Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 12x2 Twitchers):	c.74
Offering: Mennonite Central Committee	\$280
October receipts for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed) \$1	3,223.88

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Adult SS classes meet, where they choose	9:45 A.M., Nov. 7	
Children's SS classes meet (on lawn, unless we	eather) 9:45 A.M., Nov. 7	
Worship on the lawn; also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., Nov. 7	
Pastor Karen on vacation	Nov. 7-12	
Governing Council meets (via Zoom)	7 p.m., Nov. 8	
Zion serves at New Hope Shelter	Nov. 10	
Mentor/Mentee Evening	6:15–7:00 p.m., Nov. 10	
Regular Wed. evening activities	Nov. 10	
Children's & Jr. Youth activities	6:15-7:00 р.м.	
Choir	7:00-7:30 р.м.	
Adult Bible Study	7:30-с.8:15 Р.М.	
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Worship in the sanctuary; also live-streamed	10:45 А.М., Next Sun.
Accompanist: Brett K. (Annette V., prelude)	Next Sun.
Vocalist(s): Brett K.; Choir	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Peggy R.	Next Sun.
Offering: Harvest of Love (Harvey Co. food bank)	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion's Harvest Mission Fest; Sara Dick spe	aks Nov. 14
Cong. mtg. for budget & elections	с.11:45 А.М., Dec. 12
Christmas Eve program practice (s)	Dec. 15 & 22
Zion's Christmas Eve program	7 P.M., Dec. 24
Cong. mtg. for reports & projects	Jan. 5

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- thanksgiving for all who assisted with the work day yesterday (Nov. 6); we trust many improvements were accomplished!
- WDC Pastors' Day Apart on Nov. 13, that God's Spirit guide participants and presenter Sara Wenger Shenk in exploring the theme, *Tongue-Tied: Is Talking About Faith a Lost Art?*
- Sue and Wally Fahrer's ministries in the United Kingdom, which spanned nearly 4 decades via Menn. Mission Network.

Zion Mennonite Church

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November 7, 2021

Worship on the parsonage lawn at 10:45 A.M.; also live-streamed in the sanctuary (and at large)

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Gathering Song"Brethren we have met to worship"VT #25Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Call to Worship Ps 146, adapted		
Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!		
People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.		
L: Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD their God,		
P: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;		
L: who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.		
P: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow.		
L: The LORD will reign forever, O Zion, for all generations.		
All: Praise the LORD!		
Children's TimeCarol KlingenbergSong"Take my life, and let it be"VT #759		
Scripture(s)Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17Sermon"Life challenged, and redeemed"Response Song"Bless the arms that comfort"VT #527		
Offering Local Fund		
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns; Prayer Ray Reimer		
Sending Song "God be with you till we meet again" HWB #430 Benediction and Postlude		

Worship Leader: Lois FriesenAccompanist(s): Josh & Kristy AndresPastor 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: Ray is usually at the church office from about 9 A.M.–NOON on Mon. and Fri.; Karen on Tue. and Thur. afternoons from about 1–4 P.M. Pastor Ray leads worship at Wheat State Manor this Wed. morning, <u>Nov. 10</u>. As noted last week, Pastor Karen has begun an **additional part-time position** accompanying chapel services at Kidron-Bethel Village on Tue. and Thur. mornings and Wed. afternoons; you can still attempt to reach her via text or e-mail during these times, but her phone will be silenced (she'll check it and get back to you after chapel). Pastor Karen is taking some vacation time <u>Nov. 7-12</u>.

Congregational Announcements

Location of Sunday School classes and Wed. evening activities:

Children's SS classes will move inside as the weather gets cold:

PreK (Lindsey): church basement room, across from bathrooms Elementary (Kristy): church basement room, far south Intermediate (Lillian): church basement room, "sewing room"

 8^{th} graders (Liz): church basement, stage

Adult SS classes may choose a room upstairs in the parsonage, the elevator room in church basement, or church library. The young parents' class will resume in the back of the sanctuary. Please check with an Ed. Board member if you have questions.

Location of Wed. night children's/youth activities: Youth Group: parsonage basement Singing with Kristy: church sanctuary Rosie's class: parsonage garage Bonnie's class: church library

Zion members and friends are encouraged to collect **food for area Food Pantries** during November. Bring non-perishable foods such as rice, beans, pasta, sauce, mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, soup, canned vegetables or fruit. Monetary donations are also welcome (dedicated offerings occur on Nov. 14 and Dec. 12). <u>Nov. 10, 6:15 P.M.</u>: **Mentor/Mentee Evening**: Get to know one another through laughter and games! Mentors and mentees will be meeting together and playing Bunco in the fellowship hall.

<u>Nov. 10, 7:30–c.8:15 P.M.</u>: Wed. evening **Adult Bible Study** resumes, for a short series on "material issues" related to the Bible that have caught Pastor Ray's eye over the last year or so: genetics and early Canaan; plagues in antiquity; the interaction of pollution and economics; symbolic representations in the early church; research about the star of Bethlehem and Palestinian inns, etc. Unless there are objections, we'll plan to meet in person.

<u>Nov. 14</u>: It is time to renew Zion's **group** *Anabaptist World* **subscription**. If anyone has address changes to report, or wants to be included in the church subscription or doesn't want to continue receiving it, please contact Jeanne Schmidt by the date noted.

<u>Nov. 27, 10:30 A.M.</u>: The family of Carol M. (Mrs. Walter former interim pastor) Friesen, who died on Sept. 18, invites you to **participate in her memorial service** on the date/time noted via Zoom at Meeting ID: 863 6618 1336, Passcode: 138150; or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86366181336?pwd=N0VuOHpvNXZ kNG1iaXR2bHYwSTdaZz09>. The recorded service will be available for 30 days at <https://www.whitestonemc.com/>. Find Carol's obituary at <wigginsfuneralhomes.com>.

Thank You! to all who allowed me to experience a sabbatical leave these last 3 months; I feel reasonably refreshed, and ready to re-engage in joining God working in and through the Zion congregation. While many stepped forward–with office help, additional tech support, visiting–I particularly thank Karen for shouldering extra responsibility. —Pastor Ray

Other Organizations

<u>Nov. 9, 7 P.M.</u>: Bethel College's **Organ Recital Series** returns inperson with Shirley Sprunger King, D.M.A., in the Ad Building chapel. Limited chapel seating, with a livestream option in Krehbiel Auditorium. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors. <u>Nov. 11, 7 P.M.</u>: **Handel's Messiah performance** at Tabor College, partnering with Hillsboro Area Ministerial Assoc. and inviting people to bring food for their food pantry. An offering will also be taken. Reserve tickets at 620-947-3121, ext. 1402.

<u>Nov. 12, 7 P.M.</u>: As part of Tabor College's 2021-22 Concert Series, Andreas Klein, pianist will present "**Bach, Beethoven and Beyond**" in Richert Auditorium of the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts. The program includes Bach, Partita II in C minor; Beethoven, Sonata in A-flat major; Chopin, Ballade No. 1 in G minor; and Prokofieff, Sonata No 7. Tickets at <tabor.edu/tickets>.

<u>Nov. 13, 5-7 P.M.</u>: First Menn. Ch. (427 W 4th, Halstead) will host its annual **Mission Supper** as a drive-thru event. The menu consists of: smoked sausage, chicken borscht, zwieback, green beans, and a cookie. Donations will benefit the Neighbors Store and missionaries Dave and Rebekka Stutzman (Germany) and Joseph and Rachel Givens (France).

<u>Nov. 13, 7 P.M.</u>: Hesston College Masterworks @ Hesston Menn. Ch. Join us for an evening featuring Baroque and Classical masterpieces! Bach's cantata "Bringet dem Herrn Ehre seine," BWV 148; Brixi's "Organ Concerto in F," featuring Kenneth Rodgers, organ; Mozart's "Exsultate, Jubilate," K165 featuring Dr. Holly Swartzendruber, soprano; and Handel's "Hallelujah, Amen" from "Judas Maccabaeus." Musicians include Bel Canto Singers, area artists, and professional orchestra. Program and livestream at <www.hesston.edu/music>.

<u>Nov. 14, 2 P.M.</u>: **KIPCOR Film Series**: *A Home Called Nebraska*, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Emily Haverkamp, an immigration and asylum lawyer from Wichita, will lead the discussion following the screening. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

<u>Nov. 16, 17</u>: Mennonite Central Committee works to meet hunger, sanitation and education needs around the world. One of the ways local people can help is at our **yearly meat canning event**. This year it will be the dates noted for Newton area churches at the MCC mid states building in North Newton. Please use the attached

link to sign up to help. Financial donations are also needed. If you have questions, talk to your church's MCC contact person or the MCC office. Thanks. https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2021>.

Now in the Regier Gallery at Bethel College: "Voices Together," a display of the original artwork featured in the new Voices Together hymnal, through Nov. 19. Gallery hours are 9 A.M.-5 P.M. weekdays. In addition, Rachel Epp Buller, professor of visual arts and design at Bethel and gallery and exhibit coordinator, is available to church groups who would like to visit the exhibit outside regular hours. Contact her at <rebuller@bethelks.edu> to set up a time between now and Nov. 19.

<u>Nov. 20</u>: Hesston College **Keyboard Festival**. Area piano and organ students are invited for a day filled with competition rounds and workshops. Categories open for Elementary, Junior, and Senior divisions. Schedule and registration information at <www.hesston.edu/keyboardfest>. The finals recital is open to the public in person at 3 P.M. @ Hesston Menn. Ch., or at <www.hesston.edu/livestream>.

Life Enrichment at Bethel College has been canceled for spring 2022, due to ongoing health and safety concerns. Organizers hope to resume Life Enrichment in fall 2022.

The Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council met in October to discuss its role in preparing churches for the **special delegate assembly**, which will take place <u>May 27-30, 2022</u> in Kansas City, Missouri. Read the news release here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/clc-meeting-oct21.

Opening: Kauffman Museum at Bethel College in North Newton, KS, is seeking hire an organized, detail oriented, social media savvy, curious, friendly individual to work 75-100% FTE with visitors, school groups, volunteers, student staffers, scheduling, and internal office management as a *Visitor Service Coordinator*. The VSC will be a part of a multitasking team of five. Job description/application at http://www.kauffmanmuseum.org/vsc. For more info contact Andi Andres at <a @bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Lyrics

"Brethren, we have met to worship" VT #25

1 Brethren, we have met to worship; sister, let us praise our God; will you pray with all your power? Will you hear and preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down; Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

2 Kindred, will you come and help us? Moses' fam'ly aided him; will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin? Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found; Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

3 Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears? Is there here a weeping Mary, pouring forth a flood of tears? Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound! Pray, oh pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

4 Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too; let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down. Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

"Take my life, and let it be" VT #759

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them love in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee,

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine, it shall be no longer mine.

5 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

"Bless the arms that comfort" VT #527

 Bless the arms that comfort, strong to shoulder care, gentle in their healing, reaching through despair.
Bless the hands that labor Martha's daily deeds; Mary's precious ointment, balm for diff'rent needs.

2 Bless the ears that listen, sharing joys and fears laughing in our triumphs, weeping with our tears. Bless the eyes whose wisdom sees through pride's façade, cherishing our weakness with the heart of God.

3 Bless the feet that follow, like Naomi's Ruth constant friend through sorrow, speaking holy truth: Through our journeys lead us far in time and space, God anoints companions, ministers of grace.

"God be with you till we meet again"

HWB #430

1 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, may the Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting, hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you, Smite death's threat'ning wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.