

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & x2 Twitchers):	c.70
Offering: Mennonite College(s) (donor specification)	\$165
Feb. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed)	\$3,535

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet , as they choose	9 A.M., etc., Feb. 21
Children's SS classes meet (via Zoom)	10:25 A.M., Feb. 21
Wed. evening activities	Feb. 24
Chime ensemble #2 practices @ Zion	6:00 P.M.
Choir ensemble #2 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: Karen Andres (Karen Andres, prelude)	Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Margaret Brewer	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Kristy Andres	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Mission Network	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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
Deacons meet (via Zoom)	9 A.M., Mar. 8
Governing Council meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 8
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 15

Pray This Week for...

- Nadine Epp, mourning the death of brother Leon Nikkel on Feb. 11; obit—<<https://www.wigginsfuneralhomes.com/obituary/leon-nikkel>>.
- Delila Wedel, mourning the death of her brother Donnie Schrag on Feb. 15; services at Buhler MB church on Feb. 22, 10 A.M.; obit—<<https://www.wigginsfuneralhomes.com/obituary/donnie-schrag>>.
- Lester Wedel, at Presbyterian Manor as of Feb. 17, due to memory/mobility issues; Delila remains at the farm for now.
- Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo, of MMN, as they variously teach informal children's classes and at the university level, and help leader a multicultural congregation in Cambodia.

Zion Mennonite Church

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February 14, 2021: The First Sunday of Lent

(Worship is mainly virtual; open to limited in-person presence)
Virtual Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Gathering Song	“Here I am”	SJ #100
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		Karen Andres
Prelude		

Call to Worship

One: God, we are here at the water's edge, casting off from shore...

Many: ...into unknown waters.

O: With fear and trembling, we drop our oars,

M: letting them go, trusting the sea.

O: God, we trust the signs of your covenant:
the ark through the water, the waters of baptism,

M: the bow in the clouds and the dove from the heavens.

All: We call to you as you called us deeper into steadfast love.

Children's Time		Rosie Epp
Song	“How great thou art”	VT #436
Scripture Reading	<i>Romans 8.31-38</i>	
Meditation	“Indivisible”	Ray Reimer
Response Song	“All will be well”	VT #586
Work of the Church:	Gideons' Report	Don Briggs
Offering	<i>Camp Mennoscah</i>	
Sharing		
	Family Videos	
	Celebrations and Concerns	

Prayer (beginning with confession)

Karen Andres

One: Deep calls to deep.

Many: We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

O: We confess when we have stayed too close to the surface,
avoiding you, avoiding our neighbors.

We confess when we have felt in over our heads.

Needing you, needing our neighbors.

*(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep
relationship.)*

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

M: Calling us to deep relationship. We come to you, God.

Sending Song “Nothing is lost on the breath of God” SS #121
Benediction

Accompanist: Carol Klingenberg
Pastor Ray Reimer (316-217-2012)

Vocalist(s): Bonnie Brewer
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=MFpzQ3BPSDBpMFNqMnAzREhZRkZuZz09>>.

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

The spring 2021 edition of the **Rejoice! devotionals** are under the church mailboxes.

A Gideons’ representative is sharing a report during our worship this morning. In place of the additional offering we usually receive while exiting the sanctuary, contributions to support the Gideons’ ministry may be sent directly to them via surface mail at: Gideons, Box 652, El Dorado, KS 67042; or to their general on-line address at <www.gideons.org/donate>.

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.

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) (Rosie’s actual birthday is Feb. 26). Questions? Contact <ReneeEReimer@gmail.com>

20 copies of our new **Voices Together (VT) hymnals are ready for check-out** if families desire to follow along in the service. This is a temporary plan and will end when we meet together in person. We want to preserve our hymnals as much as possible; be aware that the pages are thin and tear easily, and please restrain from writing in them. If they become damaged, we ask that you purchase/donate a new pew copy from Faith and Life Bookstore in Newton. If you want to reserve a hymnal, please contact Pastor Karen at 316-212-1029 or <karenandres84@gmail.com> and she will arrange for you to pick up a copy at church.

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Other Organizations

Feb. 17–Apr. 4: Mennonite Church USA’s **2021 Lent at Home worship guide** is now available for free viewing and download at <<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/>>, providing daily and weekly scripture readings, prayers and rituals for individuals and families observing Lent, a traditional period of prayer and reflection.

Feb. 17–Apr. 7: **Online Book Study for Parents:** The WDC Resource Library is hosting an online discussion (via FaceBook) of *Upside Down Living: Parenting* by Katherine and Peter Goerzen. Weekly videos and questions for reflection will be posted—go at your own pace. Email the library regarding joining the FaceBook group at <crlib@mennowdc.org>.

Feb. 23, 6:30 P.M. (CST): **Learn about Mennonite Mission Network’s service programs!** Drop in and learn about Service Adventure, Youth Venture, Mennonite Voluntary Service, SOOP, and international service opportunities. Find the program that works for you! Contact <EricFM@MMNWorld.net> to register.

Feb. 25, 6:30 P.M. (CST): What is militarism? How does it affect us? And what can we do about it? Join Mennonite Church USA this Thur. for **“Cost of War,” a panel discussion**, featuring Anabaptists who have resisted war both in our neighborhoods and overseas to address these questions and more. The webinar is part MC USA’s Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War initiative. Register at: <<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-war>>.

MCC Comforter Blitz: At Home: *update:* We are half-way through the blitz and have received 193 completed comforters. The goal is to receive 300 completed comforters at MCC in North Newton by the end of March! All the details and info on getting comforter making supplies from MCC are at <mcc.org/blitz-at-home>. Share pictures of your work on the MCC Comforter Blitz Facebook page. Contact <katemast@mcc.org> or (316) 804-8432 with questions. Need batting? Contact Charlotte’s Sew Natural for their special MCC batting price at (316) 284-2547. *Thank you* to everyone working to create beautiful comforters!

Feb. 25, 7 P.M.: Join individuals from across Western District Conference via Zoom to talk about **“Invited: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness”** by Leslie Verner. E-mail Jennie at the Resource Library to register for the discussion or to borrow a book at <crlib@mennowdc.org>.

Feb. 25, 7 P.M. (CST): **MCC Webinar: International service worker.** Are you ready to step out and into service? To gain new skills and experiences while working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ? Join Mennonite Central Committee for a 30-minute information session to learn about long-term service opportunities in relief, development and peace work. This webinar will include a short presentation and time for Q&A. Register today! More information can be found at <<https://mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities>>.

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>!

Apr. 10: Because the date for this year’s KS Mennonite Relief Sale is so late (July 2-3), a **“Plants and Things” booth** is planned for April at the North Newton MCC warehouse and parking lot. Thus, contributors are encouraged to start seeds! More information will be forthcoming, but questions may be directed to (620) 345-6867 or <kdunruh97@gmail.com>.

The Feb. edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service, in which MDS welcomes a new regional leader, and the Spirit of MDS Fund is offering another round of funding for congregations. Plus, we’re now offering *Behind the Hammer*, showcasing our volunteers and their stories. Click on this link to read more: <<https://conta.cc/3bckDni>>.