

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>Worship attendance</b> (with no visitors; & x2 Twitchers):	c.66
<b>Offerings</b> (Dec.): Mennonite Mission Network	\$190
Western District Conference	\$865
Area food banks	\$1,860
Dec. receipts for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed)	\$12,660

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Adult <b>SS classes meet</b> , if they choose	9 A.M., etc., Jan. 3
Children's <b>SS classes meet</b> via Zoom	10:25 A.M., Jan. 3
<b>Cong. mtg.</b> (via Zoom) for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 6

### Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Accompanist: Josh Andres (Emma Entz, prelude)	Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Josh and Kristy Andres	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Annette Voth	Next Sun.
Offering: Wheat State Manor	Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Worship includes <b>guest speaker</b> , Todd Lehman of OVM	Jan. 10
<b>Deacons</b> meet (via Zoom)	9 A.M., Jan. 11
<b>Governing Council</b> meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Jan. 11
<b>Spiritual Life Board</b> meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Jan. 12
Wed. <b>adult Bible study</b> resumes	7:30 P.M., Jan. 13

### Pray This Week for...

- Ray Reimer, whose last uncle—Karl Tieszen—died in Freeman, SD last Sun., Dec. 27, of COVID-19, at age 89; and Rosie Epp, who has a niece in IL (the daughter of her brother who died in May) in ICU struggling with COVID.
- God's strength and peace for pastors in WDC, as they look ahead to ministry in the coming year.
- Mike Sherrill, Mennonite Mission Network's new executive director, who begins each week with an all-staff worship and prayer time. During this time, he prays for each one of Mission Network's employees by name. Ask for God's wisdom and strength for Mike as he leads the church in mission.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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January 3, 2021: Epiphany Sunday  
"On the road... to radiance"

(As of Nov. 22, services are closed to most in-person attendance)  
Virtual Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Gathering Song "Jesus, we are here" (SJ #6) AMBS ensemble  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship *Isa 60.4-6 and Ps 72.12, adapted* from *Leader*

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around:

**People: God delivers the needy when they call.**

L: Let your hearts thrill and rejoice:

**P: God will deliver the poor and those who have no helper.**

L: The nations will bring gold and frankincense before the Lord.

**P: We shall see and be radiant,**

**All: and we will proclaim the praise of the Lord!**

Children's Time Allie Klingenberg

Song "We three kings" Klingenberg Trio

Scripture Reading *Matthew 2.1-12*

Monologue "The magi seek the Messiah" Ray Reimer

Response Song "I want to walk as a child of the light" SJ #95

Work of the Church: Recognizing past service and commissioning new board and committee members HWB #795, adapted

**People: In company with your people in every age, we have called out those with gifts for your service, O God. We thank those who have served faithfully in the past, and release them from their duties. And we lift up those**

**commencing upon new challenges. Fill them with the love of Christ and the power of the Spirit as they carry out their church's ministry.**

Those commissioned: Grant us wisdom, patience and hope when we falter. Give us joy in serving your church and keep us faithful to this calling.

**All: For the ministries taking form within us and for all the callings yet to be, we praise your name, O Lord! Amen.**

Offering *Local Fund*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Karen Andres

Communion Song "Jesus, offered up as bread" SJ #84  
The Circle of Friends

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*):

**Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth.**

**In mercy for our fallen world you gave your holy Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish  
but have eternal life.**

**We give thanks to you for the salvation  
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
As he comes to us in his holy supper.**

Words of Institution for the bread and cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving, ending with...

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*):

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever more. Amen.**

Sending Song "The Lord lift you up" (SJ #73) AMBS ensemble  
Benediction

Some of our music this day is provided by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary ensembles for use on Epiphany Sunday; other numbers are pre-recorded.  
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 wks. Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #737503-A. All rights reserved)

**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.

**Thank you!** We've received various holiday greetings, cards, yearly letters, and gifts this holiday season (some identified as to source, and some anonymous). We're grateful for all, and the support of a generous congregation. Blessings to all!

—Pastors Ray and Karen

### *Congregational Announcements*

Zion is eligible to have two **delegates at the upcoming MC USA assembly** (July 7-10, 2021; in Cincinnati, OH); plans are still underway, but the anticipation is that attendance could be either in-person or virtual. At least one of the pastors is willing to be a delegate. If other members of the congregation have interest, *please indicate that to Becky Nickel*, congregational secretary, prior to our upcoming congregational meeting on Jan. 6, so that delegates might be affirmed.

Jan. 13, 7:30 P.M.: **Wednesday evening adult Bible study** resumes, focusing on Paul's epistle to the Romans. Sermons through the winter / early spring will have similar focus, with sequential passages—so plan to participate in both for the full experience! A Zoom link will be circulated closer to the date.

**Nurture / Faith Formation resources:**

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

Jan. 6, 7 P.M.: Zion's **Congregational meeting** for reports and projects is scheduled for this date / time, again via Zoom; those without internet access are encouraged to contact Pastor Ray regarding options for participation. Agenda is anticipated to include: review of 2020 reports (including auditors' report), report from the "space exploration committee," process for review and / or renewal of call vote on interim pastoral team, affirmation of Zion delegates to MC USA assembly in summer 2021, discussion of Elda Hiebert estate gift and surplus in the local fund. The Zoom link and associated resources (including 2020 report book) has been circulated separately.

Jan. 9: With appropriate precautions in place, **Kara Klingenberg's Dominican Republic medical mission trip** will begin on this date—only medical and dental care this year. COVID rates are very low in the region, with strict laws like masks and curfews. Donations are appreciated including toothbrushes, hair bows, new flip flops, first aid supplies, unwanted medical equipment, small toys like cars, baseballs, reusable masks, etc. Monetary donations will be used to purchase medications. Donations can be left by the Zion mailboxes or mailed to Kara. Thank you!

### *Other Organizations*

Jan. 10, 3 P.M.: Florence Schloneger, North Newton, and Pauline Sharp, Wichita, will give a **virtual presentation, sharing their family stories** related to land ownership, economics, education and identity. This is in connection with the Kauffman Museum special exhibit "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." Schloneger's ancestors immigrated to Kansas in the 1800s while Sharp's relatives, members of the Kanza tribe, lived in central Kansas for centuries before the arrival of Europeans. Schloneger is a retired Mennonite minister. Sharp is a Kaw tribal member and board member of the Kanza Heritage Society. Sign up for the Zoom link at: <<https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/sunday-afternoon-at-the-museum-with-florence-schloneger-and-pauline-sharp/>>. The event will also be on Facebook Live.

A few **Camp Mennoscah hoodies** are still available—adult sizes only! Contact <[olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)> or 620-297-3290.

Jan. 18, 6:30 P.M.: Bethel College's annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration** will feature spoken word artist M'Yvonne Payne and former pro athlete and motivational speaker Chris Singleton. The event will be held in Krehbiel Aud. in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with COVID protocols in place, and will also be live-streamed via YouTube at <[bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021](http://bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021)>. Sponsors are the Bethel College Diversity Council, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Life Office, with support from the Bethel College Women's Association.

In his blog, "The inexorable darkness: A reflection for this season of longest nights," Chaplain Eric Massanari offers **words of hope for us** in a season that is "shadowed by unrest, uncertainty and great possibility." <<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/longest-nights>>.

**MCC openings:** (for more info, visit <[serve.mcc.org](http://serve.mcc.org)>

MCC is seeking applicants for the position of Area Director for Central Southern Asia. The Area Director will be responsible to coordinate MCC's resources in impactful and mutually transformative programming.

The MCC Representative for Haiti provides programmatic direction to the work of MCC in Haiti within the MCC Latin America/Caribbean region. This position provides team leadership and support for all MCC workers in Haiti.

MCC is looking for new canner operators! This two-year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out <[mcc.org/canning](http://mcc.org/canning)> for details!

