

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 4 visitors; & 5x2 Twitchers): c. 69

Offering: Camp Mennoscah \$330

Receipts needed to date (\$11,132)

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet, where they choose 9:45 A.M., Aug. 15

Children's SS classes meet (on lawn, unless weather) 9:45 A.M., Aug. 15

Worship on the lawn; also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., Aug. 15

Spiritual Life Board 7:00 P.M. (zoom), Aug. 18

Dessert & Safe Sanctuaries training @ Zion 6:30 P.M., Aug. 15

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church/Parsonage: Reynold & Russell Entz Before next Sun.

Bulletin preparation: Liz Rutschman Announcements by Friday morning

Worship in sanctuary; also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., Next Sun.

Accompanist: Carol Klingenberg Next Sun.

Vocalist(s): none Next Sun.

Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Teacher Appreciation Sunday Aug. 22

Zion retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Aug. 28/29

Women & girls retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Sept. 11 & 12

Pray This Week for...

-WDC members who have been affirmed for conference leadership roles this coming year, and pray for God's guidance as they serve in this way.

-For the families of Larry Epp, from California, who died this past week. Larry is a nephew of Rosie Epp and cousin to Dianne Wiebe. Larry's dad was Wally Epp, Rosie's brother, who died earlier this year.

Zion Mennonite Church

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August 15, 2021

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

Gathering Song "Come, Thou Fount" VT #563

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Emma Entz

Call to Worship (from Psalm 30) Deanna Entz

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you, his faithful ones.

People: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

L: You have turned my mourning into dancing;

P: and clothed me with joy.

L: My soul will praise you and not be silent.

All: O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Children's Time Kristy Andres

Song "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" VT #182

Scripture(s) *Philippians 2:1-11*

Sermon "A New Identity" Pastor Karen Andres

Response Song "Let This Mind Be in You" VT #572

Offering *Safe Hope/Prairie View Chaplaincy* Deanna Entz

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns/Prayer Ann Schowengerdt

Sending Song "You Shall Go Out with Joy" VT #847

Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Deanna Entz

Vocalist(s): Brett Klingenberg

Accompanist: Brett Klingenberg

Pastor Ray Reimer (316-217-2012)

Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

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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

Today's theme from Philippians is "Joy Empties." The scripture today portrays Jesus as "the very nature of God" to "taking the very nature of a servant." How does Jesus' self-emptying help us form our own identities?

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. 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** outdoors.

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

August 26 - The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting will be Thursday, August 26, 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves at bj.reeves@live.com or 620-543-6863 by August 22. We will be checking with health information sources regarding group meetings closer to the date for everyone's protection. The funds will go to the McPherson Housing Coalition for the construction of Oak Harbor Cottages for low income/homeless families.

August 28 - **Camp Mennoscah's** next Work Day. Meet at Maintenance shed at 8:30 and bring lunch and water bottle. Call 620-297-3290 for more information or email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Sept. 6 - The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat held over Labor Day Weekend will take a hiatus to review and reflect upon mission. There will be no retreat in the fall of 2021.

Sept. 11 & 12 - All women 13 years and older are invited to the **annual Women's Retreat** being held Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennoscah near Murdock, KS. Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be our main speaker on *Re/Connecting with God and Each Other*. Whether we need time to reconnect with God, with our sisters in Christ or both, Women's Retreat is a chance to do that. Join us for a special time of focus on spiritual and emotional connection with each other and the One who loves us and cares for us beyond imagining. Deadline is August 30. Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully. We hope to see there! Registration forms are online.

