

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 15x2 Twitchers):	c.71
Offering: Mennonite Church USA	\$590
Apr. 1: Maundy Thur. attendance (with no visitors; & 10x2 Twitchers):	c. 47
Mar. receipts for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed)	\$8,035.50

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Adult SS classes meet , as/where they choose	Apr. 4
Children's SS classes meet (mainly on lawn)	10 or 10:15 A.M., Apr. 4
Easter Sunday worship on the lawn	10:45 A.M., Apr. 4
WDC Women & Girls Spring Soiree (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Apr. 8

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church/parsonage: Mike Scott	Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: Joe Friesen & Don Regier	Before next Sun.
Accompanist: Kristyn Wedel (Kristyn, prelude)	Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Sharon Wedel	Next Sun.
Offering: Peace Connections / Christian Peacemaker Teams	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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
Education Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Apr. 26
Spiritual Life Board meets	7 P.M., May 24

Pray This Week for...

- Delila Wedel, not always able to worship with us; she celebrates her 80th birthday this coming Sat. (She's in Georgia this weekend, for the funeral of her brother-in-law Keith Ford).
- the joy of resurrection, as WDC congregations celebrate Easter and bear witness to new life, healing and hope in Jesus!
- the continuing need to proclaim Jesus' resurrection and his offer of new life is met in the land where he lived. Mennonite Mission Network notes that Nazareth Hospital, in Israel, is seeking volunteer chaplains to provide holistic care for patients from diverse religious backgrounds. May God inspire and equip qualified people to respond.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 4, 2021: Easter Sunday

Worship on the parsonage lawn at 10:45 A.M. (also live-streamed)

Gathering Song "Low in the grave he lay" (Ensemble #1) VT #333
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Karen Andres
Prelude "Come ye thankful, raise the strain" (Chimes #1) VT #348

Call to Worship from Winter 2020 *Leader*

One: And while it was still dark, Mary found the light!

Many: The disciples came running, but they did not understand.

O: Mary stood weeping and saw angels but did not recognize Jesus.

M: But when Jesus calls our name, then we recognize the way, the truth, and the life.

O: And then there was feasting! And there is feasting to come. God will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and well-aged wines and will wipe away tears from all faces.

M: It will be said on that day, "This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice. There is peace by Jesus Christ."

O: Hold firmly to the good news, which you received, in which you stand, through which you are being saved.

All: Let's open the gates of righteousness to enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Children's Time Shalom Group leaders

Song "Christ the Lord is risen today" (Ensemble #1) VT #346

Scripture(s) *John 20.1-18; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11*

Meditation "An R-rated Easter" Ray Reimer

Response Song "Christ has arisen, alleluia!" (Ensemble #2) VT #341

Offering *Local Fund*
Offertory “In thee is gladness” (Ensemble #1) VT #666

Sharing: Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer (beginning with affirmation of faith) Karen Andres
One: Deep calls to deep.

Many: We give thanks from the depths of our hearts!

O: Once weeping, now proclaiming: “I have seen the Lord!”

M: Once famished, now feasting: “This is the God for whom we have waited!”

O: Once divided, now convicted: “Jesus Christ is Lord of all!”

M: We shall not die but we shall live and keep telling the deeds of the Lord.

O: Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love, O God. You have come to us in Jesus Christ.

M: We answer your call to deep living!

Sending Song “Lift your glad voices” (Ensemble #2) VT #340
Benediction

Vocalist(s): Ensembles + Chimes Accompanist: Karen Andres
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

Renewal of Call of Zion’s Pastoral Team: During the Mar. 28, 2021 special congregational meeting, the motion to renew the call of the pastoral team of Ray Reimer and Karen Andres to an additional term of three years of service beginning July 1, 2021 was approved by an overwhelming majority of votes.

Pastoral Response: We accept your call to continue serving as your pastoral team, and are humbled by and thankful for the strong affirmation it represents. May our faith walk be deepened as we journey together into the future God envisions for us.
—Ray Reimer and Karen Andres

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.

Apr. 14-20: Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter**. Please contact <lindseyaregier@gmail.com> if you’re willing to help prepare part or all of a meal, or serve as an evening/overnight attendant.

May 2, NOON: We are planning an **MCC fundraiser meal** at Zion. We will be serving from the parsonage; you have the option of eating outside or taking the meal home. Kara Klingenberg has volunteered to make veronika casserole. We will furnish some sausage, bread, veggies, and drinks. We are asking help with dessert which will be about 10 pies. If you are willing to help with that, please let us know. Thanks much! —Karen & David

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Other Organizations

Apr. 6: Registration for MennoCon21 opens for in-person and online attendance. <<https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>>.

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.

It's time to **finish the Campfire Amphitheater** at Camp Mennoscah! Work days are scheduled for: 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. 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. 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. 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.

Prairie View requests **donations of new and gently used sweatpants** (all adult sizes, no drawstrings preferred) **and t-shirts** (mostly larger sizes XXL and XXXL) for both men and women, to support their inpatients who arrive with only the clothes they're wearing. Drop off your items at our admissions dept. on the Newton campus (1901 E. First Street), or mail a donation: Prairie View, Attn: Advancement, PO Box 467, Newton, KS 67114 (indicate Inpatient Clothing Drive on the memo line). Your donation provides dignity to those receiving intensive mental health treatment. Questions? Contact Patrick Flaming, director of access services, at 316-284-6407 or <flamingpa@pvi.org>.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is grateful for your donated items, your volunteer time, and your shopping enthusiasm! Opening: for a full-time Home Goods Manager; job description/applications at <newtonetceterashop.com>, *due Apr. 19*. We desire donations of high-quality furniture, toys and home goods at this time; our current donation schedule is the first and third Wed. of each month, 9:30 A.M.–6 P.M. (perhaps all Wed. soon). And we continue to welcome new volunteers; if interested, call 316-283-9461 or contact <manager@newtonetceterashop.com>.