

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 3 visitors; & 6x2 Twitchers): c.87
Offering: Harvest of Love (Harvey Co. food bank) \$690
November receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed) \$3,859.69

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Nov. 21
Worship; also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., Nov. 21
No Wed. evening activities – *Thanksgiving break* Nov. 24

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Accompanist/vocalist: Josh & Kristy Andres (students?, prelude) Next Sun.
Children's Time: Sharon Wedel Next Sun.
Offering: The Corinthian Plan – Access Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Nov. 30
Cong. mtg. for budget & elections c.11:45 A.M., Dec. 12
Deacons meet (via Zoom) 9 A.M., Dec. 13
Governing Council meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Dec. 13
Material for 2021 **Annual Report due** to Becky Nickel Dec. 15
Likely Zion outing to **view Christmas lights** in Wichita Dec. 19
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...

- the blessings we have all experienced, even through a difficult year; may we offer our thanksgiving this week.
- God's faithfulness, goodness and generosity, and the many ways that WDC congregations share these gifts so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.
- Liz Breckbill and Erin McWilliams are participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Alamosa, CO, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they extend the ministry of the Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, through educating local youth on environmental issues in their community.

Zion Mennonite Church

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November 21, 2021

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

Gathering Song "To God be the glory" HWB #102
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude "Gloria Patri - Kyrie - Gloria in Excelsis" Bonnie Brewer

Call to Worship *Adapted from the Minister's Manual (Nov. 25, 2012)*

Leader: Lift up your heads, people of God. Behold the King of glory.

People: Who is this King of glory?

L: The Lord of hosts, the eternal God, is the King of glory.

P: We lift our heads, we bow our knees, and we open our hearts to worship the King of glory, our God, graceful and mighty.

Children's Time Rosie Epp

Litany of Thanks *Colossians 3:15-17* VT #818
Song "We gather together" HWB #17

Scripture(s) *Psalms 132*
Sermon "Regal abundance" Ray Reimer
Response Song "Christ is King! Let earthly powers" VT #410

Offering *Camp Mennoscah*
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns
Prayer Karen Andres

Sending Song "Come, ye thankful people, come" HWB #94
Benediction

Worship Leader: Karen Andres Accompanist(s)/vocalist(s): Bonnie Brewer
Pastor Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

(Our worship is live-streamed and recorded at <[twitch.tv/zionmennonite](https://www.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.

Congregational Announcements

Zion members and friends are encouraged to collect **items 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 (remember—nothing expired!). Monetary donations are also welcome (dedicated offerings occur on Nov. 14 and Dec. 12).

MCC Kit Collection: Items and money for Hygiene Kits and other MCC material resources are being collected during Nov. and Dec. Please place items in box under bulletin board in lobby, or money to purchase same in box at the back of the sanctuary. On Dec. 8, mentors and mentees will assemble them. New items only, please:

- 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16 in x 26 in)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6–8 in)

Nov. 27, 10:30 A.M.: **Memorial service** for Carol M. (Mrs. Walter—former interim pastor) Friesen, on the date/time noted via Zoom at Meeting ID: 863 6618 1336, Passcode: 138150; or <<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86366181336?pwd=N0VuOHpvNXZkNG1iaXR2bHYwSTdaZz09>>. The recorded service will be available for 30 days at <<https://www.whitstonemc.com/>>. Find Carol's obituary at <[wigginsfuneralhomes.com](https://www.wigginsfuneralhomes.com)>.

Kathy Preheim has volunteered to assemble “**Christmas Eve goodie bags**” for the children; consider donating a bit of money to her to assist in the expense. In addition, would someone volunteer to get oranges to include? Please coordinate with Kathy.

beginning Nov. 28: **Sunday School classes**, winter quarter:

PreK & Kindergarten (Ben & Halie): church basement room, across from bathrooms

Elementary (1st-3rd) (Karen, Dec.; Mark & Clint, Jan./Feb.): church basement room, far south

Intermediate (4th-6th) (Ann): church basement room, “sewing room”

8th graders (Cassie): 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.

Nov. 30: All Zion **expenses for the 2021 fiscal year** should be submitted to our treasurer, Daryl Regier, by this date.

Copies of the winter 2021/2022 quarter of the ***Rejoice!* devotional** are available under the mailboxes.

Dec. 12, c.11:45 A.M.: Our **first winter congregational meeting** is scheduled for this Sunday, immediately after worship, to consider the 2022 budget and elections. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary, but also be live-streamed.

Dec. 15: Reports for the Zion Menn. Ch. **Annual Report Book** are due *by this date*. Please e-mail them to Becky Nickel, at <bnickel77@gmail.com>, preferably as a MSWord attachment. Questions? Please contact Becky.

The Outreach Board will sponsor a **trip to view Christmas lights** in Wichita, probably on Dec. 19. An option is to rent a 35-passenger bus (or 2), and tour neighborhoods in addition to walking through the Illuminations at Botanical Gardens; if you are interested in this option, please contact a member of the Outreach Board (Vern, Wes, Lindsey, Jim N., Cassie) ASAP, as a bus would need to be reserved almost immediately. There is also the option of meeting at the Gardens if folks prefer not to ride a bus.

Jan. 5: Our **second winter congregational meeting** is scheduled for this evening, to consider reports and projects. Regular Wed. evening activities will recommence the following week (Jan. 12).

Other Organizations

Nov. 21, 3 P.M.: Hesston College, the Peacing It Together Foundation and the Wichita Global Faith in Action Organization invites you to the **I Go On Singing Show** featuring Anthony Brown. This event will take place at the Iasis Christian Center (1914 E 11th St N, Wichita).

Nov. 21, 7 P.M.: **Handel's Messiah** will be performed by the Tabor College Concert Choir and Alumni/Community Choir and Messiah Orchestra in Richert Auditorium of the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts. The performance is free, but reserved seating required via <tabor.edu/tickets>. An offering will be taken, and food donations are encouraged to benefit the Hillsboro Area Ministerial Assn.

Nov. 22, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Wind Ensemble Winter Concert**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

Nov. 30, 1-3 P.M.: The central Kansas Community Foundation will hold a **"#Giving Tuesday Open House"** at 301 N. Main, Suite 200, Newton; stop by to learn more about the work of the Foundation and its affiliates. Visit <centralkansascf.org> for more opportunities within affiliate communities; donate online at <bit.ly/SupportCentralKansas>.

In addition, many of the organizations Zion supports via offerings encourage additional donations on this day; check out respective websites, which usually include a link for contributions.

The Nov. edition of ***On the Level*** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS Canada Hay West program provides relief to farmers, the U.S. border reopens for volunteers coming from Canada, and you can learn more about our Annual Celebration in Sarasota, FL in Jan. Click here to read more: <<https://conta.cc/3CrHHtZ>>.

Dec. 18, 2:30 P.M.: **Camp Mennoscah Christmas!** Join us in the Dining Hall for afternoon fun—bring games to play indoors or out. Camp will provide popcorn and generic pop. (Masks recommended and encouraged for inside activities.)

Dec. 4: Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, craft items, and poinsettias for **5 Places of Christmas** at Goerz House on the Bethel College campus. All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items; Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed rolls and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Fri., Dec. 3, from 1:30-4:30 P.M. or Sat., Dec. 4 from 7-9 A.M.

The actual open houses at Kauffman Museum, Goerz House, Warkentin House, Harvey County Historical Museum and Carriage Factory Gallery will be open from 10 A.M.-4 P.M. on Dec. 4. Please plan to wear a face covering indoors and follow all COVID-19 protocols requested by the venue.

Dec. 4, 7 P.M.: You're invited to a theatre and music performance that explores what coming **"Home for Christmas"** means for a diversity of people and cultures, presented by Hesston College theatre and music at Hesston Menn. Ch. All performers fully vaccinated for COVID-19 will perform without masks; audience members are required to wear masks. No tickets are required, but a free-will offering will be accepted following the performance. Program and livestream available <at www.hesston.edu/music>.

Dec. 7, 6:30 P.M.: Bethel College's **Steel Drum Band** will present its holiday concert in Krehbiel Auditorium.

Dec. 7, 7:30 P.M.: Returning to Hesston College after ten years, **Canadian Brass** will perform as part of the 2021-22 Sunflower Performing Arts series at Hesston Menn. Ch. Audience members will be required to wear a mask, according to current Hesston College guidelines. For more info or to purchase tickets, call 620-327-8158 or click <sunflowerarts.org>.

Dec. 8, 11 A.M.: Bethel College will host its annual **"Messiah Sing,"** this year in Memorial Hall.

In addition to Zion's financial support, Peace Connections requests consideration of **volunteer opportunities with Harvey Co. Circle of Hope** in its "Bridges Out of Poverty" program—in childcare, kitchen, or as volunteer allies, meeting each Tue. evening. Free training is offered monthly; see bulletin board for details.