

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & x2 Twitchers):	c.65
Offering: Mennonite World Conference	\$395
Jan. receipts for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed)	\$7,004

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet , as they choose	9 A.M., etc., Feb. 7
Children's SS classes meet (via Zoom)	10:25 A.M., Feb. 7
Deacons meet (via Zoom)	9 A.M., Feb. 8
Governing Council meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Feb. 8
Wed. evening activities	Feb. 10
Chime ensemble #1 practices @ Zion	6:00 P.M.
Choir ensemble #1 practices @ Zion	6:30 P.M.
Middle school youth group (various locales)	6:30 P.M.
Adult Bible study (via Zoom)	7:30 P.M.

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Accompanist: Kristyn Esau (Kristyn Esau, prelude)	Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Allie Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite College(s) (donor specification)	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion's Valentine's Day Cheer Trips	3-6 P.M., Feb. 14
Worship includes a Gideon's report	Feb. 21
Return pastoral review forms to Ann S. by this date	Feb. 22
Drive-through baby shower for A&A Wedel	2-3 P.M., Feb. 28
Drive-by 70th birthday celebration for Rosie E.	3-5 P.M., Feb. 28
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 15
Special cong. mtg. re pastoral team recall	Mar. 28

Pray This Week for...

- Steven Kauder, who's been experiencing severe recurring migraine headaches since early Dec.; tests are scheduled this Tue. to attempt to determine the cause.
- members of WDC congregations and communities grieving the death of loved ones during the pandemic.
- for 30 participants who are about half-way through a 12-week curriculum used to prepare Colombian Menn. church planters; Mennonite Mission Network requests we join them in prayer.

Zion Mennonite Church

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February 7, 2021

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

Gathering Song	"Take my life and let it be"	HWB #389
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		Karen Andres
Prelude		Annette Voth

Call to Worship (drawing on Matt 3, Lk 4, Rom 6) Marks, *WW1*, #20
Leader: Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forever.

People: For God has anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power,

L: to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim freedom for the captives,

P: to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

L: At Jesus' baptism, God confirmed, "This is my Son,
whom I love; with whom I am well pleased."

All: Let us praise God that Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness, that we are buried with Christ in baptism, that we will be united with Christ in resurrection. Amen.

Children's Time		Allie Klingenberg
Song	"Lord, I need you"	VT #155
Scripture Reading	<i>Romans 6.12-23</i>	
Meditation	"Slaves of righteousness"	Ray Reimer
Response Song	"Eternal Light, shine in my heart"	VT #554
Offering	<i>Local Fund</i>	

Sharing

Family Videos

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer

Karen Andres

Sending Song

“Make us one”

VT #455

Benediction

Accompanist: Josh Andres

Vocalist(s): Josh & Kristy Andres

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.

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=MFpzQ3BPSDBpMFNqMnAzREhZRkJuZz09>>.

Statements of **2020 donations to Zion** are in church mailboxes.

Feb. 14, 3-6 P.M.: Zion’s Outreach Board is organizing **Valentine’s Day Cheer Trips** (similar to the drive-bys before Christmas, etc.); a family in our congregation will deliver a bag with a few treats to local households on the date/time noted (a bit earlier this time, to respect children’s bedtimes), while remaining outside of your home. *Please* do not ask them to come into your home, ask for a hug/handshake, or give them any treats; we want to keep everyone safe, so maintain 6 feet of distance, and wear masks. If you will not be available/home on this date/time please contact Lindsey Regier via phone call or text at (620) 480-9554.

No later than Feb. 22: Pastoral review forms have been mailed to the local congregation. If anyone did not receive these forms, or if you have family members at a distance who have been following on-line and would like the opportunity to participate in the review, please contact Ann Schowengerdt at <ajsbbfarm@gmail.com> for electronic copies. Please return forms *to Ann by Feb. 22*.

Feb. 28, 2-3 P.M.: All are invited to participate in a come-and-go **drive-through baby shower** for Andrew and April Wedel at Zion; they are registered at Target. See attachment for details.

Feb. 28, 3-5 P.M.: You are invited to **Rosie Epp’s 70th birthday celebration—COVID style!** Drive by Rosie’s home (5 Jasper Court, North Newton, KS 67117) for ice cream bars and greetings from the safety of your own vehicle (all those driving by and/or hosting in the court will be required to wear masks). If you’re unable to make it to the ice cream bar drive-by, consider sending Rosie some memories or greetings (PO Box 393, North Newton, KS 67117; <rosieepp@gmail.com>; 316-217-7338) to celebrate her lovely presence gracing this earth for 70 years (Rosie’s actual birthday is Feb. 26). Questions? Contact <ReneeEReimer@gmail.com>—Ray, Rachel, and Renee Reimer (her kin of inspiration and love)

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Other Organizations

Feb. 9: Safehope Shelter in Newton encourages all to “**Wear Orange**” on this date to support awareness of teen dating violence.

Feb. 16, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host a **Social Security and retirement income planning webinar**. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <central.kansas@everence.com>.

Feb. 20, 4-7 P.M.: Drive-thru **verenike supper** (verenike, ham gravy, sausage) at First Menn. Ch. (427 W 4th, Halstead, KS 67056). Cost by donation; proceeds to local COVID-19 relief. Call (316) 835-2282 for details.

Feb. 27, 9 A.M.: You are invited to join the **virtual MCC Central States annual meeting**, which will include a reflection on MCC in pandemic times, details about what COVID-19 has meant for MCC thrift shops and a look at our financial statements. To join the meeting please e-mail <centralstates@mcc.org> and Zoom meeting information will be sent directly to you.

Mar. 5-7 and 19-21: Registration is now open for the **Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** at Camp Mennoscah! Once the retreats are full, sign up on the waitlist. Register at <www.campmennoscah.org>!

Now on display in the Regier Art Gallery, Luyken Fine Arts Center, at Bethel College: “**After the End of the End of the World,**” a collaboration between Rachel Epp Buller and Derek Owens. Gallery hours are 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Mon.-Fri. (Because of the pandemic, there will be no public reception for this exhibit.) Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing observed on the Bethel campus.

The Kansas MCC Sale has **two** (only!) **steel shipping containers for sale**. These make excellent storage buildings that can be moved to your farm or property. They are rodent and moisture proof, constructed of all steel with a heavy oak floor capable of handling a fork lift. Size: 40 ft long by 8 ft wide by 8 1/2 ft tall. Donation of \$2,500 requested, which is below current value. They come with heavy timbers to set on. Free delivery close to Inman; additional mileage charged outside the Inman area. Call Jerry Toews at (620) 367-8257.

MCC Comforter Blitz: At Home: The annual Blitz is happening virtually this year from now through March! The Kansas Friends of MCC committee is challenging congregations and individuals to complete 300 comforters for MCC by the end of March! Read all the details and information on getting comforter making supplies from MCC at <mcc.org/blitz-at-home>. Share pictures of your work on the MCC Comforter Blitz Facebook page. Contact (316) 804-8432 or <katemast@mcc.org> with questions.