

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>Worship attendance</b> (with no visitors; & 3x2 Twitchers):	c.58
<b>Offering:</b> SafeHope / Prairie View chaplaincy program	\$286
May receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$5,025

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<b>SS classes meet</b>	9:45 A.M., May 15
<b>Worship;</b> also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., May 15
<b>Education Board</b> meets (in person @ Zion)	7 P.M., May 16
Spring <b>piano recital</b> by C. Klingenberg's students	7 P.M., May 18
<b>60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration</b> @ J&L Friesen's	2-4 P.M., May 21

### Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Daryl Regier	Before next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): June Entz and family	Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Brett K. / Brett K. (prelude: ?)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Kristy Andres	Next Sun.
Offering: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary	Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

<b>Discussion</b> re Christian Nationalism webinar	Noon, May 22
<b>Pentecost worship</b> , with communion	10:45 A.M., June 5
Zion's <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	9 A.M.-3 P.M., June 10-11
<b>SS Picnic</b> @ Heritage Park (Hesston)	June 12
<b>Deacons</b> meet (in Library, if status low)	9 A.M., June 13
<b>Governing Council</b> meets (in Overflow, if status low)	7 P.M., June 13
Summer <b>congregational meeting</b>	c.11:45 A.M., June 26

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

- Jim and Gladys Preheim, celebrating their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary today.
- Ashley (Brewer) Wilson, who has asked to be released from Zion's membership as she (and her family) join Evangel Presbyterian Ch. in west Wichita.
- Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure participants, who are in the final months of living in their unit houses and working in their volunteer placements. Pray for them as they search to implement what they learned as they move into their future.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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May 15, 2022

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

Gathering Song	"We praise thee, O God"	VT #91
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Prelude(s)		Renee E.
Call to Worship		from Words for Worship 1, #95
Leader: Come, people of God, and worship the Christ.		
Once we were separated from him, aliens and strangers who did not belong, without hope and without God in the world.		
<b>People: But now we are joined with Christ, brought near through his blood, for he is our peace. Now we who lived in darkness have come into the light. Now we who could not sing have been given a new song.</b>		
<b>All: Let us give thanks to God! Let us worship the Christ!</b>		
Offering	Camp Mennoscah	
Children's Time		Brett Klingenberg
Song	"Seek ye first"	VT #417
Scripture(s)	Deuteronomy 30.15-19 and John 3.19-21	
Sermon	"A complicated life"	Ray Reimer
Response Song	"God moves in a mysterious way"	SJ #104
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns:		
Prayer		Ray Reimer
Sending Song	"Longing for light"	VT #715
Benediction and Postlude		

Worship Leader(s): Steven Kauder 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>; 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)

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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. Karen concludes her week of vacation later today.

### *Congregational Announcements*

Pastor Ray and Rosie (appointed as Zion's delegates to the upcoming special assembly of Mennonite Church USA) are circulating to adult Sunday School classes soliciting feedback and questions regarding the **four resolutions** before that assembly (an overview was circulated with the bulletin on Mar. 13); members not part of SS classes may feel free to contact them directly.

**Graduates! Parents and Grandparents!** We try to recognize those commencing from school programs each season. Please inform Pastor Ray via note or e-mail *by Wed., May 18* of any such transitions, noting name of student, school, degree, program/major, commencement ceremony date, date/time/place of reception (if desired), and future plans if they are known.

May 18, 7 P.M.: Zion friends are invited to the Spring **piano recital** by the students of Carol Klingenberg. (Note: this may be the last such recital for Carol, as she retires after 50+ years of teaching!)

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*.

May 22, c.Noon: **Let's talk about Christian Nationalism.** Join a discussion following worship at Zion on the date noted (bring a lunch, if you choose). We'll watch a 30-minute video (a webinar presented by Drew Strait, assistant professor of NT at AMBS) and participate in an important conversation regarding the political metaphor of idolatry, and how it distorts our knowledge of God and neighbor, facilitated by Rosie Epp.

June 10-11, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.: We are inviting children ages preschool-6th grade to join us for two days of **Vacation Bible School!** This year's theme is "Passport to Peace." We will travel through the Bible stories together and learn various ways to practice peace. Children will bring their sack lunches. Any adult wanting to be a helper with classes, outdoor activities, or crafts can contact Pastor Karen or anyone on the Education Board. Come join us in this adventure!  
–Education Board

July 29-31: The WDC annual assembly will be held in-person at Camp Copass, TX. If you are interested in serving as a **Zion delegate to this assembly**, please inform Governing Council chair Josh Andres *by June 25*; the congregation will affirm such delegates at its summer meeting on June 26.

The summer edition of **Rejoice! quarterly** is available under the church mailboxes.

### **Zion updates and "thank you's":**

"Hennie has finished her first cycle of treatment in a protective environment and on Friday was discharged from the MD Anderson hospital. If all goes as planned, she will continue her treatment as an outpatient going forward. She is delighted to be able to resume a somewhat more normal lifestyle while still being required to remain within 4 hours of the hospital in Houston. Thank you for your cards, emails, and prayers. They are greatly appreciated."

–Mark and Hennie Janzen

"Thank You for your thoughts, cards, and prayers as we grieve the death of Nadine's sister Arylis." –Nadine and Virgil Epp

### *Other Organizations*

May 19, 6-7 P.M.: 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 call us at 316.283.9461 or attend our upcoming volunteer orientation to tell us what interests you on the date / time noted above. We hope to hear from you soon!

International Rescue Committee (IRC)-Wichita has multiple household setups scheduled for each week in May and **we greatly need volunteer groups to help with these tasks**. We are looking for groups of 6-10 adults (high school students also welcome), to turn a family's new environment into a safe and comfortable new home. Tasks include moving and building furniture, unpacking kitchen and household items, and making beds. The approximate time commitment ranges from 3-6 hours. While it is helpful for the group to have a pickup truck or an SUV to possibly transport items to the home, this isn't always required. If your group is interested in welcoming a newly-arrived refugee family to Wichita by setting up their home for them, please email <Kansas@rescue.org>.

May 21, 8:30 A.M.-?: **Work & Play Day** at Camp Mennoscah! Projects will start at the maintenance shed. Both indoor and outdoor work available. Bring your water bottle and lunch. Bring friends and make a day of it! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org> to register.

May 22, 3 P.M.: **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program**, Dave Kreider, "Collecting for College and Community: Past, Present and Future," Kauffman Museum auditorium.

May 26, 7 P.M. (CDT): **Gardening for good**: Creation care tips. In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet—from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Learn more and register at <https://mcc.org/mcc-virtual-visits>.

June 1: Readers of all ages can join the Western District Conf. Resource Library's **God Rocks! Summer Reading Program** through Beanstack, starting on the date noted. Sign up today at <https://mennowdc.beanstack.com/reader365>.

June 7, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® will hold its **retirement income workshop** addressing Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. The in-person workshops will be held at the Everence office (3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS). Those interested in attending should contact 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <central.kansas@everence.com>.

June 4: Flint Hills Counterpoint is seeking local vocalists to **join a community choir** to perform on the date noted at the Flint Hills Counterpoint Gala to be held at the Flint Hills Counterpoint Home Base, 1660 E. 90th, Peabody. Grammy Award-winning composer and cellist Eugene Friesen will direct the choir along with Greg Zielke, choir director and head of fine arts at Tabor College. Multiple rehearsals are scheduled *beginning May 19*. For info see the bulletin board or contact: <gregoryzielke@tabor.edu>; details on Flint Hills Counterpoint at <https://flinthillscounterpoint.org/>.

June 27, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 1, 8–10 A.M.: All children ages 3-8 in the central Kansas area are invited to **God Rocks! Summer Story Hour** at the Conference Resource Library 2517 N. Main in North Newton. Fun stories and activities with leader, Marjie Warkentine and Resource Library Director, Jennie Wintermote. Register today at <https://forms.gle/gqZKPWw1i8CueD54A>.

July 5-10: In view of relatively low COVID-19 rates in the region, **Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia** has been given permission to double their in-person attendance. If you had been considering attending (but were inclining not to in view of world circumstances), you may wish to reassess. Explore ways you might participate at <www.indonesia2022.mwc-cmm.org>.

Mennonite Church USA has unveiled a **new video titled "We are better together."** The video features different voices from across the denomination discussing what it means to do church together. Watch it at: <mennoniteusa.org/better-together>.

**Opening: HR Recruiter & Central States HR Coordinator**: As a member of the MCC U.S. Human Resources recruitment team, this position will join in carrying out an organization-wide recruitment strategy and selection processes to fill vacancies in MCC U.S. The regional HR Coordinator works directly with a variety of necessary HR tasks within the Central States region. Details at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/hr-recruiter-central-states-hr-coordinator>. Please contact <krystalklaassen@mcc.org> with any questions.