

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 10 visitors; & 4x2 Twitchers): c. 99

Offering: Mennonite Colleges \$380

Receipts needed to date (\$11,132) (\$6,416.95 received for Local Fund in August)

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Adult SS classes meet, where they choose 9:45 A.M., Sept. 19

Children's SS classes meet (on lawn, unless weather) 9:45 A.M., Sept. 19

Worship in the sanctuary; also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., Sept. 19

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church/Parsonage: Andrew Wedel Before next Sun.

Mowing Cemetery: Klingenberg/Duerksen families as needed

Worship on the lawn, livestreamed in sanctuary & beyond Sept. 26

Bulletin preparation: Elizabeth Rutschman Announcements by Friday morning

Accompanist: Karen Andres Next Sun.

Children's Time: Cassie Klingenberg Next Sun.

Offering: Wheat State Manor (*schedule change*) Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Shalom Readers kick-off (*after church*) Sept. 26

Sharing Zion history by Zion folks (10:45 a.m.) Sept. 26

Hog Roast at Grace Hill (*Outreach event*) Sept. 26

Midweek activities begin (6:15-7:00 p.m.) Oct. 6

Communion (*schedule change*) (10:45 a.m.) Oct. 10

Hymnal Dedication (Cynthia Neufeld Smith) (10:45 a.m.) Oct. 17
(*Cynthia will share during the SS hour as well*)

Pray This Week for...

- * for WDC-related staff, as they meet via zoom next Saturday for Reference Council with a focus on one of WDC's mission priorities, "Connect to God's Mission in the World."
- * for those residing at home or in healthcare facilities feeling isolated due to Covid restrictions.
- * for Carol Friesen (wife of former pastor Walt Friesen) who has been put on hospice services.

Zion Mennonite Church

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September 19, 2021

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

Gathering Song "We Are One in the Spirit" VT #387

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Mark Unruh

Prelude Carol Klingenberg

Call to Worship: (*unison, from Psalm 37*)

Be still before the Lord,
and wait patiently for him.

Our steps are made firm by the Lord,
when he delights in our way; though we stumble,
we shall not fall headlong,
for the Lord holds us by the hand.

Children's Time Bonnie Brewer

Song "Christ is King! Let Earthly Powers" VT #410

Scripture Philippians 3:12-4:1

Sermon "Standing firm yet moving forward" Karen Andres

Response Song "I'm pressing on the upward way" (*video/insert*)

Offering Western District Conference

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns/Prayer Ann Schowengerdt

Sending Song "God of Grace and God of Glory" VT #710

Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Mark Unruh

Vocalist(s): None

Accompanist: Carol 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

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).

Today as we continue our series in Philippians, the theme is "Joy Subverts." Paul is contrasting the difference between being a citizen of Rome and a citizen of God's kingdom. We are encouraged to stand firm but continue to move forward toward completeness.

The Education Board is looking for individuals who are interested in helping with **Wednesday night activities**. If you are interested in being a main instructor, helping with music, or helping with activities, please contact Allie Klingenberg (allieklingenberg@gmail.com) ASAP. We especially encourage individuals who do not have young or school aged children to be an additional part. Intergenerational education is key to the faith formation of our children. Do not hesitate to ask a member of the Education Board for additional details. Thank you for considering.

Sept. 26 - Shalom Readers kick-off is next Sunday. After the church service, children (age 3-8th Grade) are invited to meet outside the south entrance of the church to pick up a book log, check out a shalom book and get reading! Remember to bring back any books you may have at home that belong to the church library.

Sept. 26 -The Outreach Commission is inviting folks to join **Grace Hill Mennonite Church** on Sept. 26 for their annual hog

roast at the church. Food will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Entertainment (the Flannelbacks) will perform throughout the evening but formally start at 8:00. No charge for the meal but a freewill donation is encouraged for local food banks. Covid protocols will be in place as you enjoy music, fellowship, and food in the "Outback."

The **Spiritual Life Board** is inviting people to sing in ensembles again this year. Practice would be Wed. nights but not every group would practice every Wed. Also, if you would like to be involved in our hymnal dedication on Oct, 17, Cynthia Neufeld Smith has asked us to invite anyone who plays an instrument or sings in an ensemble to make yourself known as she will be choosing hymns for the service. Please let Pastor Karen know if you are interested.

Adult SS classes: feel free to check out the resources from MennoMedia.org. if you are looking for something to study for the next quarter.

Lost and Found: Two church keys have been found and are in the pastor's office. Please see Pastor Karen if you are missing a key.

Other Organizations

Sept. 24-26 – Hesston College Homecoming Weekend –featuring Art ala carte – Sept. 24, 8:30 p.m., Hesston College campus, Keim Center. Lawn student performances featuring theater, Global Voices, Bel Canto singers, and soloists.

Sept. 26 - Join Peace Mennonite Church of Dallas, TX in person or offer your prayers as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The celebration is Saturday November 6, 2021 from 4-7pm with food and fellowship and Sunday November 7, 2021 with a 10am worship service. Please RSVP to Peace Mennonite Church at pmcdallas@gmail.com by September 26 if you plan on attending.

Sept. 26 - Hymn Sing-Dessert Auction and Annual Meeting all in one! Camp Mennoscah, September 26. There are still details to be determined, but plan on some hymn singing (masked & distanced), bidding on delectable desserts, and information about Camp Mennoscah's year. We'll keep the details coming your way!

Sept. 30 – Save the date: Mark McCormick, director of strategic communications for the ACLU of Kansas, will give the next **KIPCOR Peace Lecture**, Thursday, Sept. 30, on the Bethel campus as part of Bethel's Fall Festival. Details to come!

Sept. 30-Oct. 3 - **Bethel College's Fall Festival** - with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 2, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the comedy *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, and the STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Richard Zerger. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

Oct. 1 & 2 Fall Fest at Bethel -Bakers and Crafters Needed! Help support Bethel College Women's Association by donating pies for BCWA's Pie-By-The-Slice booth or any baked item or craft item for the Market in the Round at Fall Fest 2021. Peppernuts, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cakes are popular items! Bring your pies (no refrigerated or custard pies please) to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center 4:00-6:30pm Friday, October 1 or 8:00-11:00am on Saturday, October 2. Baked goods and craft items can be dropped off at the Luyken Fine Arts Center Rm 140 on Friday 1:30-4:30pm or Saturday 7:00-8:00am. All proceed go to support Bethel College. Contact Lori Regier: regierlk@outlook.com if you have questions.

Kansas MDS Unit sponsoring two Learning and Service Trips to McAllen Texas: Dates of two trips: **October 16 - 23, February 19 - 26**. Participants will leave Kansas on Saturday morning traveling to San Antonio, TX, staying overnight. Visiting San Antonio Mennonite Church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon traveling to McAllen TX for the MDS project. Costs: Lodging and meals on the two traveling weekends. MDS will cover the remainder of the expenses. Reservations: To make your reservations or for more information contact Cleo Koop at 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.

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