

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

**Worship attendance** (with 2 visitors; & 10x2 Twitchers): c.93

**Offering:** Peace Connections: \$312.50 / CPT \$417.50

Apr. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed) \$4,440

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** during wk of Apr. 14-20

**WDC Men & Boys Retreat** @ Camp Mennoscah Apr. 16-18

**Adult SS classes meet**, as/where they choose Apr. 18

**Children's SS classes meet** (mainly on lawn) 10 or 10:15 A.M., Apr. 18

**Worship** on the lawn; livestream in sanctuary 10:45 A.M., Apr. 18

### Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church/parsonage: Thurman Entz Before next Sun.

Mowing Cemetery: Daryl Regier Before next Sun.

Accompanist: Brett Klingenberg (including prelude) Next Sun.

Vocalist(s): Brett Klingenberg (and friends) Next Sun.

Children's Time: Rosie Epp Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite Central Committee Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

**Education Board** meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Apr. 26

**Deacons** meet (via Zoom) 9 A.M., May 10

**Governing Council** meets 7 P.M., May 10

**Spiritual Life Board** meets 7 P.M., May 24

Summer **congregational meeting** c.11:45 A.M., June 27

### Pray This Week for...

- Michael Scott and family; the funeral service for his sister, Julia Caldwell, will be at 1 P.M. on Apr. 21 at All Nations Pentecostal Ch. (Newton).
- Halie Duerksen, whose father, Mark Kasper, died on Thur.; services are pending.
- Maya Klingenberg, recovering from a fractured elbow.
- for Mennonite Mission Network's two-day Sent Network conference that begins on Apr. 23. Pray that all who participate in this virtual church-planting summit will be energized and given the tools necessary for growing Jesus' church.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*April 18, 2021: A service of worship offering voices of reflection, lament, healing and hope*

*Worship on the parsonage lawn\* at 10:45 A.M.; also live-streamed for viewing in sanctuary or at home (\*if inclement weather, worship will be in the sanctuary)*

Gathering Song "Jesus, stand among us" HWB #25

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Ray Reimer

Prelude Reinhild Janzen

Call to Worship *Psalm 106* from Merrill, *Psalms for Praying*

Leader: Giver of Life, we praise you! Your steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Remember us, as we make the journey.**

L: Teach us to be patient with ourselves,

**P: that we may offer that gift to others.**

L: Help us to remain calm,

**P: as we face the fears that bind us.**

L: We yearn for all that will bring new life.

**P: We long for your very presence among us.**

*All: We listen for your word, and praise you with grateful hearts.*

Children's Time Kristy Andres

Song "Help us to help each other, Lord" HWB #362

Scripture(s) *Luke 24:36b-48*

Meditation "Voices of lament, healing, and hope" Karen Andres

Congregant reflections, prayers of healing, song response

Response Song "Healer of our every ill" HWB #377

Offering our own lament and hope

Words of hope and assurance

Offering                      *Western District Conference*  
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns  
Prayer

Ray Reimer

Song of sending and hope “Alleluia, the great storm is over” SJ #71  
Benediction (*unison—see insert*) and Postlude

Vocalist(s): Allie Klingenberg                      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*

**Graduates! Parents and Grandparents!** We try to recognize those commencing from school programs each season. Please inform Pastor Ray via note or e-mail *by Sun., Apr. 25* of any such transitions, noting name of student, school, degree, program/major, commencement ceremony date, date/time/place of reception (if desired), and future plans if they are known.

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 Andres

**Thank you** so very much to my church family for the cards, plants and phone calls I have received since my dad’s death! They have touched and comforted me.                      –Jeanne Schmidt

**Nurture / Faith Formation resources:**

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

### *Other Organizations*

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is now **accepting donations** every Wednesday, from 9:30 A.M.–6 P.M.

Apr. 20, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host its popular webinar, “**Make Medicare an easy step**,” addressing how to sign up, what Medicare covers, and supplemental plans. Register for this free event at <[central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com)> or 316-283-3800.

Apr. 20, 7 P.M.: MCC has a new kit that has been in development for years and now we’re ready to teach you how to help us **bring dignity to young women** around the world! The dignity kit includes hygiene items and a reusable menstruation pad system. Join Kate Mast for this webinar to learn about the kit and how to sew the base units for the reusable system. E-mail <[katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org)> for the Zoom link.

Apr. 21/21, 7 P.M.: **Responding to disaster:** MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by the Eta and Iota hurricanes, and the disaster response that you generously supported. Register at <<https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/responding-disaster-mccs-response-hurricanes-eta-iota>> for this two-night webinar to hear from MCC partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They also will share about how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America.

It’s time to **finish the Campfire Amphitheater** at Camp Mennoscah! Work days are scheduled for: Apr. 24 & May 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](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org)> or call (620) 297-3290 to volunteer; please let us know by the Tuesday before!

**Opening:** MCC is hiring a multimedia producer! Check out the job description and apply today at <<https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/multimedia-producer-us>>.

Apr. 24, 7 P.M.: **Caleb Abbott senior saxophone recital**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, featuring classical and jazz pieces by Glazunov, Morosco, Shorter, Wood & Mellin, and an original composition. Those planning to attend must wear masks and sit physically distanced or in family groups. Seating is limited, with priority given to members of a pre-concert list of family and friends.

Apr. 25, 2 P.M.: Award-winning syndicated columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. (who packed out Memorial Hall at Bethel College in September 2017 with a lecture titled “America in an Age of Trump”) makes a return engagement, live online, speaking on “Is America Possible?” This is part of the **Peace Lecture Series** from the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). Register for the Zoom link at <kipcor.org>.

Kauffman Museum’s spring fundraiser is **FaspBox – *faspa* in a box**. *Faspa* is a light evening meal traditional among Low German-heritage Mennonites. Each box serves one and costs \$50. Reservations must be made *by Apr. 26* (for pickup or delivery on May 2), at <www.kauffmanmuseum.org/faspbox> or by contacting the museum with credit card information at 316-283-1612 or <kauffman@bethelks.edu>.

Apr. 29-May 1 (including Saturday matinee): **Bethel College spring play, *I and You*** by Lauren Gunderson, planned for Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Thur., 7:30 P.M.; Friday, 7:30 P.M.; Sat., 2 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.—and there is a livestream option! Call or stop by Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 A.M.-5 P.M., 316-284-5205, for tickets for either in-person or livestream. Please note: This play has adult content and is not suitable for children. Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing will be enforced for in-person performances.

Bethel College Women’s Association invites donations to help purchase **two earth-friendly water refill stations** for the Bethel campus. The stations will accommodate water bottles, and cost \$890 each. Donate at <bcwamarketonline.com> *by Apr. 30*. Thank you for your support!

From the MCC U.S. Washington Office, **an invitation to take action:** Prevent future war—repeal the Iraq AUMF (Authorization for Use of Military Force) The 2002 Iraq AUMF authorized war against the Saddam Hussein regime and has been used to justify military action for 19 years without additional congressional approval. Two bills repealing the AUMF in the House of Representative and the Senate have growing bipartisan support. Repealing past AUMFs will return authority to engage in militarized force to Congress, creating greater accountability for military actions. Send a message to your members of Congress calling on them to support the repeal of the 1991 and 2002 Iraq AUMFs.

### **Unison Benediction: Prayer of Hope**

(adapted from National Council of Churches)

God of hope, our hearts overflow with gratitude for your abiding presence during this past year as we experienced difficult times.

May the flames of hope remain aglow among individuals, families, our community of faith, and nations during this pandemic.

May our trust in you be affirmed, especially as we continue to navigate each day, the challenges that confront us or those around us.

Let all that we are wait quietly before you, O God, knowing that our hope is in you.

By your Spirit, may we be grounded in the hope that is proclaimed in your Word:

You are our rock and salvation, our fortress where we will not be shaken.

We pray in the name of One who, by his resurrection, has given us the hope of life eternal, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## *Offering our own lament and hope*

You are invited to share a lament, word of healing, or hope that you have experienced in the last year due to the pandemic. If you wish, you may drop these off in the box on the table and indicate if you would like one of the pastors or deacons to contact or visit you. Otherwise, you do not need to sign your name.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Name is only necessary if you'd like us to contact or visit you)*