

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 5 visitors; & 3x2 Twitchers): c61
Offering: Local Fund \$2,375
 July receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed) \$4,075

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., July 10
Worship; also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., July 10

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Russell & Reynold Entz Before next Sun.
 Worship Leader(s): Ann Schowengerdt Next Sun.
 Accompanist / Vocalist: Brett Klingenberg (prelude: Maya K.) Next Sun.
 Children's Time: Brett Klingenberg Next Sun.
 Offering: Mennonite Church USA Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Memorial Service for Elmo Murray 10:00a.m. July 16
 Pastor Ray on **vacation** July 7-20
 (No Deacons or Governing Council meetings *in July*)
 Zion **Swim Party** @ Peabody pool 6-8 P.M., July 24
Spiritual Life Board meeting 7 P.M., July 27
WDC annual assembly @ Camp Copass, TX July 29-31
Deacons meet (in person, if status low) 9 A.M., Aug. 8
Governing Council meets (in person, if status low) 7 P.M., Aug. 8
Zion / Grace Hill Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Aug. 27-28

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- * Elmo Murray's family as they grieve and say goodbye this week.
- Bernard Entz, unable to worship with us regularly.
- children attending WDC's summer story hour at the Conference Resource Library, that this would be a nurturing time together.
- the Indonesian Mennonite churches that are currently hosting Mennonite World Conference Assembly. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying that the bonds of God's love and shalom, which participants are sharing at this global gathering, will be extended around the world, as people return to their home communities. Pray, also, for safety in travel and protection from COVID-19.

Zion Mennonite Church

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July 10, 2022

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

Gathering Song	"Beauty for brokenness"	VT #712
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Prelude		Drew E.
Call to Worship (<i>unison</i>)		VT #862
Offering <i>Western District Conference – Church Plant support</i>		
Children's Time		Annette Voth
Song	"Hope is a candle"	VT #211
Scripture(s)	John 15:12-17	
Message	Community and Connections	Kendra Davila
Response Song	"Rain Down"	VT #703
Sharing on "The Neighboring Movement"		Sharron Fisher
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer		Karen Andres
Sending Song	"The Lord lift you up"	VT #832
Benediction and Postlude		

Worship Leader(s): Reynold & Deanna Entz
 Accompanist / Vocalist: Carol Klingenberg / Margaret Brewer
 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)

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. Pastor Ray will be on vacation from July 7-20.

Congregational Announcements

Today Kendra Davila will be sharing the message about community and connections. Kendra is Director/Community Liaison at Peace Connections, where she works to foster connections across her community, building relationships, resources, and resilience.

Sharron Fisher is joining Kendra up front. She is a graduate of the Getting Ahead Financial Management Class offered at Circle of Hope, a program offered by Peace Connections.

Trianna Cowden joins us in spirit this morning as the kitchen coordinator for Circle of Hope. She has been involved with Peace Connections in a variety of roles and has special talents in the kitchen. She volunteered to make cookies for the congregation as a way to share her skills with you.

July 16, 2022 at 10:00 am: Memorial Service for Elmo Murray; Burial will be after the service at Zion cemetery. Visitation at Lamb Mortuary on July 15, Friday, from 5:00-7:00 pm. Zion folks are asked to bring salads. Individuals will be asked to bring cakes. Obituary can be found at yazelmeglifh.com.

July 24, 6-8 P.M.: It's time for a Zion Church **Swim Party** at the Peabody Pool! The Outreach Board will serve watermelon at the park afterward. Feel free to invite a friend!

The Education Bd. is looking for a **senior high youth sponsor (female)** to participate with youth on Wed. evenings, as well as any youth activities sponsored at Zion or other organizations. If you are willing to look at the position in more detail, please contact Pastor Karen or a member of the Education Board. Our policy requires 2 sponsors at this time (one male and one female). Derek Klingenberg will continue as senior youth sponsor.

Donations for the garden produce in the foyer are for both the Jr. High and Senior High youth groups.

Other Organizations

July 13-19: *Sky's the Limit* **online charity auction** supporting Central Kansas Community Foundation. Details posted.

July 18, 6 P.M. CDT: Now that the **Special Session of the Delegate Assembly** is over, and the resolutions have passed, you may have questions about what it all means. Join Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff members for the "Special

Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now?" webinar to explore these questions. Register at: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whats-next

July 26, 1 P.M. CDT: MCC hosts a webinar: **Creative Housing Solutions for Refugees & Asylum Seekers**. When refugees and asylum seekers first arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted newcomer families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC to learn about different ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers, and the organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions. Register at:

https://mcc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xDYoTEZGSiKMCI2x3OOAew.

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) conducted a **denomination-wide survey** to examine what it means to be a member of MC USA and how this has changed in the past 16 years. The preliminary results can be found here, with the full study being released later this month: mennoniteusa.org/summary-denominational-study.

Father's Day has passed, but the advice that Steve Thomas of Mennonite Men shares in his blog, "**Fathers**" continues to encourage fathers to build loving relationships with their children. Read his advice here: mennoniteusa.org/fathers.

MCC News

Colorado peaches are back! Place your order for fresh Colorado peaches today just \$27 for 10 lb. box and \$38 for 18 lb. box by calling MCC at 315.283.2720 or emailing patsydirksen@mcc.org. Peaches must be ordered and paid for by **July 25**. The peaches are offered as a fundraiser for the Colorado MCC Relief Sale, please make payment by check to Beth-El Mennonite Church with “peaches” in the memo line. Generous volunteers Jerry & Leann Toews will bring the peaches from Colorado to MCC in North Newton for you to pick up around August 22.

Please join MCC Central States in welcoming 3 new people to our staff! Brocia Mueller, volunteer coordinator in the MCC Workroom in North Newton; Wesley Wilder, human resources coordinator and Mahlet Mamo, young adult program coordinator.

Excuse our mess! The work of making necessary repairs and reconfiguring spaces at the MCC building in North Newton continues to move forward. Donors and volunteers continue to graciously adapt to the mess. We ask for your prayers and patience during this construction process so the important work of MCC can continue without undue interruption.

Conflict is a normal part of life, but learning how to work through it is key. MCC has a resource to help you work through divisive issues, a new adult Sunday school curriculum, [Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict](#). It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus’ call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other. To follow up on the Peaceful Practices curriculum, MCC has two conversation guides, to help congregations dialogue on sensitive topics. *#BlackLivesMatter: Can we have a conversation?* and *Critical Race Theory: How should race education be taught in schools?* are available for download [here](#).

MCC School Kit season is right around the corner! MCC is working to fulfil requests for school kits from partner organizations in Jordan, Ukraine, Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and Haiti.

Here are some things to keep in mind when making school kits this year:

- Sewn school kit bags may be requested from the MCC Material Resources Center if needed.

- MCC in North Newton has a large supply of pink erasers, so feel free to skip erasers and they’ll be added when the kit is checked by volunteers at MCC

- The pencil sharpeners need to be metal, not plastic.

- You can [find the directions for school kits at mcc.org](#), or reach out to Kate at katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 with any questions.

Thank you so much for your continued work with these important kits!

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