

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (with no visitors; & 7x2 Twitchers): c.83  
**Offering:** Local Fund \$2,675  
December receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed) \$2,675

### *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., Dec. 12  
**Worship;** also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., Dec. 12  
**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  
Regular **Wed. evening activities** Dec. 15  
Christmas Eve practice (Children, Youth & Choir) 6:15–c.7:15 P.M.  
Adult Bible Study c.7:15–c.8:15 P.M.

### *Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

Accompanist: Kristyn Esau (also, Abi, Makayla, Eva, Cohen) Next Sun.  
Children's Time: Kristy Andres Next Sun.  
Offering: Western District Conference Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

Zion outing to **illuminations** at Botanica (Wichita) 6 P.M., Dec. 19  
Christmas Eve program **practice** Dec. 22  
Zion's **Christmas Eve program** 7 P.M., Dec. 24

### *Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...*

- Vern Klingenberg and family, mourning the death of his brother-in-law, Jake Schrag, on Dec. 7.
- families in our midst and globally struggling with COVID.
- generous financial support for WDC and its congregations, to help meet ministry and budget goals for this year.
- the Orodara region, where many of Burkina Faso's Mennonites live. Foreign-sponsored guerilla fighters are making it difficult for people to go to work and for children to attend school. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for the Mennonites' peace witness, for the families of the more than 1,500 people who have died and for the more than 1.3 million displaced people in Burkina Faso.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*December 12, 2021: The Third Sunday of Advent:  
"Dare to Imagine God's Song!"*

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

Pre-Service Music: Kate K, Maya K  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude(s) Alyssa K  
Candle-lighting Litany

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

**People: Jubilation! Rejoicing! Do not fear!**

L: We light the candle and join in God's song, singing loudly, singing fiercely, singing together.

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

Song "He came down" VT #239

Children's Time Brett Klingenberg

Song "Oh, how joyfully" VT #254

Scripture(s) *Zephaniah 3.14-20*

Sermon "Joining God's song" Ray Reimer

Confession and Assurance

Response Song "Could it be that God is singing" VT #42

Offering *Area food banks in Peabody and Whitewater*

Offertory Caleb K

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Karen Andres

Sending Song "Joy to the world" VT #240

Benediction

Worship Leader: Allie Klingenberg Accompanist(s)/Vocalist(s): Brett Klingenberg  
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*

46 Hygiene Kits plus several towels were delivered to the MCC Center in North Newton on Thurs. **Thank you!**—to everyone who contributed and to the youth/children who helped pack them. Contributions will continue to be accepted throughout Dec. Also two trunkloads of food items were distributed to the Peabody and Newton Food banks—**thanks to all** who contributed these staples!

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. Those unable to be present in-person are offered the option of a generic ballot, to be returned to church prior to the meeting.

Dec. 15: Reports for the Zion Menn. Ch. **Annual Report Book** are due *by this date*. Please e-mail them to Becky Nickel, at <[bnicke177@gmail.com](mailto:bnicke177@gmail.com)>, preferably as a MSWord attachment. Questions? Please contact Becky.

Dec. 19, 6 P.M.: The Outreach Board is sponsoring a **trip to Illuminations** at Botanica in Wichita. Tickets have been purchased for children. Adults should acquire theirs via: <<https://embed.showelix.com/event/illuminations-botanicaWPi12ZT#updated>>. Don't delay, as this date/time slot is likely to fill up. No tickets will be available at the gate.

### *Other Organizations*

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

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. 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. 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.

Dec. 20-22, 10 A.M.–3 P.M.: Bethel College's Advancement and Development staff invites you to an **open house** at their new offices in the Leisy House (303 E 24<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton) for refreshments and conversation. Year-end donations can be made during the open house.

How can Mennonites make a difference in the world around us? How can we effect change for the common good? Andre Gingerich Stoner writes about how Mennonites in St. Joseph County, Indiana, have begun to **make a difference in the realm of public mental health services**, in his blog, "A spirit of power, and of love and of hard work." Read it at: <[mennoniteusa.org/power-love-work](https://mennoniteusa.org/power-love-work)>.