

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>Worship attendance</b> (with 2 visitors; & 3x2 Twitchers):	c.67
<b>Offering:</b> Deacons' Fund	\$290
Mar. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$4,576

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>SS classes meet</b>	9:45 A.M., Mar. 20
<b>Worship;</b> also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., Mar. 20
<b>Spiritual Life Board</b> meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Mar. 22
<b>Wed. evening activities</b>	Mar. 23
Children's & Jr. Youth activities	6:15-7:00 P.M.
Choir	6:30-7:00 P.M.
Adult Bible Study	7:00-c.7:45 P.M.
<b>Zion spring clean-up day</b>	9 A.M.-?, Mar. 26

### Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Accompanist/Vocalist: Josh & Kristy Andres (prelude: The Nine)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA	Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

<b>Zion serves meal</b> at New Hope Shelter	Mar. 31
<b>WDC Men and Boys Retreat</b> @ Camp Mennoscah	Apr. 1-3
<b>Deacons</b> meet (via Zoom)	9 A.M., Apr. 4
<b>Education Board</b> meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Apr. 4
<b>KS Mennonite Relief Sale</b> (Hutch fairgrounds)	Apr. 8-9
<b>Governing Council</b> meets (in Overflow, if status low)	7 P.M., Apr. 11
<b>Zion worknight</b> @ Newton MCC Center	6-7:30 P.M., Apr. 20

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

- precipitation!
- the work of the WDC Immigration Task Force, as they connect and equip congregations that are offering hospitality and advocating for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.
- Austin Roberts, who has worked with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland since 2016, via Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for him as he juggles teaching locally and internationally with pursuing a mostly online doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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March 20, 2022: Third Sunday of Lent

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

Theme: From Earning to Receiving

Gathering Song "Who will speak a word of warning" VT #758  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude

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

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: whose ways are not our ways,  
whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

L: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

**P: where there is water in the desert  
and delightful food to share.**

L: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God

**P: without money and without price.**

*All: So let us praise God and sing for joy.*

Children's Time Kristy Andres  
Song "I sought the Lord" VT #161

Scripture(s) *Luke 13:1-9*  
Sermon "An unearned gift" Karen Andres  
Response Song "God of our life" HWB #486

Offering *Western District Conference – Church Plant support*  
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Ray Reimer  
...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 acting as if we must earn your love.  
Open us to receiving your love as a gift.**

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            “Wonderful grace of Jesus”            VT #170  
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Steven Kauder    Accompanist(s)/Vocalist(s): Carol K./Margaret 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.

### *Congregational Announcements*

**Gathering guidance:** Following its pattern of paralleling CDC  
guidance, Zion’s Governing Council suggests we follow the three-  
stage “Community Level” for the foreseeable future. You can  
check it yourself at <<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>>; we’ll attempt to monitor  
it as well and promptly update cards on the doors noting any shifts  
in our several-county region. This largely depends upon  
individuals and families determining their own life and health  
situation; members and friends of Zion are encouraged to respect  
differing assessments and personal needs.

**Mar. 26, 9 A.M.-?:** Although this is short notice, in view of other  
upcoming events prior to Easter, Zion’s Council has decided the  
best date for a **spring clean-up day** is this coming Sat. A list of  
suggested chores (inside and out) will be posted on the bulletin  
board by that morning; if you’re unable to help on that date,  
consider claiming one of them for another time of your preference.

**Mar. 31:** Zion serves at **New Hope Homeless Shelter**. If you’re  
willing to assist in providing part of the meal, please sign up on the  
sheet by the offering plate in the sanctuary *by Mar. 27*.

### *Other Organizations*

**Mar. 20, 2 P.M.:** Camp Mennoscah’s **dam in the Ninnescah River**  
will be replaced. Meet by the shelter. 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](http://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 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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. 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. 25-27: 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. 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: 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.

The **March edition of *On the Level*** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the partnership between Fraser Valley Church and MDS Canada in response to last years devastating flood, read about MDS volunteers making a difference for hurricane survivors in Louisiana, and find out how one volunteer went the extra mile to restore a banjo for a flood survivor. Read more at <https://conta.cc/3CM4P89>.

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, 7 P.M.: *The Triumphant Quartet* will bring their **gospel concert "Bigger Than Sunday"** to the Richert Auditorium of the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College. Tickets can be purchased at <www.tabor.edu/tickets> or (620) 947-3121, ext. 1402.

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 <bmgl@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. 5: Save the date for guest artist Aaron Linscheid, trumpet, with **Bethel College jazz ensembles**.

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](http://www.campmennoscah.org)! (Registration is under Summer Camps.) More information available soon.

**Bethel College's summer camps** are now open for registration! We are offering camps for ages 4-adult. Scan the QR code on the attached flyer, or visit <<https://www.bethelks.edu/summer-camps>> for more details or to register for a camp. We hope to see you on our campus this summer!"

The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors is pleased to announce that **Tammy Duvanel Unruh has accepted the position of Development Director**. Tammy is no stranger to Camp Mennoscah, having served as Co-Director for Pre-Junior camps from 1993-2016. She will bring her gifts of communication to endorse Camp Mennoscah for all ages, backgrounds, and life situations. In addition, **Cherie Bruce has joined the year-round Camp Mennoscah staff as the Office Assistant**.

Hesston College's **summer musical theatre camp** will welcome aspiring actors and tech crew members ages 11 to 18 to in the dorms June 13-18 while participating in an immersive production schedule culminating in a Sat. matinee performance of the musical "The Addams Family." More info at <[hesston.edu/theatrecamp](http://hesston.edu/theatrecamp)>.

For Eric Massanari, chaplain and spiritual director in Newton, KS, **writing poetry is more than a spiritual practice**—it's a leap of faith! Read his blog, "Raids on the inarticulate: writing poetry as an act of faith," at <[mennoniteusa.org/writing-poetry-faith](http://mennoniteusa.org/writing-poetry-faith)>.

**MCC response in Ukraine:** MCC continues to be in communication with our program partners, many of whom have reduced capacity because of the conflict. Currently, partners are responding in some regions as they are able with supplies they can secure. This includes distributing food, blankets, medications and fuel as well as other emergency supplies. The changing situations in the various cities and regions in Ukraine where there is conflict makes this work difficult and at times dangerous. MCC will continue to determine how it can support short-term needs. However, MCC's strength continues to be mid and long-term disaster response and we are working to formulate these plans for Ukraine. MCC has been working in Ukraine for 100 years and we will continue to serve in Ukraine long after the crisis disappears from the news cycle. Donate today to support these efforts at <[mcc.org/ukraine](http://mcc.org/ukraine)>.

**Make your voice heard!** Join MCC in urging President Biden to pursue peaceful solutions in Ukraine. MCC asks the United States government to continue considering approaches that do not rely on military intervention or military support. Engage with your elected officials on this topic and many others through MCC today! via <<https://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/washington>>.

**Opening:** Mennonite Central Committee is hiring a full time *Director of International Program*. Seeking someone with international development experience who understand and supports MCC's vision for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. Come join our team. Apply online by March 28 at <[mcc.org/serve](http://mcc.org/serve)>.