

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor; & 10x2 Twitchers): c.72
Offering: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission \$285.25
June receipts for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed) \$8,113.19

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet, where they choose 9:45 A.M., Aug. 1
Children's SS classes meet (on lawn, unless weather) 9:45 A.M., Aug. 1
Worship on the lawn; also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., Aug. 1
Pastor Ray on sabbatical leave Aug. 1–Oct. 31

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church/Parsonage: Klingenberg/Duerksen Before next Sun.
Bulletin preparation: Liz Rutschman Announcements by Wed. morning
Worship in the sanctuary; also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., Next Sun.
(Message by Dale Schrag)
Accompanist: Karen A. (Karen A., prelude) Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Margaret Brewer Next Sun.
Children's Time: Karen Andres Next Sun.
Offering: Camp Mennoscah Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Deacons meet (in library) 9 A.M., Aug. 9
Governing Council meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Aug. 9
Zion corn hole tournament @ church lawn 7 P.M., Aug. 10
Dessert & Safe Sanctuaries training @ Zion 6:30 P.M., Aug. 15
Teacher Appreciation Sunday Aug. 22
Zion retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Aug. 28/29

Pray This Week for...

- the various families traveling and vacationing.
- Bethel College fall athletes and parents, especially first-year students and new transfers preparing to move in Aug. 6.
- the Service Adventure unit leaders, who completed their orientation with Mennonite Mission Network last Friday. Pray for them as they prepare to welcome participants in 3 locations, starting this month through Oct., in Albuquerque, NM; Anchorage, AK; and Jackson, MS.

Zion Mennonite Church

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August 1, 2021

Worship on the lawn at 10:45 A.M.;
also live-streamed in the sanctuary and beyond

Gathering Song "We praise thee, O God" VT #91
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude Abi Entz

Call to Worship (unison) *from Psalm 63*

**Your love is better than life itself,
my lips will recite your praise;
all my life I will bless you,
in your name lift up my hands;
my soul will feast most richly,
on my lips a song of joy and, in my mouth, praise.**

Children's Time Annette Voth
Song "Leaning on the everlasting arms" VT #160

Scripture(s) *Philippians 1:3-7, 12-14, 25b-26*
Sermon "The nakedness of joy" Karen Andres
Response Song "Make me a channel of your peace" SJ #56

Offering *Local Fund*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns Steph Entz

Sending Song "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" VT #103
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Deanna Entz
Vocalist(s): Josh & Kristy Andres Accompanist: Josh Andres
Pastor Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

(Our worship is live-streamed and recorded at <twitch.tv/zionmennonite>;
recorded services are available for 2 wks. Permission to stream the music in this
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Pastors Ray and Karen's Schedules: Karen plans to be at the church office from about 9 A.M.–NOON on Mon., Tue., Thur. and Fri.; calls (and occasional visits) some afternoons. Ray is on sabbatical leave from Aug. 1–Oct. 31.

Congregational Announcements

Starting in August, Pastor Karen will begin a **sermon series on Philippians**, known as “The epistle of joy.” We will explore together the meaning of joy. Today’s theme is “Joy rides.” How does joy come to “ride” in the midst of our difficulties? How does Paul find joy in his sufferings? May we learn together how we as a congregation can practice joy and share our common cause to increase our joy.

During Pastor Ray’s sabbatical, Liz Rutschman and Cassie Klingenberg have volunteered to **help prepare the bulletin**; look in the “next week” updates to note who will assist in any given week (you may wish to send announcements directly to them; alternatively, to the church office and/or Pastor Karen).

Aug. 10, 7 P.M.: The Outreach Board invites you to participate in a **corn hole tournament** on the church lawn. Bring snacks to share!

Aug. 15, 6:30 P.M.: If you work with children or would like to work with children at Zion, please join us for an **appreciation dessert and Safe Sanctuaries training** in the Zion basement.

Aug. 28/29: Save the dates for Zion’s annual **retreat at Camp Mennoscah**, arriving Sat. afternoon, departing Sun. afternoon. This year Grace Hill will join us. Sign-up sheets are posted.

The Education Board is **planning for fall activities** and forming classes/teachers for children’s SS for the new quarter beginning in Sept. Please contact Kristy Andres if you would like to teach or have questions concerning children’s programming. Thanks!

Adult SS classes: consider the following downloadable options as **resources to study** for the next quarter: *Laboring toward Wholeness: a training on dismantling patriarchy* (from MCUSA Women in Leadership); and *Peaceful Practices: a guide to healthy communication in conflict* (from MCC).

Other Organizations

Get your **Colorado peaches** this summer and support MCC at the same time! Beth-El Menn. Ch. in Colorado Springs is organizing a fundraiser to cover expenses related to the annual Rocky Mountain Relief Sale (Oct. 15-16 in Rocky Ford, CO). Peaches are available in 10-pound boxes for \$25 and 18-pound boxes for \$35. Deadline for orders is Mon., Aug. 2 (if payment is not made by the end of that day, the order will be cancelled). Checks or cash are accepted, with checks made payable to “Beth-El Mennonite Church” (put “Peaches” in the memo line). Contact <patsydirksen@mcc.org> for orders/payments. Pick-up date for peaches is tentatively scheduled for Mon., Aug. 23 at the MCC Central States office.

Aug. 3, 6:30 P.M.: Everence to hold ***Gifts that give back* webinar**, exploring charitable gift plans that generates income for the donor and then sends a gift to charity at a later date. Learn whether it’s a strategy for you! This free webinar will be hosted by Mitch Stutzman, Everence Stewardship Consultant. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or <central.kansas@everence.com>.

The KS Mennonite Disaster Service Unit is sponsoring two **Learning and Service Trips to McAllen, TX** on Oct. 16-23 (corrected), 2021 and Feb. 19-26, 2022. Participants will leave KS on Sat. morning, worship with the San Antonio Menn. Ch. on Sun. morning, then travel to McAllen, TX for the MDS project. Costs: Lodging and meals on the two traveling weekends (MDS will cover remaining expenses). To make your reservations or for more info contact <cleohkoop@gmail.com> or call 316-282-0797. If you are interested in volunteering at McAllen, TX on different weeks than what is in this announcement please call the volunteer coordinator at 800-241-8111.

You are invited to participate in the Mennonite Church USA churchwide **Journey Forward study** through Springtide Research Institute. The survey results will be used to help inform the direction of MC USA, as we Journey Forward together. It is important that the denomination hears from a variety of voices: <<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/MC-USA-Member-Survey>>.

We Praise Thee, O God

VT 91

1. We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,
for Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Refrain

Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah! Amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

2. We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of light
who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night.

3. We praise thee, O God, for the joy thou hast giv'n
to thy saints in communion, these foretastes of heav'n.

4. Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love,
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

SJ 56

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy,

3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love, with all my soul

4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

VT 160

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning (leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

VT 103

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive our fear and doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Though art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever bless'd,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Known in Jesus Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine.
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.