

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor; & 4x2 Twitchers):	c.69
Offering: Local Fund	\$2,628.80
Apr. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$2,628.80

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Apr. 10
Worship; also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., Apr. 10
Palm Sunday Eve joint service with GH @ Zion	7 P.M., Apr. 10
Governing Council meets (in Overflow, if status low)	7 P.M., Apr. 11
Maudy Thursday joint service with GH @ GH	7 P.M., Apr. 14

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Joe Friesen & Don Regier	Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: Joe Friesen & Don Regier	Before next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist: Karen A. / Bonnie B. (prelude: Bonnie B.)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Karen Andres	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

1st photo shoot for Zion pictorial directory	c.11:45 A.M., Apr. 17
Zion worknight @ Newton MCC Center	6-7:30 P.M., Apr. 20
Deacons meet (in Library, if status low)	9 A.M., May 9
Education Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., May 16

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Hennie Janzen, now in Houston receiving treatment for sudden-onset leukemia.
- Kyle Rutschman's mother Sandra, who is still in the hospital in Wichita. Continued prayers would be appreciated.
- all WDC congregations as we journey thru Holy Week, remembering Jesus' death and recognizing his presence in places of suffering and grief in our communities and world today.
- Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network, who traveled to Benin and Chad in preparation for a new ministry among Muslim and Christian believers. Pray for them as they complete their assignment at Paris (France) Menn. Center and discern God's leading into a next ministry location.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 10, 2022: Palm Sunday

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

Theme: From Power Over to Power With

Gathering Song (& Palm Parade) "Hosanna, loud hosanna" VT #313
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude SODZ

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

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,
a way so different from the ways of this world.

**People: We remind ourselves to loosen our grasp,
to trust instead of control.**

L: We praise a God we cannot see
and celebrate a salvation we do not understand.

**P: In worship we give of ourselves
and we receive the disarming power of God.**

L: We cry:

**All: Blessed is the One who comes in the power of God's
name.**

Children's Time Bonnie Brewer / Kristy Andres
Song "10,000 reasons" VT #111

Scripture(s) Luke 22.14-23
Sermon "No ordinary meal" Karen Andres
Response Song "Spirit of God! Descend" VT #557, vss. 1-3

Offering *Peace Connections / Christian Peacemaker Teams*
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 seeking power over others and let us instead seek power with and for the most vulnerable.

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 "Jesus is coming" VT #312
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Bonnie Brewer Accompanist / Vocalist: 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

Apr. 10, 7 P.M.: All are invited to a **joint Palm Sunday evening worship service** of the Zion and Grace Hill congregations at Zion Menn. Ch. to observe the start of Holy Week; it will include music and first-person observations.

Apr. 14, 7 P.M.: All are invited to a **joint Maundy Thursday worship service** of the Zion and Grace Hill congregations gathering at Grace Hill, including celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Apr. 15, 3 P.M.: **Three volunteers are needed** to help residents at Wheat State Manor (Whitewater) play Bingo on this Friday afternoon. If you can help, please contact Lois Friesen.

Apr. 17, c.11:45 A.M.: Steven Kauder and Mark Unruh have begun work on an **updated Zion directory**—which will include pictures! On the date / time noted, Mark will begin taking pictures (further photo days will be announced, as will the process to verify / update your family's directory information, and submit pictures if a "live" photo doesn't work for you).

Apr. 20, 6-7:30 P.M.: The Outreach Board invites you to a **night of service** at the MCC Center in North Newton. Please join us; all ages welcome!

May 21, 2-4 P.M.: Joe and Lois Friesen invite the congregation to their **60th wedding anniversary party** (come and go) at their home. Canned goods for the food pantry are welcome. Bring a lawn chair. Please RSVP via their church mailbox *by May 2*.

We would like to **thank Zion Church** for your many contributions to the MCC relief sale these past months. Your giving—whether of your time, talents, or financial support—are much appreciated and are helping those around the world in need. Special thank you to the children who made and donated items and gave over \$200 in coins. The total amount for "My Coins Count" (along with matching funds) was \$938.17. Thanks again! –David and Karen

Other Organizations

Apr. 10, 4 P.M.: Bethel College **Women's Chorus concert**, Administration Building chapel (may be different from some previously printed calendars).

Apr. 10, 6 P.M.: The **Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre** is putting on a free show for the public to celebrate and honor the workers of Wheat State Manor (Whitewater); supporting congregations are encouraged to attend.

Apr. 11, 7 P.M.: Bethel College presents ***Suffering Church*, an original play** by Karen Robu, D.Min., director of theater at Bethel and associate minister at Plymouth Cong. Ch. (Wichita), in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The play contains mature subject matter and is not intended for young audiences. This performance is supported by the Greer Endowment at Bethel College.

Apr. 12, 1-2 P.M. CDT: Join MCC and Church World Service to **learn more about the refugee resettlement process** in the U.S., challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. Register for this virtual learning event at <<https://bit.ly/3tPpTXh>>.

Apr. 12, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® will hold an informative **Social Security and retirement income webinar**. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact <central.kansas@everence.com>, 316-283-3800, or 877-467-7294.

Apr. 13, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **faculty jazz recital**: Joel Boettger, saxophone, with William Flynn, guitar, Steve Hatfield, drums, and Chris Shaw, upright bass; in the Administration Building chapel.

Apr. 19, 7 P.M.: Dr. John and Clara Schmidt—former members of Alexanderwohl and First Mennonite (Newton)—were Mennonite medical pioneers in Paraguay, South America (1941-2001). Their 60-year saga of service and adventure is now documented in a new book, *Called*. The authors, Marlena Fiol and Ed O'Connor, will share a behind-the-scenes look at what motivated them to write the book, where the 7 years of research took them, and some of the reactions they've received to the book from a wide range of readers—including family members and leaders of the Mennonite Central Committee. Join this **live virtual event** on the Newton Public Library Facebook page, or via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3RIXxVnSQ6e1pS17yjjvRg>.

Apr. 19, 7:30 P.M.: Bethel College **Orchestra concert** under the direction of Kristopher Hilding, in Memorial Hall.

Apr. 21, 7 P.M.: The WDC Immigration Task Force invites you to learn the latest on **how to support new migrants and refugees** near you and learn about how to join the mission of two organizations who have been working at refugee resettlement and immigration justice for many years. We will be glad to network briefly with each other about our congregation's work in this area. Guest speakers will be Charity Stowell (MCC Newcomer Connections Coordinator) and Jen Rafter (International Rescue Committee Development Coordinator). To receive the Zoom link, please register by emailing <wdc@mennowdc.org> by Apr. 20.

Apr. 22, 7 P.M.: Bethel College student Bryce Wilson, **junior saxophone recital**, in the Ad Building chapel.

Apr. 23: **Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah!** Details are forthcoming for projects. We'd like to complete the amphitheater project—a crew with trucks and dirt haulers/diggers is needed! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to register or for more information.

Apr. 26, 7-8:30 P.M.: **Western District Women in Mission** invites all women to a virtual “Meet-up.” Please join us as we hear from Barbara Gingrich, Cheryl Kaufman, and Cindy Thompson from Lorraine Ave. Menn. Ch. (Wichita) about their Knit4Peace project. Then, Sarah Augustine will discuss her personal life journey and book, *The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. Sarah is a Pueblo (Tewa) descendant, founder of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, Exec. Dir. of a dispute resolution center in Washington State, and a columnist for *Anabaptist World*. There will be an online survey to provide your ideas about future WDWM activities. To register for this event, please email <westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com> by *Mon., Apr. 25*; you'll be sent the Zoom link.

Apr. 30: Another **Verenike Casserole Fundraiser at Camp Mennoscah!** If you enjoyed the meal last year, this will be very similar—more details will be coming soon! Meal: verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. Summer youth camps and retreats are a vital and living part of faith formation for youth and young adults. Your meal donation will support Camp Mennoscah's mission to love one another, build relationships and follow Jesus Christ.

Join the **MCC Thrifty 50 Challenge!** 50 years ago the first MCC thrift shop opened and now there are 85 shops that provide millions of dollars each year for MCC's work at home and around the world. To celebrate, we're inviting you to sign up for the Thrifty 50 Challenge to get one practical challenge sent to your inbox and have a chance to win a \$25 MCC Thrift gift card every week. Visit thrift.mcc.org to find a shop near you and learn more about MCC Thrift!