

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor; & 5x2 Twitchers):	c.78
Offering: Mennonite Mission Network	\$305
Feb. receipts for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$9,287.21

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Mar. 6
Worship; also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., Mar. 6
Deacons meet (via Zoom)	10:30 A.M., Mar. 7
Wed. evening activities	Mar. 9
Children's & Jr. Youth activities (Shalom Readers night, with mentors/mentees)	6:15–7:00 P.M.
Choir	6:30–7:00 P.M.
Adult Bible Study	7:00–c.7:45 P.M.

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Accompanist/Vocalist: Kristyn E. (prelude: Kristyn E.)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Matt R.	Next Sun.
Offering: Deacons' Fund	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Governing Council meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 14
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 22
WDC Men and Boys Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah	Apr. 1-3
Education Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Apr. 4
KS Mennonite Relief Sale (Hutch fairgrounds)	Apr. 8-9

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Elmo Murray, recovering at Wesley Hospital (as this is written) from a neck fracture; thankfully, with no loss of function.
- WDC congregational delegates planning to attend the special session of MC USA assembly in May, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this week's zoom forum hosted by WDC in preparation for the assembly.
- the safety of Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners in Burkina Faso during January's coup d'état. Pray for peace, both on the national level and in the increasing number of communities impacted by Islamist militant violence. May Mennonite churches witness to God's peace.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 6, 2022: First Sunday of Lent

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

Theme: From security to generosity

Gathering Song "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" VT #606
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Lois Friesen
Call to Worship From *Leader* (Winter, 2021/22)

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: through the wilderness of Lent,
through the wilderness of life.**

L: We crave the safety of God's shelter,

**P: the cool comfort of the divine shadow,
the security of the holy fortress.**

L: God offers the care of angels,

P: the gentleness of creation, the protection of love.

L: God is generous to all who call on the holy name,

All: so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.

Special Music "Lord, who knows my heart" Choir
Accompanied by Makayla Klingenberg, flute

Children's Time Karen Andres

Scripture(s) *Luke 4.1-13*
Sermon "If you..." Ray Reimer
Response Song "Here I am" SJ #100

Offering *Local Fund*

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Karen Andres
...beginning with Lenten prayer of confession (Isa. 55, adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

L: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts, and our ways are not your ways.

P: Forgive us for seeking security. Lead us into your way of generosity.

L: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly...

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Sending Song "I want Jesus to walk with me" VT #306
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Brett Klingenberg Accompanist(s): Karen Andres
Pastor Ray Reimer (316-217-2012) Assoc. Pastor Karen Andres (316-799-2857)

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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

Sunday School teachers for children's and youth classes for the spring quarter (Feb. 27 / May 29):

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Kristy Andres
1–3rd Grades: Liz Rutschman / Lillian Wedel
4–6th Grades: Becky Nickel
8th Grade: Lisa Scott

Mar. 9, 6:15 P.M.: **Shalom Readers night** with mentors/mentees. We will be finishing up the quilt blocks, so please have the children bring their paper quilt blocks so they can transfer the picture to the material block. Bonnie will read the rest of the quilt story and we will meet together in the basement at 6:15 P.M.

Other Organizations

Mar. 5-13: Bethel College is **spring break**; most offices and services are open but some may be on reduced hours.

Mar. 6, 3 P.M.: **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program**, Reinhold K. Janzen, "Ritual Markers of Life and Death in Uganda and Taiwan," in the Kauffman Museum auditorium. This program is associated with the current special exhibit marking 125 years of Kauffman Museum; Janzen will be talking about items included in the exhibit. Current Bethel COVID protocol requires face coverings to be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Mar. 7-9: All are welcome to join the fun at 14th annual **MCC Comforter Blitz** at the Journey Yoder Campus, 1 mile N of Yoder on Mon. and Tue. 9-5, and Wed. 9-4. Come and have a good time while helping others. No sewing skills required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. You can bring snacks to share during work day. Masks are highly encouraged and plan to practice social distancing.

Mar. 8, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold an informative **Medicare webinar**; topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. Presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <central.kansas@everence.com>.

Mar. 18-20: Online Registration is now open for the **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah! This year there is only 1 retreat in spring and 1 in fall. Cropping and crafting will happen in the Dining Hall and lodging will be in the Retreat Center. As of Feb. 1, masks are recommended inside per CDC guidelines; subject to change. Register at <www.campmennoscah.org>! Questions? Call 620-297-3290.

Mar. 20, 7 P.M.: Bethel College's **Staley Lecture Series** presents Karen González, in the Administration Building chapel. González is the author of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Belong* (Herald Press, 2019). She will also speak in Bethel College's convocation on Mar. 21, 11 A.M., Memorial Hall.

Mar. 22, 7 P.M.: After traveling east for a spring break tour with performances in VA, PA and OH, the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will present their **Home Concert: *Deep Peace***, at Hesston Menn. Ch.. The program is inspired by this year's theme verse at Hesston College, Eph. 4:2-3, in which Paul calls Christians to lift each other up in community. A full itinerary of their tour, beginning on Mar. 12, along with live stream link of the home concert can be found at <www.hesston.edu/music>.

Mar. 23, 7 P.M.: **The Berlin Exodus** (Berlin Escape) in 1947, is the theme of an evening presentation at First Menn. Ch. (52 Rambler Road, Hutchinson). This event marks the 75th anniversary of the moving of 1,200 Ukrainian Mennonite refugees located in Berlin through the Russian occupied territory of Berlin and East Germany, to a waiting ship in Bremerhaven, West Germany. MCC worker, Peter Dyck, orchestrated the escape during the last days of World War II, working with the American military, the Dutch government and the country of Paraguay in this highly secretive venture. Calvin Buller will lead the evening presentation, which will include the playing of an audio recording with Peter Dyck telling the story in his own words. Childcare will be offered for nursery through 5th grade children. FMC recommends that masks be worn in the building.

Mar. 25-27: save the date for the **spring musical** at Bethel College, *Bright Star* by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell (for mature audiences).

Mar. 25-26: ***Where Have All the Pastors Gone?***, at Hesston Menn. Ch. and online. A Weekend College event presented by Hesston's Center for Anabaptist Leadership and Learning (CALL) program, the seminar will explore strategies to encourage discernment and development of calls to leadership within our congregations. Discuss barriers to the pastoral call and work at strategies to remove those barriers; explore ways the church can change to make the pastor role more attractive. Online and in-person options. Find details and register at <hesston.edu/weekendcollege>.

Mar. 25, 7 P.M.: The Tabor College **2021-22 Concert Series** presents Jan Kraybill, organist, at Richert Auditorium in the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts. Tickets: <tabor.edu/tickets>.

Mar. 27, 3 P.M.: **Sunflower Performing Arts** presents: Kevin Vaughn, organ, and Stephen Lancaster, baritone, at Hesston Menn. Ch. In collaboration with the Andover Organ Series, enjoy a splendid musical performance that will include "Five Mystical Songs" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, joined by Bel Canto Singers. Info at <sunflowerarts.org>.

Apr. 1-3: **WDC Men and Boys Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah. Bring a father, son, brother, mentor, or friend to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys only retreat! Enjoy your time with fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. Claim a place to sleep in the cabins or bunkhouses, or sleep in your own tent under the stars. The official beginning to the weekend is Sat. morning, but many arrive on Fri. There will be a worship service on Sun. morning. Meals can be purchased for Sat. night, Sun. morning and lunch. No pre-registration; registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more info contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites area organizations to apply for this year's **Local Giving Grants**, which are made available by the Shop's board of directors. Application forms may be downloaded at <newtonetceterashop.com/local-giving-fund/> and must be submitted by e-mail to <localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com> by April 25, 2022. Micro-grants will be awarded to selected groups in June 2022, in amounts up to \$500.

MCC continues to respond to the **crisis in Ukraine** through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. "Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people," says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine.