

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) \$13,223.88

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 weather) 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 P.M.
Choir 7:00–7:30 P.M.
Adult Bible Study 7:30–c.8:15 P.M.

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship in the sanctuary; also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., 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 speaks Nov. 14
Cong. mtg. for budget & elections c.11:45 A.M., 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 Fahrner'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)

Gathering Song "Brethren we have met to worship" VT #25
Welcome, 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 Time Carol Klingenberg
Song "Take my life, and let it be" VT #759

Scripture(s) *Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17*

Sermon "Life challenged, and redeemed" Ray Reimer

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

Nov. 11, 7 P.M.: **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.

Nov. 12, 7 P.M.: 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>.

Nov. 13, 5-7 P.M.: 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).

Nov. 13, 7 P.M.: **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>.

Nov. 14, 2 P.M.: **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.

Nov. 16, 17: 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.

Nov. 20: 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 May 27-30, 2022 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 <asa@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

1 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.