

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 5 visitors; & no x2 Twitchers): c.52
Offering: *Camp Mennoscah* ...
August receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed) \$...

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Sept. 4
Worship; also live-streamed 10:45 A.M., Sept. 4

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Thurman Entz Before next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Lois Friesen Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Carol / Margaret (prelude: ?-Makayla) Next Sun.
Children's Time: Education Board Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite College(s) (donor specification) Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

MMN presentation during SS hour 10:45 A.M., Sept. 11
MCUSA Christian Formation Sunday Sept. 11
Safe Sanctuaries training for SS/Wed. teachers 6 P.M., Sept. 11
Deacons meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom) 9 A.M., Sept. 12
Gov. Council meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom) 7 P.M., Sept. 12
Education Board meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Sept. 14
Pastor Ray on vacation in CO Sept. 19-28
Mark Jantzen, guest speaker 10:45 A.M., Sept. 25
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., Oct. 17

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Willis and Nadine Busenitz, who retired at the end of August after 56 years of service to the Northern Cheyenne people.
- WDC members studying through IBA, Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) and SeBAH, Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano, and give thanks for those who are participating in the IBA/SeBAH graduation ceremony this weekend at Hesston College.
- Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network in France, continuing to build relationships with children and people fleeing violence in their home countries. Pray that she receives the documents she needs to live in France long term.

Zion Mennonite Church

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September 4, 2022

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

Gathering Song	“Let us build a house”	VT #36
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Prelude		Milo K.
Call to Worship (<i>unison</i>)		HWB #736
Offering	<i>Local Fund</i>	
Children's Time		Rosie Epp
Song	“Put peace into each other's hands”	VT #485
Scripture	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>	
Sermon	“Divisive discipleship”	Ray Reimer
Response Song	“Take my life, and let it be”	VT #759
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer		Karen Andres
Sending Song	“I have decided to follow Jesus”	VT #443
Benediction and Postlude		

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Josh and Kristy Andres
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
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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.

Congregational Announcements

Sept. 11, 6 P.M.: **Safe Sanctuaries training** for all those involved in teaching or working with children, outside at church. Desserts will be provided.

Sept. 11: Mike Sherrill, Executive Director of **Mennonite Mission Network**, and Karen Horsman, MMN's Director of Development, will join us. Adult SS classes are invited to gather at 9:45 A.M. in the sanctuary for a presentation / discussion; Mike and Karen will also offer a brief "Mission Moment" during worship. (If any would like to host them for lunch, please inform Pastor Ray).

The Education Board is looking for **two teachers for Wednesday night programming**, starting the first Wednesday of October. This will be for the younger children, divided into two groups. If you are interested in helping out, contact Pastor Karen or a member of the Education Board.

Other Organizations

Bluestem U, a lifelong learning program for people aged 55 and older, is enrolling for the first semester beginning in September which will feature three courses hosted by Hesston College and Schowalter Villa. "Prairie Landscaping 101" taught by Brad Guhr, "Happy Habits from Positive Psychology" taught by Kevin Wilder, and "Buggies, Bonnets and Boundaries: A Study of Amish Faith, Life and Culture" taught by John Sharp. Each course is \$50. For more info and registration, go to <bluestemu.org> or call 316-836-4846. Bluestem U is a partnership between Bluestem Communities, Bethel College and Hesston College.

Sept. 10, 10 A.M.-12 P.M.: ***Do Justice. Love Mercy. What's Required to Abolish the Death Penalty*** special event sponsored by BC Bible & Religion Dept., KIPCOR, and KS Coalition Against the Death Penalty in Krehbiel Aud., Bethel College. Attend in person or via Zoom; no admission charge. See details posted on bulletin board. E-mail <info@ksabolition.org> specifying your attendance preference (in person or virtual) to register.

Sept. 11, 2 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series** begins, with *Generation 9/11*, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Filmmaker Katherin Hervey tells the stories of an entire generation shaped by the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. Audience discussion follows the film screening.

Sept. 11, 3 P.M.: Sunflower Performing Arts presents: **Sunflower Soirée**, Hesston Menn. Ch. You are invited to our season opening event that is free of charge and will present local/regional artists: Carren Moham, soprano; Mei Li, piano; The Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, The Brain Flowers, and Outside the Bach(s). Light refreshments to follow. More info at <sunflowerarts.org>.

Sept. 14: Everence® Financial will host a free, 4-part webinar series starting on the date noted: ***Managing your finances—faithfully!*** In this series, you'll hear important information on topics like, Women and Money, Stewardship Investing, Financial Planning and Retirement Income. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty time for your questions. To register, or for more info, visit <www.everence.com/national>.

Sept. 15, 5-6 P.M. or Oct. 20, 5-6 P.M. (*note updated time for Oct. meeting*): **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 stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations (noted above) to tell us what interests you. We hope to hear from you soon!

Sept. 16, 6 P.M.: The **Ball Brothers Quartet** will appear in concert at Emmaus Church. No tickets necessary; freewill offering will be taken. Further details posted.

Sept. 16, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **guest recital**, Spencer Myer, piano, Administration Building chapel.

Sept. 16-17: All interested are invited to attend the **MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting**, which in occur in hybrid fashion: in-person at Mountain View Menn. Ch., Kalispell, MT; or virtual at <<https://tinyurl.com/2022Region3>>. Further details posted. Pre-register at <<https://tinyurl.com/2022preregistration>>.

Sept. 25, 5-8 P.M.: Grace Hill Menn. Ch. (rural Whitewater) invites all to their annual **Hog Roast!** Music by The Flannelbacks.

Sept. 18: Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting and Dedication of the renovated Campfire Amphitheater! Join us for an evening of song, popcorn, and generic pop, as well as updates on the year. Time is yet TBD. (It's like a mini-Camp Sing; bring your friends!)

Sept. 28: Hesston College **TheatreFest**, in the Keim Center: High School students are invited to spend the morning in acting and tech-based workshops followed by a matinee of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. Register by *Sept. 10* at <hesston.edu/theatrefest>.

Sept. 27, 6:30 P.M.: The **Gospel Echoes Teams** will be holding their annual prison ministry banquet at the Journey@Yoder Activity Center; the evening will include a home-style dinner, music, and a prison ministry presentation. For complimentary tickets contact Dale & Miriam Lehman at (620) 694-9823. Details posted.

Sept. 29 / Oct 2: Hesston College **Fall Play:** *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, in the Black Box Theater, Keim Center. Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia share a home in Bucks County, Pa., where they bicker and complain about the circumstances of their lives. Old resentments flare up when their movie-star sister and her young boyfriend show up to sell the family home in this hilarious weekend reunion. Intended for high school age and older. \$10 per adults/seniors and \$5 for students. More info at <hesston.edu/theatre>.

Oct. 4-8: Fire, Hazard & Disaster Mitigation: Mennonite Disaster Service and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp will continue their partnership in the work to forest thinning, chipping slash and moving/removing logs. 10 or more volunteers are needed each day to accomplish the tasks at hand; volunteers for foodservice are also welcomed to help in support of the week's efforts. Register at that volunteer page at <www.rmmc.org>. For more info, contact <phunruh@gmail.com> or 316-772-6308.

Camp Mennoscah is considering **switching camps to a Sunday to Friday schedule**. We'd be interested in hearing your thoughts—parents, campers, weekend groups, everyone! Please reply to <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org> or call 620-297-3290.

Oct. 28-30: Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat at Camp Mennoscah! Crafters and scrapbookers are all invited to come for a weekend of creativity and friends. Lodging will be in the Retreat Center and cropping/crafting will be in the Main Camp dining hall. Space heaters will be available for both areas since the repairs for the furnaces will not be completed.

Nov. 12, 10 A.M.-5:30 P.M.: Proceeds at **Newton Et Cetera Shop** support Mennonite Central Committee and our local partners year-round. On Nov. 12 we're doing something different: Every single dollar you spend at the shop will go to MCC... not just the proceeds! We'll also have someone from MCC here to talk more about the work they're doing, and how shopping, donating and volunteering at MCC Thrift Shops helps to support this work. Mark your calendars for some holiday shopping to support MCC and to learn more about their work with people on the move!

Mennonite World Conference has proposed changes to its “fair share” funding system that will impact Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) constituents. These proposed changes include an increase in the assessment of MC USA's fair share per person and no longer crediting denominations for direct donations from individuals. Read more about the changes at: <mennoniteusa.org/news/mwc-funding>.

Openings: MCC Central States is hiring for two new positions; please consider applying today or passing these opportunities on to someone you know who has a passion for working in immigration! *Immigration Program Coordinator:* Got experience with immigration, migration, and borderlands work? Love building multi-cultural relationships? This opportunity with MCC may be the one for you. [Click through this link for more information and to apply.](#)

Borderlands Program Coordinator: Join MCC and use your coordinating skills and knowledge of borderlands. Teach, connect, and work with MCC partners and asylum seekers in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. [Click through this link for more information and to apply.](#)

Questions about either position? Please call 316.283.2720 or email <claraswald@mcc.org>.