Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 0 visitors; & 4x2 Twitchers): c. 72
Offering: Western District Conf. $
Receipts needed to date ($11,132) ($6,416.95 received for Local Fund in August)

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult **SS classes meet**, where they choose		9:45 A.M., Sept. 26
Children's **SS classes meet** (on lawn, unless weather)		9:45 A.M., Sept. 26
Worship on the lawn; also live-streamed		10:45 A.M., Sept. 26
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

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church/Parsonage: Daryl Regier	Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: Klingenberg/Duerksen families	as needed
Worship in sanctuary, livestreamed in sanctuary & beyond	Oct. 3
Bulletin preparation: Cassie Klingenberg	Announcements by Friday morning
Accompanist: Kristyn Esau	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Brett Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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…

* God's strength for chaplains, medical providers and others in WDC who serve hospitals, health-care and hospice organizations, as they minister among those most impacted by the ongoing COVID virus.

* MMN - Rejoice that COVID-19 cases in Spain are decreasing and pray for Brian and Noelia Fox as they search for a place to hold their English classes, after a year of conducting online classes.

Zion Mennonite Church

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September 26, 2021

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

Gathering Song	"Great God, we sing"	HWB #639
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		Mark Unruh
Prelude		Karen Andres

Call to Worship: (*adapted from Words for Worship 2 by Diane Zaerr Brenneman*)

L: Gracious God, through Jesus Christ,
you have joined us into one living body.
P: Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the
unfolding of our life together.
L: Your Spirit has enabled those who came before us
to live in faithful obedience to your will.
All: May the Spirit continue to walk with us in unity
of love and purpose, and may your glory be revealed.

Children's Time		Cassie Klingenberg
Song	"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"	VT #182
Scripture	I Cor. 12:12-14 & Gal. 3:26	
Reflections	"Finding new members at Zion—the early years"	
Response Song		
Offering	Wheat State Manor	
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns/Prayer		Karen Andres
Sending Song	"Rain Down"	VT #703
Benediction and Postlude		

Worship Leader: Mark Unruh
Vocalist(s): Margaret Brewer Accompanist: Karen 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 service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #737503-A. All rights reserved.

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 the focus of worship is how Zion, in the early years, reached out and incorporated new members. Three families or individuals will be featured: Herman Janzen, grandfather of John Janzen; Klingenbergs, presented by Vernon; and the Wedels, presented by Lillian. May we celebrate God's leading and guiding in past generations.

The new library books have arrived! We have a wide variety of topics and genres to browse through. The adult nonfiction and fiction books are on the "new arrival" shelf along the east side of the library. The youth and Shalom Reader's books are on the table for now. Enjoy!

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 this 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.

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.

Sept. 26 - TODAY -Everyone is invited to the Grace Hill Community Hog Roast in the Outback at Grace Hill Mennonite Church this evening. Food served from 5-7pm, entertainment until 8pm. Enjoy an evening of outdoor fellowship, music by the Flannelbacks & wives, and corn hole games. ***All eating and activities will be outside – please bring a lawn chair.*** A free will donation will be accepted to support area food banks. Masks are encouraged as well as social distancing.

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

Camp Mennoscah

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!

Bethel College

Sept. 28, Tues. – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m., *Memorial Hall*

Sept. 30, Thurday – KIPCOR Peace Lecture with Mark McCormick, "Peace: It's a Choice," 7 p.m., in Memorial Hall. McCormick is a former columnist for the *Wichita Eagle* and former executive director of The Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, and is currently director of strategic communications for the ACLU of Kansas.

Sept. 30-Sun., Oct. 3 – Bethel College Fall Festival; most activities take place Saturday, Oct. 2, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, exhibits in the Regier Art Gallery and Kauffman Museum, the comedy *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* [revised], and the STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Richard Zerger. See https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival for the complete schedule and ways to buy tickets online.

Oct. 2 – Saturday, 1:30 p.m., "The Dutch Golden Age: Mennonite to the Core," an illustrated program by Lauren Friesen '67 Ph. D. – at Kauffman Museum.

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.

Oct. 6, Wed. – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

Hesston College

Sept. 30-Oct. 3 – Fall Play – "The Game's Afoot" – Hesston College Campus, Keim Center. This play, by Ken Ludwig, is a murder mystery comedy. Presented in the Black Box Theater. Showtimes: Sept. 30, 7:00 p.m.; Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m.; Oct. 2, 7:00 p.m.; and Oct. 3, 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 per adults/seniors and $5 for students. Masks required for audience members.

Oct. 4 – Fall Cultures Fair - Hesston Mennonite Church Community Center – 6:00 p.m. The campus hosts students from 25 countries and the US – many of whom will be sharing their hearts through food, games, dance, vocal and instrumental music. This is a family friendly event and open to the public.

MCC

Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for the 3rd MCC Color of Compromise webinar **featuring Sandra Maria Van Opstal on September 28th at 1:00 p.m. EDT.** From the depth of her experience ministering to the Hispanic and Latino community, writer, speaker and co-founder of Chasing Justice movement, Sandra Maria Van Opstal will speak about the impact of the church's complicity in racism on the Hispanic and Latino community here in the U.S. Register here: https://mcc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mn84mcwBTHu_ggUajNFQKw For more information on past webinars in the series, visit mcc.org/color-of-compromise.

Take action to advocate for Haitian asylum seekers by urging President Biden to immediately halt deportation flights to Haiti. Following the biblical call to welcome the stranger, MCC is asking that all deportation flights to Haiti be halted immediately and is seeking respect for basic human rights at the U.S./Mexico border. Take action today!

Lyrics for Hymns

Great God, we sing HWB #639