

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 25x2 Twitchers):	c.88
Offering: Mennonite Mission Network	\$235
Feb. receipts for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed)	\$5,965

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet, as they choose	9 A.M., etc., Mar. 7
Children's SS classes meet (via Zoom)	10:25 A.M., Mar. 7
Deacons meet (via Zoom)	9 A.M., Mar. 8
Governing Council meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 8
Wed. evening activities	Mar. 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.
Daylight Saving Time starts	Mar. 14

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Accompanist: Kristyn Esau (Kristyn Esau, prelude)	Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Offering: Deacons' Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 15
Education Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 22
Special cong. mtg. re pastoral team recall	Mar. 28

Pray This Week for...

- ongoing recovery in WDC congregations and communities that experienced disruption recently in extreme winter weather.
- the Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), which is meeting virtually on Mar. 12 and 13, offering counsel and advice to the Executive Board.
- Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya and Freddy Satalaya Banda, serving with Mennonite Mission Network and VMMissions, request that the people God is calling to lead the Mennonite churches' children and youth ministries in Iquitos, Peru, will say, "Yes!"

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 7, 2021: The Third Sunday of Lent

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

Gathering Song	"Morning has broken"	VT #196
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		Ray Reimer
Prelude	"Holy God, we praise thy name"	VT #126
	Klingenberg Brothers Trio	

Call to Worship *Ps 19, adapted* from Winter 2020 Leader
One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Many: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

O: There is no speech...yet the voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

M: In the heavens you set a tent for the sun.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, its circuit to the end of them; nothing is hid from its heat.

O: The law of the LORD is perfect... sure... clear... true and righteous. The fear of the LORD is pure.

M: God, clear us from hidden faults; teach us to trust you.

All: Let the words and meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and redeemer. We call out to you, as you call us to deeper wisdom.

Children's Time Brett Klingenberg

Song "In Christ alone" VT #322
Ensemble #2

Scripture Reading *selections from Romans 12*
Meditation "Wearing down to the Real" Karen Andres

Response Song “There are many gifts” VT #374

Offering *Local Fund*

Sharing

Family Videos

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer (beginning with confession) Ray Reimer

One: Deep calls to deep.

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

O: We confess when we have settled into sameness, forgetting the rhythms of the heavens, ignoring the rhythms of justice.

We confess when we have not looked up into the eyes of a neighbor, into your Word that still lives.

(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 wisdom. We come to you, God.

Sending Song “We are marching” VT #793

Benediction

Musician: Brett Klingenberg (and friends)

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 focuses 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>>.

“The birthday celebration was wonderful. **Thanks** for all the cards, gifts, e-mails, drive-bys and friendship. I am blessed.”

—Rosie Epp

The Facilities Committee is setting up this year’s **schedule for mowing the church and parsonage lawns and the cemetery**. If you were on last year’s schedule, we will assume you are willing to continue for this year unless we hear from you. Also, we would appreciate any more volunteers who would like to be added to the schedule. Please contact David Andres: (316) 799-2857.

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

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 to support the faith formation of youth and young adults at camps.

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

Mar. 21, 7 P.M.: You're invited to join a virtual event sponsored by WDC and the Beatrice Menn. churches, featuring Natalie Frisk (curriculum pastor at The Meeting House Ch. [Toronto, Canada]). On the date/time noted a live/interactive Zoom discussion with Natalie will address "**Jesus Centered Parenting: Q & A**"; other pre-recorded sessions include "Kids in the Kingdom"; "Anchors and Waves: Living the Life as a Disciple While Discipling Your Kid," and "Journeying on Sacred Pathways: How is Your Kid Wired?" For info, e-mail <pastor@summitstreetchurch.com>.

Mar. 25, 7 P.M.: Networking meeting hosted by WDC's **Immigration Task Force**. Connect with other churches re their advocacy. Hear from MCC's National Advocacy Director Tammy Alexander. What is your church doing or what do you hope to do? Contact <wdc@mennowdc.org> for the Zoom link.

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.

Mar. 28, 3 P.M.: **Bel Canto Singers Block Concert**, in Hesston College's Mullet Drive parking lot (301 S Main St, Hesston, KS). This is a community worship service with music of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Join us in person or on the Fine Arts Livestream.

Mar. 30, 7 P.M.: Dyck Arboretum's **Conservation Stewardship in the Flint Hills** (online lecture); register at dyckarboretum.org

Apr. 3, 9:30-10:30 A.M.: **Bohne Berrogi Sales:** As with many things related to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, the usual order of business will not be possible due to COVID-19. To make sure that people have access to bohne berrogi, this ethnic delight will be sold at Moundridge High School by the dozen (\$20/dozen); no sauce provided, and no advance orders will be taken. This will be the only opportunity to purchase bohne berrogi, unless some are not sold. Come support the MCC Relief Sale with your purchase.

Apr. 8, 7 P.M.: All women and girls are invited to the WDC **Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree**. In lieu of attending our annual Spring Supper, gather with us for a virtual night of worship, music and a reflection on "Faith in Turbulent Times" by special guest speaker and freelance minister, Georgia Metz, M. Div. Music will be provided by Erin Regier Graber and Addie Regier Kauffman. E-mail <WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com> to register *by Apr. 5*. A zoom link will be sent to registrants prior to the event.

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>.

There are **volunteer opportunities** for you! Camp Mennoscah continually has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to get involved! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or <office@campmennoscah.org> to volunteer.

Use your skills or try something new! Join the summer staff of MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program to support home repair projects in Kimball, WV or Harlan, KY. Positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more info and to apply, visit <mcc.org/swap-summer-staff>, or MCC's Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 633-4008 or <AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org>.

Jane Hooper Peifer writes about the **beauty that is found in darkness and in waiting** in her blog and poem, "When there are no blinds." Find it at: <<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/no-blinds>>.