

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor; & 3x2 Twitchers):	c.86
Offering: Local Fund	\$3,276
Mar. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$3,276

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

(Daylight Savings Time begins)	2 A.M., Mar. 13
SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Mar. 13
Worship; also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., Mar. 13
Governing Council meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 14
Wed. evening activities	Mar. 16
<u>None this week:</u> Spring Break!	

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Accompanist/Vocalist: Carol K./Margaret B. (prelude: Carol K.)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Bonnie B.	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference – Church Plant support	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 22
WDC Men and Boys Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah	Apr. 1-3
Deacons meet (via Zoom)	9 A.M., Apr. 4
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...

- Silas Stucky, unable to worship with us regularly.
- Elmo Murray, now rehabbing at Kidron-Bethel, Rm. 29-S.
- the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they consider nominees for elected leadership positions in our conference.
- Prince of Peace Mennonite Church and the Service Adventure unit (of Mennonite Mission Network) in Anchorage, Alaska, as Zaden Issah, Sam Setiawan and leader Michael Oyer recently welcomed three new participants from Germany: Sarah Huber, Alexander Mantler and Daniel Schumacher. Ask God to bless their transition to a larger household.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 13, 2022: Second Sunday of Lent

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

Theme: From fear to compassion

Gathering Song “All hail the power of Jesus’ name” VT #411
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude “Whispering hope” –Alice Hawthorne

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

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

**People: As disappointment oppresses
and violence threatens,**

L: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

**P: We come to be reminded of God’s power
and to be led more deeply into God’s love.**

L: We long to gather under the wings of Christ,
as a mother hen,

All: and to learn the holy way of compassion.

Children’s Time Matt Regier

Song “The Lord is my light” VT #437

Scripture(s) *Luke 13.31-35*

Sermon “The fox versus the mother hen” Ray Reimer

Response Song “When the storms of life are raging” VT #595

Offering *Deacons’ 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 living with fear.
Help us live out compassion.**

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 “Trust and obey” VT #570
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Brett Klingenberg Accompanist(s)/Vocalist(s): Karen A./Bonnie B.
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.

Other Organizations

Mar. 16, 7 P.M. (CDT): Virtual Visit—War and Peace: MCC’s
peacebuilding work and response to conflict: In this special live
session, MCC staff and alumni will share stories about what
peacebuilding work looks like in the midst of conflict in Ukraine,
Colombia and DPRK (North Korea). They’ll explore questions
like: What does peace look like in the middle of war? And, how do
we embody a peace perspective? For more information and to
register for the live virtual visit, go to <[mcc.org/webinars](https://www.mcc.org/webinars)>.

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, 2 P.M.: Camp Mennoscah’s **dam in the Ninnescah River**
will be replaced. Meet by the shelter/stairs to the dam. Everyone is
invited to help or watch the process; some activities are not

appropriate for young children. Kevin Neufeld will organize and
direct volunteers. Questions can be directed to Camp at (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 moving 1,200 Ukrainian Mennonite refugees through the
Russian occupied territory of Berlin and East Germany, to a 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
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: **Spring musical at Bethel College:** *Bright Star* by
Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken
FAC. Fri. / Sat., 7:30 P.M.; Sun. matinee at 2 P.M. Tickets for sale
at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, weekdays 8 A.M.-5
P.M. (316-284-5205 for credit card orders), online at
<<https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts>>, or at the door, subject to
availability. Adult language / themes; not for young 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>.

Mar. 31, 1 and 7 P.M.: **"After We're Gone: Disabilities and Estate Planning" webinar:** Caring for someone who's dependent due to a significant disability is a major responsibility. Making provisions for that person's physical, emotional and financial well-being after the death of a caregiver can be complex and confusing. Anabaptist Disabilities Network is partnering with Everence to host a webinar about estate planning for families with a dependent disabled family member. Register and find more info at: <<https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/Resources/Webinars/Pages/After-We're-Gone.aspx>>.

Apr. 1: **Better camp discount ends!** But don't fret if you miss getting your registration and full payment in by Apr. 1; after that date you'll still get a good rate for an amazing week of camp! The summer's theme of "What's in a Name?" will focus on how God knows us beyond any name we may be called.

Now through Apr. 7: Susan and David Harmon, **"Painterly Aesthetics: An Expressive Duet,"** in the Regier Gallery in Luyken FAC at Bethel. Gallery hours: 9 A.M.-4 P.M., Mon.-Fri.

Apr. 1-3: **WDC Men and Boys Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah. Bring a father, son, brother, mentor, or friend to this long-standing, guys only retreat! Enjoy your time with fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with. Claim a place to sleep in the cabins or bunkhouses, or sleep in your own tent or under the stars. The official beginning 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.

Apr. 2: **Bohne berrogie bake day** for the MCC sale will occur at Moundridge High School. Volunteers are needed to fill the berrogie; Shifts start at 6:45 and 9 A.M. Please wear a head covering. To volunteer, contact Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428 or at <bmg@lrmutual.com>. Let's make this happen for MCC.

Apr. 5, 7-8 P.M.: The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force is sponsoring a Zoom book discussion of Jonathan Kuttab's book, ***Beyond the Two-State Solution*** (Kuttab will join the discussion). The first 20 registrants receive a free copy of the book. To register email <wdc@mennowdc.org> or call (316) 283-6300 and provide your name, mailing address, and email address. Specific questions about the event may be referred to Bob Atchison, 785-313-2292 or by e-mail to <robertleatchison@gmail.com>. Details posted.

Apr. 9-10: **Youth Volunteer Weekend** at Camp Mennoscah. This weekend of service and worship for grades 6-12 returns with vigor. Start your weekend of fun on Saturday at the MCC Sale in Hutchinson (on your own or with your youth group) and then bring the fun with you to Camp Mennoscah in the afternoon. Register at www.campmennoscah.org! (Registration is under Summer Camps.) More information available soon.

Kitchen helpers needed for Summer Youth Camps! Your time and skill give campers a week of growing in Christian fellowship and experiencing God's great creation. Cooks need only willing hands and the ability to follow directions. Kitchen staff is needed for June 19-23, July 3-9 and July 17-23. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org>.

Community Sponsorship: Are you interested in learning more about how you can welcome a refugee or asylum-seeking family into your community? In welcoming others, congregations can gain a greater sense of community, and develop a deeper understanding of God’s love for all people. Contact MCC’s Newcomer Connections Coordinator at <welcome@mcc.org> to learn how to get involved in community sponsorship via resources, education and support.

New Volunteer Projects every month at Camp Mennoscah! This month we’re cleaning gutters, lubricating locks, and deep-cleaning the oven and hood—plus more! There are volunteer projects for every group size, skill set and length of project. To volunteer, email <office@campmennoscah.org> or call 620-297-3290.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God’s love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you’d like to join us, please attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thur., Mar. 24 from 6-7 P.M. or Sat., Mar. 26 from 11 A.M.-NOON.

MCC is seeking host families in Newton and Wichita. Would you be interested in sharing a cultural experience with a young person from another part of the world? MCC is expecting 3 international service workers in our region in Aug., 2022. Host families are needed to provide a private bedroom within their home, and serve as a bridge to church, community, and activities. A monthly stipend of \$350 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries and household expenses. If you’d like more information about being a host, please contact <abbyendashaw@mcc.org> or (720) 500 – 3413.

During Women’s History Month (Mar.), the **Women in Leadership ministry of Mennonite Church USA** invites you to engage in its small group Bible study, “Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy.” Learn more at <mennoniteusa.org/resource/laboring-toward-wholeness>.

The **Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA** affirmed a “clean” audit report and strong financial results during its meeting on Feb. 3-4, and provided feedback for the work ahead related to the upcoming Special Session of the Delegate Assembly (May 27-30), the resolutions process and denominational polity. Read more at <mennoniteusa.org/news/board-affirms>.

Overview of the upcoming Special Assembly of Mennonite Church USA

May 27-30, 2022; in Kansas City, MO

As the regular assembly of MC USA last summer did not allow for in-person interaction, a special gathering has been called to consider several resolutions before the denomination:

- “Clarification on Mennonite Church US Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA” (to be voted upon);
- “MC USA for Justice Resolution” (a study resolution; thus, it will not be voted on at this assembly, but may be revised and considered at a future assembly);
- “MC USA Accessibility Resolution” (to be voted upon);
- “A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation” (delegates will first consider whether they wish to add this resolution to the agenda of this meeting; if that discernment is positive, it will be considered and potentially voted upon).

Material related to this special assembly—the full text of resolutions, supplemental resources, staff impact statements, and webinars offering introduction to and brief discussion of the resolutions—can be accessed at:

<<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>>.

At its congregational meeting of Jan. 5, 2022, Zion appointed Ray Reimer and Rosie Epp as its delegates to this special assembly. Plans are still being formulated for how the congregational might best weigh in on the various issues, but in the meantime feel free to discuss these topics with them.