

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

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| Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 8x2 Twitchers): | c.63 |
| Offering: Corinthian Plan - Access & Sharing Plan | \$... |
| November receipts for Local Fund (\$11,132 needed) | \$... |

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| SS classes meet | 9:45 A.M., Dec. 5 |
| Worship; also live-streamed | 10:45 A.M., Dec. 5 |
| Regular Wed. evening activities | Dec. 5 |
| 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

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| Accompanist/Vocalist: Brett K. (also, Caleb, Alyssa, Anna) | Next Sun. |
| Children's Time: Brett K. | Next Sun. |
| Offering: Area food banks in Peabody and Whitewater | Next Sun. |

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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| 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 |
| Christmas Eve program practice(s) | Dec. 15 & 22 |
| Likely Zion outing to view Christmas lights in Wichita | Dec. 19 |
| Zion's Christmas Eve program | 7 P.M., Dec. 24 |

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Jim Preheim, as he recovers from a fall last weekend; at present he is a patient at Kidron-Bethel Village, in Health Care, Rm. 39 (Whispering Meadows hall). His cellphone remains the same: (316) 284-7147.
- the Brewer family as they mourn Doug's death on Nov. 20; his memorial service on Dec. 2 can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/_vYHmD8QW50>.
- Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, of Mennonite Mission Network, who request prayer for the churches in Ecuador that have suffered the loss of many leaders and members, due to COVID-19.

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*December 5, 2021: The Second Sunday of Advent:
"Dare to Imagine God's Embrace!"*

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

Pre-Service Music: Kate K., Gracia B., Wyatt K.
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude(s) Donovan B., Lauren K.
Candle-lighting Litany

Leader: We light a candle of peace. And we imagine:

People: God's tender mercy, God's compassion.

L: We light the candle of peace to feel God's embrace, God's nearness, God's breath.

P: Imagine that... we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Song "He came down" VT #239

Children's Time Ann Schowengert

Song "Comfort, comfort, O my people" VT #212

Scripture(s) *Luke 3:1-6*

Sermon "Straight, smooth sidewalks" Ray Reimer

Confession and Assurance

Response Song "Bless'd be the God of Israel" VT #223

Offering *Local Fund*

Offertory Maya K.

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Karen Andres

Sending Song "Longing for light" VT #715

Benediction

Worship Leader: Allie Klingenberg Accompanist(s): 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](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

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)

A summary of **books acquired this year in the Zion library** is attached to the weekly e-mail; a few paper printouts are in lobby.

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. We will attempt to have documents (budget, slate) available this Sun., Dec., 5 and/or e-mail them on Mon. with as much information as is available at the time; those participating via live-stream have the option to offer a generic “pre-ballot” prior to the meeting (either via e-mail, surface mail, or dropping it off at church).

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; details forthcoming.

Other Organizations

Dec. 7, 7 P.M.: Bethel College's **Steel Drum Band** will present its holiday concert in Krehbiel Auditorium. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing to the extent possible and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

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](https://www.sunflowerarts.org)>.

Dec. 8, 11 A.M.: **Singalong to Christmas portions of Handel's Messiah** returns in-person in Memorial Hall, with chamber orchestra, soloists and student conductors. Scores provided. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols pertain.

Dec. 10, 8 P.M.: **Christmas Gala Jazz concert**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing to the extent possible and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

Dec. 12, 7:30 P.M.: The McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews will give their **Christmas Brass Concert** in the Goessel (KS) high school gym. This event is sponsored by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. Note the location change accommodating for social distancing.

Dec. 12, 8 P.M.: **Lighting of the Green** returns in-person this year on the Bethel College campus.

Dec. 19, 4 P.M.: **Hopeful Blues**, an eclectic instrumental group, will host **Doxology Ensemble**, a 12-voice male acappella ensemble from the Anabaptist community near Hutchinson, to present a concert of sacred music at Hope Menn. Ch. (868 N Maize Road, Wichita), joining two unique ensembles for an afternoon of Christmas music. Admission is free, donations are welcomed.