

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor; & 26x2 Twitchers):	c.84
Offering: Camp MennoScah	\$495.37
Gideons (donations at church)	\$40
Feb. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed)	\$5,640

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Adult SS classes meet , as they choose	9 A.M., etc., Feb. 28
Children's SS classes meet (via Zoom)	10:25 A.M., Feb. 28
Wed. evening activities	Mar. 3
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: Brett Klingenberg (Klingenberg Trio, prelude)	Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Brett Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Brett Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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...

- Robert Royhl (Gesine Janzen's husband, in Montana; son-in-law of John and Reinhild), recently diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic cancer.
- our congregation, as we continue to chart our course through unknown waters.
- WDC congregations reaching out to support members and neighbors suffering economic hardship during this time.
- Martine Audéoud as she teaches one of the first offerings in Mennonite Mission Network's new online institute for peace studies in the French-speaking world.

Zion Mennonite Church

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February 28, 2021: The Second Sunday of Lent

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

Gathering Song "To God be the glory" (VT #84) Choir Ensemble #1
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Karen Andres
Prelude "Holy, holy, holy" (VT #7) Chime Ensemble #1

Call to Worship from Winter 2020 *Leader*

One: God, you ask us to set our minds on you, to walk before you and be blameless. You teach us what matters, and you do not hide your face from us.

Many: With each step along the path, we are transformed into who you made and called us to be.

O: God, you teach us that when we lose our life, we save it.

M: With each step along the path, we take up our cross and follow you.

All: We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us, and that we will live forever. We call out to you, as you call us deeper into this covenant.

Children's Time Kristy Andres

Song "When I survey" (VT #322) Choir Ensemble #1

Scripture Reading *selections from Romans 10-11*

Meditation "It's about God—not us" Ray Reimer

Response Song "Spirit, working in creation" SJ #10

Offering *Mennonite Mission Network*

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 on the edges.

Not listening to each other. Not taking the path you show.

We confess when we have strayed from the way.

Silencing suffering. Forfeiting life.

(Silence. Or name 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 commitment, we come to you, God.

Sending Song "Halle, halle, hallelujah" SJ #17
Benediction

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

(Our worship is livestreamed and recorded at <[twitch.tv/zionmennonite](https://www.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>>.

The spring 2021 edition of the **Adult Bible Study quarterlies** are on the table of the conference room.

Thank You... to everyone for the prayers, cards and kindness shown to us in the passing of our brother, Leon.

—in appreciation, Virgil and Nadine Epp

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.

Children's Sunday School teachers for Spring quarter:

Pre-K/Kindergarten: Allie Klingenberg

Elementary: Lillian Wedel

Middle School: Becky Nickel

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Other Organizations

Mar. 3, 7 P.M.: Bethel College's two small a cappella ensembles, Open Road (men) and Woven (women) will be **featured in the concert series** at Plymouth Cong. Ch. (Wichita), via livestream. View at <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NjlrPGFuTM>>.

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>!

Mar. 6, 1-7 P.M. (or until the food runs out!): First Menn. Ch. (1161 E Ave A, McPherson) is having a **drive-thru verenika (with ham gravy and sausage) dinner**. This will be a free-will donation event with the proceeds going to the McPherson Housing Coalition. Phone: (620) 241-4040 for more info.

We are ready to rock! Preparation for the Camp Mennoscah **Amphitheater Improvement project** was completed in the summer of 2020 and we are ready to finish this project. Work days are scheduled for: Mar. 12-13, Mar. 26-27, Apr. 2-3, Apr. 9-10, May 14-15; come on out for one or both days, part or all day. Ask about lodging if you would like to stay overnight. A team of five volunteers will work from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day installing the new stone benches. There will be stone to cut, move, clean and set, along with a whole lot mortar to mix. Bring a lunch and water bottle with you when you come, and plan to arrive at the North cabin area to check in around 9 A.M. Call (620) 297-3290 or e-mail <office@campmennoscah.org> to volunteer.

Mar. 13, 5:30-6:30 P.M.: **Verenike Casserole Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah!** Reserve your meal of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and peach crisp online *before Mar. 7*. by clicking the link. You can also call (620) 297-3290. Pick up meals at Moundridge High School on the date/time noted. Minimum donation is \$15/meal; additional donations are welcome as this fundraiser supports the vital faith formation for youth and young adults that happens at camps. Join in the fun to help make this return to summer youth camps as amazing as possible!

Looking for kitchen staff and nurses! Camp Mennoscah is filling volunteer and stipend positions for kitchen staff and nurses for the upcoming 2021 summer. Contact Camp Mennoscah at <office@campmennoscah.org> or call (620) 297-3290 for available weeks and details. Kitchen staff can receive a scholarship up to full camp fees for their camper.

Mar. 27, 9 A.M.–3 P.M.: **Christian Ladies Retreat** at Federated Church (Whitewater); \$30/person; registrations *due Mar. 20*. More info at <alago0615@gmail.com> or (316) 799-9131.

Apr. 8, 7 P.M.: Save the date! Mark your calendars for the **Western District Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree!** In lieu of our annual Spring Supper, gather with us for a virtual night of worship, music and a reflection on “Faith in Turbulent Times” offered by special guest speaker and freelance minister, Georgia Metz, M. Div. More details to follow soon.

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>.

July 6-10: Mennonite Church USA has announced the **registration rates for MennoCon21**, its first hybrid convention, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and online. In-person attendance is \$325 per person for the five-day event and online attendance is \$99. For more details, visit <mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-rates-mennocon21/>.

July 9-11: **MCC Alumni Gathering** at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp! All MCC alumni are invited to Colorado to relax in the cool mountain air this summer. We realize there is still uncertainty about summer activities due to COVID-19. At this point, we are planning to have this gathering; all registrations will be refunded if the event gets cancelled. Find all the details, including COVID-19 protocols that the camp is following and REGISTER at <mcc.org/alumni-gathering>.

Mennonite Mission Network would like to share our latest issue of ***Beyond: Faith in Action*** with you; in it, you’ll find an inspiring story and opportunities for service. We continue to pray for you and for God’s mission around the world. <<https://mennonitemission.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=615f89d83d7f5d6b16f40bb52&id=4f324a9452&e=2c8d46be22>>.