

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & x2 Twitchers): c.66
Offering: Western District Conference \$195
Jan. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed) \$5,799

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult **SS classes meet**, as they choose 9 A.M., etc., Jan. 24
Children's **SS classes meet** (via Zoom) 10:25 A.M., Jan. 24
Wed. **adult Bible study** (via Zoom) 7:30 P.M., Jan. 27

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Accompanist: Carol Klingenberg Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Margaret Brewer Next Sun.
Children's Time: Kristy Andres Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite World Conference Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Education Board meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Feb. 2
Zion serves @ New Hope Shelter wk of Feb. 3-9
Deacons meet (via Zoom) 9 A.M., Feb. 8
Governing Council meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Feb. 8
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Mar. 15
Special **cong. mtg.** re pastoral team recall Mar. 28

Pray This Week for...

- the family of Christy Eyler of Rushville, IL (niece of Rosie Epp, cousin of Dianne Wiebe), who died at age 60 on Jan. 21 after several weeks on a ventilator battling COVID.
- the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee, as they listen for the Spirit's leading in nominating persons to serve on the WDC Executive Board and Commissions.
- Kate Widmer, who—upon completing her first year of service in eastern France with Mennonite Mission Network—felt God's call to extend for a second year. Pray for her as she continues to work with immigrant families as part of the outreach of La Prairie Mennonite Church.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 24, 2021

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

Gathering Song "We give thanks unto you" HWB #161
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Ray Reimer
Prelude

Call to Worship *from Hebrews 11*
Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

People: The conviction of things not seen.

L: By faith, our ancestors received approval.

P: By faith, Abraham believed God's promises.

All: By faith, we speak boldly of God's promises for all people.

Children's Time Brett Klingenberg and family

Scripture Reading *Romans 4.13-25*
Meditation "Hoping against hope" Karen Andres

Response Song "We walk by faith" HWB #570

Offering *Mennonite Central Committee – Sale expenses*

Sharing
Family Videos
Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Ray Reimer

Sending Song "Obey my voice" HWB #163
Benediction

Accompanist: Brett Klingenberg Vocalist(s): Brett Klingenberg
Pastor Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

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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.; calls (and occasional visits) some afternoons.

Congregational Announcements

Wednesday evening adult Bible study has resumed, 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! Zoom mtg ID 845 1009 6000, passcode 726775, or: <<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84510096000?pwd=MFpzQ3BPSDBpMFNqMnAzREhZRkZkZz09>>.

You are invited to participate in a **Valentine's Day/Friendship Day card shower** for people who are incarcerated at the Chase County Jail in Cottonwood Falls. Most there are incarcerated due to their immigration status. We want, especially during the COVID epidemic, to let residents know that there are people who care about them and desire justice on their behalf. The card-writing campaign is a partnership with Casa Betania and Shalom Menn. Ch. We need around 15 cards from Zion. Cards will be available under the mailboxes in the church after this coming Wed. (or feel free to use your own). The cards need to be returned to Annette's mailbox *by Feb. 7*. Questions? Contact Annette Voth.

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Other Organizations

Dear friends at Zion- On behalf of the Camp Mennoscah Board, I want to express our gratitude for your continued support and generosity. This past year was a challenge in many ways and we really missed having your kids out at camp. We are praying that 2021 will look a little more normal. We look forward to seeing many of you out at camp this year. —Peace, Joan Entz & Board

The Jan. 2021 edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue we invite all to participate in the MDS Annual Celebration, there's a deeper look at the challenges of scheduling volunteers during a pandemic, and we'll share how the Lancaster, PA unit is collaborating with the community to repair fire damage at a house for homeless families. Click on this link to read more: <<https://conta.cc/35XumvX>>.

Jan. 30: **Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day** event, “Our Stories, Our Foods.” Starting at 11 A.M.: food trucks, local producer booths and take-it-home crafts, *museum parking lot and grounds*; 11 A.M. via Zoom: Glen Ediger, North Newton: stories about Mennonite ethnic foods; 2 P.M. via Zoom: Jenny Masias, Newton: “The Immigrants Who Built Newton: One Spike at a Time”; walking tour to the eight “Stories Along the Trail” sites in North Newton. Please note that face coverings must be worn and distancing guidelines followed on Kauffman Museum and all Bethel College property. To get Zoom links, go to the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or <kauffmanmuseum.org>.

The KIPCOR Film Series at Bethel College is serving up a second helping of *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code*, which focuses on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how Black, Indigenous and People of Color and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. The film is an indictment of U.S. disaster preparedness, and connects extreme weather, extreme disparity (income and other) and extreme racism. Go to <kipcor.org>, “Film Series,” for a link to watch *Cooked* for free and a link to register for the Feb. 7 virtual discussion; *advance registration is required to participate in the discussion*, which will be held in break-out rooms, with leaders who include Chicagoans who experienced the 1995 heat disaster.

Opening: Mennonite Education Agency has initiated a search for an executive director. For a complete position description, see: <<https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/Resources/News/Pages/default.aspx>>.