZGQT09>>, or Meeting ID: 885 1907 4617 and Passcode: 204387.

Lois Friesen is willing to provide **greenery sprays/arrangements to decorate graves** at the Zion Cemetery during the holiday season; if interested, please contact her directly.

Dec. 13, c.11:45 A.M.: The first winter Zion **congregational meeting** has been scheduled. Agenda includes approval of the budget, affirmation of the slate, a presentation regarding the sanctuary screen project. This will primarily be a virtual meeting via Zoom. We are still planning how those without online access will participate, how voting occurs, etc.; watch for further details!

Other Organizations

Nov. 15, 2 P.M.: The **KIPCOR Film Series** continues with *Cooked: Survival by ZIP Code*, a documentary that focuses on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how minorities and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. Note that watching the film and the talk-back are *two distinct, separate events*: you must view the film between Nov. 8–14, using the link <<https://vimeo.com/bullfrogfilms/kipcor-cooked>> and password: <KC30p0> (e.g., KC3-zero-p-zero). Then on Sun., Nov. 15, at 2 P.M., KIPCOR will host a virtual discussion with Christy Miller Hesed, Hesston, a postdoctoral associate in environmental anthropology at the Un. of Maryland. To register for the talk-back, go to <kipcor.org>, click on the event, and scroll down to the registration link. The Zoom link will be sent Nov. 13; *advance registration is required for the talk-back*.

Nov. 16, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host its popular workshop, **Make Medicare an easy step**, as a webinar. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free, and recommended for those approaching retirement. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or <central.kansas@everence.com>.

Nov. 24, 7 P.M.: Join Jason Kauffman, Mennonite Church USA director of Archives and Records Management for a **webinar on Mennonite relief workers serving during World War I and the influenza pandemic**. The webinar is part of “The Anabaptist Story Lives On,” a multi-week, virtual museum and archive tour through TourMagination. Register at: <<https://bit.ly/2G5etK5>>.

Dec. 1: “**Giving Tuesday**” is coming up, and various entities are encouraging your support: WDC at <<https://mennowdc.org/>>, <MennoniteMission.net/Donate>, etc.

WDC announces that Sandra Montes Martinez has accepted a call to serve as **WDC Associate Conference Minister** based in Texas, beginning half-time on Dec. 1, and then full-time Feb. 1, 2021.

Dec. 5: **Baked goods sign-up**: A call-out for local (Newton, KS area) bakers to support Bethel College via the BC Women’s Association (BCWA), which has been a location for 5 Places of Christmas selling crafts and baked goods. BCWA is asking for support in making baked items for the event on this date. Please sign-up at the link noted. Thanks for your continued support! <<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BABAF2EA4FD8CF8-baked>>.

Now on **display in the Regier Art Gallery**, Luyken Fine Arts Center, at Bethel College: “Noir + More,” recent work by Denise Brueggeman. Gallery hours are 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Mon.-Fri. Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing observed on the Bethel campus.

A memorable, meaningful and unique MCC gift to give this Christmas! Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern day Mennonite feeding station—your home! Get one for yourself and order more for family and friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16" in diameter and 2" deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details and pictures are available at <<https://mcc.org/feeding-station-tray>>.