

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 21x2 Twitchers): c.80
Offering: WDC - Church Plant support \$360
Mar. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed) \$5,015.50

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Adult **SS classes meet**, as they choose 9 A.M., etc., Mar. 28
Children's **SS classes meet** (via Zoom) 10:25 A.M., Mar. 28
Special **cong. mtg.** re pastoral team recall app.11:45 A.M., Mar. 28
Maundy Thursday service (in-person & Twitch) 7 P.M., Apr. 1

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church: Reynold & Russell Entz Before next Sun.
Accompanist: Karen Andres (Karen Andres, prelude) Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): ensembles + chimes Next Sun.
Children's Time: Shalom Readers leaders Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Easter Sunday worship on the lawn 10:45 A.M., Apr. 4
WDC Women & Girls Spring Soiree (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Apr. 8
Deacons meet (via Zoom) 9 A.M., Apr. 12
Governing Council meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Apr. 12
Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** during wk of Apr. 14-20
WDC Men & Boys Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Apr. 16-18
Spiritual Life Board meets 7 P.M., May 24

Pray This Week for...

- the family of Mary Budde Esau, mourning her death on Mar. 17; a memorial service was held Mar. 23. Mary was the grandmother of Bryan Esau (husband of Kristyn).
- the Evelyn Buller family, this Wed. remembering the second anniversary of her death.
- all WDC congregations in this Holy Week, as we follow Jesus in the way of the cross and in the promise of true life.
- Naomi Tice, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, who recently began an assignment with *Christliche Dienste* (German MVS)—the third country in which she has worked in the past year, due to visa and COVID-19 restrictions.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 28, 2021: Palm Sunday

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

Children: please pick up a palm as you arrive in the sanctuary!

Gathering Song "Beautiful savior" (VT #130) Chime Ensemble #2
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Ray Reimer
Prelude

Call to Worship from Winter 2020 *Leader*

One: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

Many: God wakens my ear, and I turn to God.

I do not turn toward those who strike me.

I do not hide my face from insult.

O: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

M: Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures.

O: Many shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!"

M: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and became our hope.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

Children's Time Annette Voth

Song "All glory, laud, and honor" VT #315
(Children are encouraged to wave palms in the pews during this song)

Drama Video Luke 19.29-42 Karen Andres/Marcene Entz
Scripture Mark 11.1-11

Meditation “Colt catchers, mind your call” Karen Andres
Response Song “Let us build a house” (VT #36) Ensemble #2
Offering *Mennonite Church USA*

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 the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet
into whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of distractions.
We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace
enduring forever, saving us.

(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 hope. We come to you, God.

Sending Song “My life flows on” VT #605
Benediction

Vocalist(s): Ensemble 2 + Margaret Brewer Accompanist: Carol Klingenberg
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

Mar. 28, app. 11:45 A.M.: A **special congregational meeting** has been called for this date/time. The main agenda will be the motion: “That Zion Mennonite Church recall the pastoral team of Ray Reimer (2/3 FTE) and Karen Andres (1/3 FTE) to an additional term of three years of service, beginning July 1, 2021.”

Apr. 1, 7 P.M.: A hybrid **Maundy Thursday service** is being planned; you may attend in-person in the sanctuary, or via Twitch. Communion will be celebrated (those joining virtually are encouraged to gather elements—juice and bread—ahead of time).

Apr. 4, 10:45 A.M.: We anticipate joyous in-person **worship on the back lawn** of the parsonage beginning with Easter Sunday, and continuing with that format into the summer. For now, the arrangements / safety protocols will be quite similar to last summer (however, in the case of inclement weather, we will distribute an announcement several hours ahead that worship that Sunday will be in the sanctuary and livestreamed; all outdoor services will be livestreamed as well). Regardless of changes in governmental mandates (which have never restricted us), we will continue to follow CDC and other medical advice that as a mid-sized group we still follow universal masking and distancing even when outdoors—we recognize this is the only way some in our church will find it acceptable to resume in-person attendance. We are all looking forward to resuming corporate singing, but Spiritual Life Board advises we should follow guidelines to refrain from such (even outdoors) until vaccination rates are at a higher level; until then we will continue to have soloists/families/small ensembles lead our musical worship. And we will reassess regularly.

The possibility of a **Spring workday** at church was discussed at the last Governing Council meeting; in view of various special projects which are underway that require significant volunteer time (screen and projector installation, cemetery fence completion, etc.), no date was scheduled. However, a list of various suggested chores (indoors and out) is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby—items like repair of playground equipment, cutting back ornamental grasses and bushes, etc. Zion members and friends are encouraged to consider claiming one or two tasks as they have time, and then marking them off when completed.

Lois Friesen is willing to provide **greenery sprays / arrangements to decorate graves** at the Zion Cemetery during the Easter season; if interested, contact her at (620) 752-3369.

2021 Camp Mennoscah schedules have been received and placed in church mailboxes of families with camp-age children.

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Other Organizations

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>.

It's time to **finish the Campfire Amphitheater** at Camp Mennoscah! Work days are scheduled for: Apr. 2-3, Apr. 9-10, May 14-15. 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, and a lot of mortar to mix. Come out for one or both days and part or all-day; ask about lodging if you'd like to stay overnight. Bring a lunch and water bottle with you when you come, checking in at the North cabin area around 9 A.M. E-mail <office@campmennoscah.org> or call (620) 297-3290 to volunteer; please let us know by the Tuesday before!

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.

Camp Mennoscah is looking for at least **2 HUGE tents** that hold app. 8-10 bunk beds for summer camps (e.g., 18'x36')—similar to the ones used for Senior High Camp (military tents re-purposed for peace). The cost to purchase one new is approximately \$2,600; if you have one stored away and are willing to lend it to camp for the summer, please contact (620) 297-3290.

Mennonite World Conf. mourns with member church Kanisa la Mennonite Tanzania the death of Bishop Steven Mang'ana Watson on Mar. 4 of pneumonia. He served the global family as Africa representative on the MWC Executive Comm. since 2015.

Apr. 8, 7 P.M.: Women and girls are invited to the **WDC 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" 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.

Apr. 10, 9 A.M.–6 P.M.: Annual **KMRS Plants and Thing Sale:** Because the MCC Sale has shifted to July this year, we are selling plants, seedlings, flowers, vegetables and more at the MCC building/parking lot in N. Newton. Credit cards will be accepted.

If you have donations of plants, please bring them to the on Fri. afternoon (Apr. 9). The drop-off will be a drive-through with volunteers collecting your donations. Volunteers are needed on both Fri. and Sat.; sign-up at <www.kansas.mccsale.org>.

Apr. 11, 4 P.M.: Alexanderwohl Menn. Ch. (rural Goessel) is pleased to host the **Service of Ordination** for Lead Pastor Caleb Yoder. Guests are welcome to join by livestream; for a Zoom link, please e-mail <alexmenno@mtelco.net>.

Apr. 16-18: **Men and Boys Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah! Come out to camp for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Spend time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. The official beginning to the weekend is Sat. morning, but many arrive on Fri. (no meals or entertainment will be provided that day, however). Meals can be purchased for extra cost for Sat. night, Sun. morning and lunch. No pre-registration required. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more info, contact Kevin Neufeld at (316) 322-5515.

Opening: Camp Mennoscah is seeking a full-time Director of Development, Marketing & Communications; for details, contact <campmennojobs@att.net>.