

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 15x2 Twitchers): c.99
Offering: Camp Mennoscah \$460
May receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed) \$5,875.50

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult **SS classes meet**, as/where they choose May 23
Children's **SS classes meet** (mainly on lawn) 10 or 10:15 A.M., May 23
Worship on the lawn; livestream in sanctuary 10:45 A.M., May 23

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church/Parsonage: Klingenberg / Duerksen Before next Sun.
Accompanist: Brett Klingenberg (?-Anna Klingenberg, prelude) Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Brett Klingenberg Next Sun.
Children's Time: Kristy Andres Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion **Virtual VBS** May 31-June 4
SS Picnic (on parsonage lawn) June 6
Spiritual Life Board meets (rescheduled) 7 P.M., June 9
Deacons meet (in library) 9 A.M., June 14
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., June 14
Zion serves at **New Hope Shelter** during wk of June 23-29
Summer **congregational meeting** c.11:45 A.M., June 27
Zion **talent show** 7 P.M., June 27
Education Board meets 7 P.M., July 7
Zion **swim / picnic @ East Lake** eat c.5 P.M., Aug. 1

Pray This Week for...

- Jim Fleagle, Stephen Kauder's brother-in-law, still in the hospital with COVID but slowly improving.
- the WDC Resource Library, as its materials are used for various forms of learning and faith formation; the Library is now again open for limited in-person use.
- the board members of the Paris (France) Mennonite Center as they meet on Friday, May 28, along with Mennonite Mission Network. May they discern God's leading as they evaluate priorities and explore new global relationships.

Zion Mennonite Church

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May 23, 2021: Pentecost Sunday

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 "Holy Spirit, come with power" HWB #26, vss. 1-3
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Karen Andres
Prelude Emma Entz

Call to Worship *Leader* (Spr., 2020/21), adapted

Leader: Today, we gather on the birthday of the church and look back on another year:

People: A year in the valley overshadowed by death,

L: a valley in which we cried out:

All: "Holy Spirit, guide us!"

L: Listening, we heard cries for racial justice this year:

P: A call to march through this valley together,

L: a march in which we cried out:

All: "Holy Spirit, transform us!"

L: So today, we ask how far we've come:

P: Did we stay the course or become dry bones?

L: Where our bones and spirits are dry, we cry out once more:

All: "Holy Spirit, breathe life into us again!"

Children's Time Bonnie Brewer

Scripture(s) Acts 2:1-13

Meditation "Spirits and The Spirit" Ray Reimer

Response Song "Holy Spirit, Truth divine" HWB #508, vss. 1, 2, 6

Offering *Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Karen Andres

Communion

Words of Preparation and Prayer of Confession Adapted from SJ #132

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we are your body not because we have chosen that name, but because you have given it to us. While we marvel at this great privilege, we also regret our failures.

All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.

L: If, through false pride or selfish independence, we have said, “I am not part of the body...”

All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.

L: If, through superiority or lack of love, we have said, “I don’t need you...”

All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.

L: If we have known that other parts of your body suffer, and have refused to share their pain...

All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.

L: If we have seen other parts of your body rejoice, and have suspected or scorned their happiness...

All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.

L: If, in place of you, the head of the body, we have served our own theology, tradition, or prejudice, and loved only those who loved or looked like us...

All: Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.

(silence)

Let the body of Christ become one. *(If you feel comfortable doing so, you are invited to join hands with someone.)*

Lord Jesus, here is your body:

it is frustrated and fallible; it is flawed and gullible;
it is tired, but through you it can be made new.

As your body, we wait on your word. *(silence)*

Jesus says: Come to me, you who are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.

Jesus says: In the world, you will have trouble. But don’t be afraid. I have overcome the world.

Jesus says: I love you. I want you, and I am with you... always.

(silence)

In the name of Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.

Words of Invitation and Communion Prayer

Words of Institution for the Bread and Cup; distribution

Prayer of Thanks for the Bread and Cup; sharing together

Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Song “How can we be silent” SJ #61, vss. 1-4
Benediction and Postlude

Vocalist(s): Allie Klingenberg 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>; 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

MCC Relief Sale projects for kids: Over the next few weeks, Zion’s children have an opportunity to make items to sell at the upcoming Kansas MCC Relief Sale. Find a kit to take home; we ask that you bring the completed items back to church the next Sunday, placing them on the back table in the church sanctuary. Questions? Contact Karen Andres or June Entz.

Lois Friesen is willing to provide **sprays of peonies, irises, etc. to decorate graves** at the Zion Cemetery for Memorial Day; if interested, contact her at (620) 752-3369.

The Education Board is inviting anyone with an interest to be on a **Youth Ministry Team** to help plan the faith formation of our Middle Schoolers and future high school youth. This team will help find resources, plan activities, and put together a long-term plan for helping our youth explore and learn about our Anabaptist history and values. If you are interested, contact Pastor Karen or someone on Education Board.

June 27, 7 P.M.: The Outreach Board invites all ages to share their hidden or well-known abilities at a **Talent Night**. We'll meet outdoors if weather permits (indoors otherwise). Light refreshments will be provided. Start rehearsing soon!

Nurture / Faith Formation resources:

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

Other Organizations

Take the **Chose Thrift First pledge!** Learn how you can care for our planet by making secondhand your first shopping choice. Shop, donate and volunteer at your nearest MCC thrift shop to support the work of MCC.

May 25, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will host a free, online webinar on “**Social Security and retirement income planning.**” To register, or learn more about the event, please visit our webpage at <everence.com/Kansas>.

May 26, 12-1:30 P.M. CDT: **The Color of Compromise** series: Raymond Chang. By examining historical and present-day examples, Chang will speak about how racism impacts Asian Americans in the church. 7 P.M. CDT: **The Right to Stay and the Right to Go:** Migration for Human Dignity Join Bonnie Klassen and Anna Vogt to learn how MCC understands the different faces and forms of migration in Latin America. Explore the role of advocacy and community organization for supporting human dignity and enabling people to stay rooted within their local communities. Register for these webinars and find upcoming webinars on <mcc.org>.

June 3, etc.: The WDC Resource Library invites children ages 3-8 to join us for an outdoor **Green Things Summer Story Hour**. At 10 A.M. on Thursdays starting on the date noted, we will meet in front of the North Newton (KS) City Building at 2601 N. Main. Register at <mennowdc.org/library>.

Kitchen staff needed! Camp Mennoscah is still looking for kitchen staff for June 6-12 and July 18-24. No professional cooking skills needed—just an ability to follow directions! Contact 620-297-3290 or <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org>.

June 3, 6 P.M.: Mennonite Church USA and MennoMedia are sponsoring a conversation with Sarah Augustine, author of the new book, *The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. Register for the webinar at <<https://mcusa.zoom.us/join/91025620000>>.

The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In this issue: MDS celebrates the wrap up of its multi-year long Hurricane Harvey response, volunteers are working on two new homes damaged by tornadoes in OH and the 2021 Spirit of MDS Fund (MDS Canada) issues 43 grants, worth \$104,900. Read more: <<https://conta.cc/3hA4mgR>>.

June 5: The public is invited to **Walk Sand Creek Trail Day**, part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, dawn to dusk (6 A.M.-8 P.M.), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee.

July 6: Mennonite Central Committee–Central States **COVID-19 update:** We look forward to re-opening the MCC office in North Newton on this date. Please keep us in your prayers as we consider our protocols, processes and capacity. Material resources donations continue to be accepted in the 24-hour donation room. Please call the MCC office at 316-283-2720 with any questions. Thank you for continuing to support the work of MCC.

Lyrics

“Holy Spirit, Truth divine”

HWB #508

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God, and inward Light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle ev'ry high desire, purify me with your fire.
6. Holy Spirit, Joy divine, gladden now this heart of mine.
In the desert ways I sing, spring, O living Water, spring!

Lyrics, continued

“Holy Spirit, come with power”

HWB #26

1. Holy Spirit, come with power, breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour, waiting for your strength and light.
We are fearful, we are ailing, we are weak and selfish too.
Break upon your congregation, give us vigor, life anew.
2. Holy Spirit, come with fire, burn us with our presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness and enflame us with your love.
Burst upon your congregation, give us gladness from above.
3. Holy Spirit, bring your message, burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness, lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation and inspire us with your word.

“How can we be silent”

SJ #61

1. How can we be silent when we know our God is near,
bringing light to those in darkness, to the worthless, endless worth?
How can we be silent when we are the voice of Christ,
speaking justice to the nations, breathing love to all the earth?

Refrain

- None can stop the spirit burning now inside us.
We will shape the future. We will not be silent!
2. How can we be silent when our God has conquered death,
stretching out his arms to suffer so that we might have new life?
How can we be silent when we know that Jesus rose,
and will come again in glory, ending suffering and strife?
 3. How can we be silent as we turn our eyes away
and ignore the poor and broken who lie bleeding in the street?
How can we be silent when we're called to heal and serve
in the image of Lord Jesus, who has stooped to wash our feet?
 4. How can we be silent, not give praise with all our hearts,
for Christ Jesus is our Savior and compassion is our king?
How can we be silent when God gave us life to be
vibrant instruments of worship made to laugh and dance and sing?

Opening: HR Generalist: MCC is looking for someone with excellent relational skills, intercultural competency and HR experience to join our team as a full time HR Generalist. This position can be based in any MCC office including North Newton, KS. The deadline to express interest is *May 31*. More info at <https://mccurrentopenings.secure.force.com/recruit/fRecruit__ApplyJob?vacancyNo=VN2556>.

Camp Mennoscah is **looking for additional staff** to help with extra tasks necessary this summer. The person should be at least 18 years old and will be paid the summer staff stipend. A multiple-week/full summer commitment is preferred, but those with partial summer availability are invited to apply. Complete the Summer Staff application at <www.campmennoscah.org>.

July 30-Aug. 1: The **WDC Annual Assembly** will focus on the theme of “Woven Into God’s Story,” based on Colossians 2:2-7. Some parts of it will be only virtual, and other parts will be only on-site at Faith Menn. Ch. (Newton). Much of it will be hybrid with people on-site and virtual sharing together. Info is posted as it becomes available, and online registration will be available at the beginning of June at: <<https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>>.

Sept. 11-12: The **Women’s Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah will happen in-person this September! Details are being discussed but please save the dates noted and consider joining our fellowship and reconnecting. Of course, some things will look different including no programming for girls, only meeting on Sat. and Sun., building use being limited, bodies being one year older, etc. We’ll send out more details and registration information later this summer; hope to see you there!

The WDC Resource Library has now reopened to the public. Library capacity is *limited to one household* in the library at a time. The self-checkout station and library catalog computer will remain off during this phase of reopening; please see library staff or WDC staff for assistance in looking up items (or browse the catalog on your smartphone). As in the rest of the WDC offices, *masks are required* while you are in the library.