

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 3 visitors; & 7x2 Twitchers):	c.78
Offering: Sept. 4: Local Fund	\$6,104
Sept. 11: Mennonite colleges	\$316
Sept. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$6,104

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SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Sept. 18
Worship; also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., Sept. 18
Pastor Ray on vacation in CO	Sept. 19-28

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Daryl Regier	Before next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Lois Friesen	Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Karen A. / Bonnie B. (prelude: Karen)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Brett Klingenberg	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Disaster Service	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Mark Jantzen, guest speaker	10:45 A.M., Sept. 25
Zion hot dog roast	6 P.M., Sept. 28
World Communion Sunday	Oct. 2
Wed. evening activities begin	Oct. 5
Deacons meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom)	9 A.M., Oct. 10
Gov. Council meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom)	7 P.M., Oct. 10
Zion work day (inside & out)	9 A.M.-?, Oct. 15
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Oct. 17
MCC meat canning in Newton area	week of Oct. 26

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- thanksgiving for at least *bits* of rain!
- elected leaders and staff of WDC as they meet for Reference Council next Saturday and reflect on what it means to "Witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ," one of the themes in the WDC mission statement.
- Andi Santoso, who was recently appointed by Mennonite Mission Network as regional administrator for Asia and the Middle East. Pray for Andi as he immerses himself in building relationships in this region.

Zion Mennonite Church

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September 18, 2022

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

Gathering Song "Strong, peaceful man of Galilee" VT #573
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude Makayla K.

Call to Worship Adapted from *Minister's Manual*
Leader: God of mercy, gather your children.

People: Draw us away from the demands of this world for a time.

L: Shelter us that we might be renewed and given new clarity about how we will live as your children.

P: Remind us in this hour that we belong to you, now and always. Amen.

Offering *Western District Conference*
Children's Time Bonnie Brewer
Song "Blessed are you" VT #290

Scripture *Luke 16.1-13*
Sermon "Shrewd management practices" Ray Reimer
Response Song "God, whose giving" VT #745

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Karen Andres

Sending Song "I know not why God's wondrous grace" VT #590
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): 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 (and Rosie) will be on vacation in Colorado Sept. 19-28.

Congregational Announcements

Sept. 25, 6 P.M.: You are invited to our annual Zion hot dog roast. Please bring a side dish, wiener sticks, your lawn chairs, and lawn games. Hot dogs, condiments, drinks and s'mores will be provided. Invite your friends and neighbors!

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

Sept. 18, 3 P.M.: “**Decommissioned Missile Silo Sites:** Reminders of Our Past and Future,” a program by Nate Hofer, Overland Park, Kan., at Kauffman Museum. Following the museum’s brief annual business meeting, Hofer, a “Peace Photo Award” winner, will discuss making photographs of decommissioned nuclear missile silos. The project included finding and traveling to the sites, talking with landowners and considering why he takes the photos and whether he considers himself a legitimate photographer. Hofer’s exhibit of photos, “One and a Half Acres: Images from America’s Decommissioned Missile Silos,” is currently on display in Bethel College’s Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Mon.-Fri., 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Sun 2-4 P.M., through Sept. 22.

Sept. 18, 6:30 P.M.: **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. (It’s like a mini-Camp Sing; bring your friends!)

Sept. 19, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Wind Ensemble concert, “Classic Forms,”** directed by Joel Boettger, Krehbiel Auditorium, featuring music by Erickson, Balmages, Sousa and more.

Sept. 22, 6-8 P.M.: **Artist reception** for Nate Hofer and “One and a Half Acres: Images from America’s Decommissioned Missile Silos,” Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Exhibit closes the same evening. Gallery hours are 9 A.M.-5 P.M. weekdays.

Sept. 25, 9:30 A.M.: First Menn. Ch. (McPherson) is celebrating its 75th **anniversary** on Sunday morning at the church.

Sept. 25: Everyone is invited to the Grace Hill Menn. Ch. **Community Hog Roast.** Food will be served from 5-7 P.M., entertainment until 8 P.M. Enjoy an evening of good food, outdoor fellowship, and music by The Flannelbacks. A free will donation will be accepted to support area food banks. Please bring a lawn chair. The event will take place, rain or shine!

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 program. For complimentary tickets contact Dale & Miriam Lehman at (620) 694-9823. Details posted.

Sept. 27, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Chamber Orchestra concert**, directed by Kristopher Hilding, Memorial Hall.

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. 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 Co., Pa., where they bicker and complain about 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. 6-9: Bethel College's **Fall Festival**, with most activities on Sat., Oct. 8. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the play *Quiet in the Land* by Anne Chislett, and the STEM Symposium honoring Prof. Emeritus of Psychology Paul Lewis. See <<https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival>> for the complete schedule.

Oct. 7-8: Bethel College Women's Association will appreciate **donations of homemade baked goods** for Market-in-the-Round at Fall Festival. Zwieback, cinnamon rolls, fruit pies, and poppyseed roll are especially needed. Please bring to Room 141 in Luyken Fine Arts Center from 2-5 P.M. on Fri., Oct 7, or 7-9 A.M. on Sat., Oct 8. Pies may be delivered to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center. Email <bcwa@bethelks.edu> with questions.

Oct. 15: Camp Mennoscah **Work and Play Day!** Share a few hours of your time for the satisfaction of improving camp grounds and some free time wandering the trails, fishing, or whatever your favorite camp activity is. The day starts at 8:30 A.M. at the maintenance shed. If you are coming from a distance, ask about an overnight stay. Let us know you're coming, so we can plan for you and your friends. Call 620-297-3290 or e-mail <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org>.

Oct. 15: You are invited to attend the **Safehope Art Auction & Soirée** at the Carriage Factory Art Gallery—a benefit to support the families served by Safehope. See the bulletin board for details regarding schedule, tickets, etc.

Oct. 16, c.2:30 P.M.: Camp Mennoscah is **taking out the dam!** Everyone is welcome to join in or to watch (the actual removal of the boards is not for young ages). Gather at the shelter. The event will go forward, whatever the weather, unless deemed unsafe. Call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290, if uncertain.

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.

Oct. 16-17: Well-known Reformation scholar Brad Gregory from the University of Notre Dame will give the annual **Menno Simons Lectures** at Bethel College. Save the date!

Oct. 20, 5-6 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 stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations (noted above) to tell us what interests you.

Nov. 2, 10 A.M.: **Theater Presentation:** First Menn. Ch. (Hillsboro) is one of the sponsors for the presentation of "Home," Shari Flaming Center for the Arts, Tabor College. Theatre artists Ted Swartz & Michelle Milne weave biblical story and personal stories in a unique blend of humor and insight. They will explore the lasting, relevant power of story, both ancient and current, around themes of justice, belonging and home.

Nov. 4-5: "The Contemporary Relevance of Erasmus for Today: **A Symposium**," with a keynote address by Dr. Greta Kroeker, University of Waterloo, Ontario, on Nov. 4, at Bethel College.

Nov. 12: Registration is now open for Bethel College's **Worship and the Arts Symposium**, "Joining *Voices Together*," on campus. This event features resource people Bradley Kauffman, Rachel Epp Buller, Katie Graber, SaeJin Lee, Cynthia Neufeld Smith, Adam Tice and Isaac Villegas. Discount for 3 or more people from the same congregation. More information and registration at <<https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium>>. In addition, the public is invited to a **Community Evensong service**, Nov. 12 at 7 P.M. in Memorial Hall, which will consist entirely of congregational singing from the *Voices Together* hymnal, arranged around the 12 artworks found in the hymnal.

Feb. 4-5: Save the Date! **Know Jesus 2023** will take place at the Hesston College campus. Grades 6th-8th are invited to attend. This event is sponsored by the Bi-Conference Youth Ministry Committee (WDC and SCC). More details coming soon!