

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor; & 11x2 Twitchers):	c.79
Offering: Offender Victim Ministries	\$230
Oct. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$3,475

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Oct. 16
Worship; also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., Oct. 16
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom)	7 P.M., Oct. 17
Wed. evening activities	Oct. 19
5:45-6:15 P.M. Supper	
6:15-7:00 P.M. Children's Activities; Adult Bible Study	
7:00-7:30 P.M. Choir	
Youth group fall party @ D&P Regier's	5:45-7:00 P.M., Oct. 19

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Josh & David Andres	Before next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Annette Voth	Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Carol K. / Bonnie B. (prelude: Abi E.)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Rosie Epp	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Church USA	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Pastor Karen takes vacation weekend	Oct. 23
Tammy Alexander of MCC, guest speaker (SS + worship)	Oct. 23
Youth fundraiser meal (fellowship hall)	11:45 A.M., Oct. 23
MCC meat canning for Newton-area churches	Oct. 25-26
Youth service event: MCC meat canning	6:15-8:30 P.M., Oct. 26
Deacons meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom)	9 A.M., Nov. 14
Gov. Council meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom)	7 P.M., Nov. 14
Congregational mtg for budget & elections	c.11:45 A.M., Dec. 11
Congregational mtg for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 4, 2023

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Jim Preheim, unable to worship with us regularly, as he celebrates his 87th birthday this Wed.; and the Klassen/Hiebert families, noting the 3rd anniversary of Lorena's death that day.
- Deb Byler, who has concluded her Mennonite Mission Network ministry with the Kekchi Menn. Ch. in Guatemala (where she worked since 2018), and retires in Goshen, IN.

Zion Mennonite Church

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October 16, 2022

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

Gathering Song	"Here I am"	VT #545
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Prelude	"Come, we that love the Lord"	SODZ

Call to Worship from Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*, 66

Leader: In truth and love, God has called us into this house of worship. God has said to us,

People: "You are my people, I am your God."

L: Not once, but again and again the Word is spoken, and there is rejoicing all over the earth. The words ring out with a glad cry:

**P: "You are my people, I am your God.
You are my people, close to my heart."**

L: Come, O people of God; let us be glad as we sing God's praises; for our Creator and Redeemer has said:

**P: "You are my people, I am your God.
You are my people, close to my heart."**

L: With awe and wonder, in the spirit of grace we lift our voices unto the God of creation, who redeems us and keeps us by the power of grace which comes from the God we worship this day.

Offering	<i>New Hope Shelter</i>	
Children's Time		Brett Klingenberg
Song	"My soul cries out"	VT #412
Scripture	<i>Jeremiah 31.27-34</i>	
Sermon	"The days are surely coming"	Ray Reimer
Response Song	"O God, who gives us life"	HWB #483

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Karen Andres
Sending Song “God loves all his many people” VT #767
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader: Steven Kauder Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Josh & 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](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

If you did not do so previously, **Shalom Readers** and parents are
invited to the library to pick up their book log and a new book to
read to start the year. This is for ages 3 through 8th grade.

Wed. eve adult Bible study: after discussion amongst the group
and further discernment, we will continue to begin at 6:15 P.M.

Camp Mennoscah acknowledges **summer camp volunteers**. It has
been an amazing year so far! With the help of program volunteers,
support volunteers and the Summer Staff we welcomed 371
campers back to share faith and fun for eight weeks of youth camp
programming at Camp Mennoscah. From Zion (Elbing), we are
grateful for the volunteer efforts this summer of Clint Unruh, Amy
Wedel, and Kara Klingenberg (others may have been overlooked).

Renee Reimer will join us as **Zion’s choir director**, starting Oct.
19. Renee is currently an adjunct professor of Bible and Religion at
Bethel College and one of the preaching pastors at New Creation
Fellowship, preaching there once a month. She is currently
enrolled in the Spiritual Direction Program at Eastern Menn.
Seminary to become a certified spiritual director. Renee majored in
music education at Bethel College and has previously served in
various church choir director and music coordinating roles in the
past and is looking forward to joining Zion’s Choir.

Oct. 19, 5:45-7:00 P.M.: The middle school and high school youth
group will meet this Wed. at Don and Peggy Regier’s house for a
Fall Party. We will eat there, play games, and fellowship.
Costumes are encouraged!

Oct. 21, 3-4 P.M.: It’s BINGO time at Wheat State Manor. We need
2 volunteers from Zion to help the residents. Please let Lois
Friesen know if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Oct. 23: Tammy Alexander, director of National Peace & Justice
Ministries for Mennonite Central Committee, will be our **guest
speaker** during worship, considering Christian perspectives on
climate change. She will also be available to share with those
adults interested during the education hour on faith-based
approaches to advocacy in general. (The MCC-US board is
meeting in Wichita this weekend).

Oct. 23, c.NOON: The high school and middle school youth groups
would like to invite you to a **fund-raiser meal** following the
church service this day. Chili and cinnamon rolls will be served.
The money earned will go to support the youth going to the *Know
Jesus* event at Hesston College and Rocky Mountain Mennonite
snow camp.

Oct. 26: The middle and high school youth and their mentors are
going to help at the MCC meat canner as a **youth group service
event**. We will leave the church parking lot after supper at 6:15
P.M. and return to the church at 8:30 P.M.

It is time to renew our **Anabaptist World subscription**. If anyone
is not receiving it and would like to or no longer wants it, please let
Jeanne Schmidt know *by Nov 6*.

New Library Books: everyone is invited to check out the new
books in the library! You will find them on the shelf labeled “New
Books.”

Other Organizations

Oct. 22-23: First Menn. Ch. (Hutchinson, KS) **celebrates its
centennial** (with various pre-centennial events on Oct. 5, 9, 12,
and 19). More info at <www.hutchfmc.org>.

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. 16, 12:30–2:30 P.M.: First Menn. Ch.’s (Halstead, KS) **Hog Roast BBQ and Bluegrass Fundraiser** at Scout Park Gazebo on 3rd & Locust St in Halstead. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy a pulled pork dinner and bluegrass music by local family group, Kilometer 81. Cost: by donation with proceeds supporting Safe Hope and the WDC Hope Fund. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to First Menn. Ch. (427 W. 4th, Halstead, KS).

Oct. 16 and 17, 7 P.M. both evenings: Annual **Menno Simons Lectures** with Brad Gregory, Reformation scholar from the University of Notre Dame, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College; overall topic is “The Radical Reformation and Religious Freedom: A Historical Retrospective.”

Oct. 18, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold its **Social Security and retirement income workshop**, covering Social Security strategies, strategies to help your retirement income last, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <central.kansas@everence.com>.

Oct. 18, 7 P.M.: Bel Canto Singers present *God Is Love*, at Whitestone Menn. Ch.—a **home concert** before their fall tour, with special guests: Dr. Carren Moham, soprano; Dr. Holly Swartzendruber, soprano; and Moundridge High School Mixed Chorus, directed by Daniel Chisham. Info and livestream at <www.hesston.edu/music>.

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 our upcoming volunteer orientation (noted above) to tell us what interests you.

Oct. 20, 6-8:30 P.M.: The inaugural **Senses & Aging Symposium**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, with Karen Kendrick speaking on “Hearing Loss and Fall Prevention” and Angela Loucks Alexander presenting from Australia on “Auditory Processing Disorder in Adults.” The symposium is free, but please registrater at <www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/senses-aging-symposium>.

Oct. 21, 5:30 P.M.: You are invited to join the MCC–US board and staff for dinner and **You Got Booked** (an educational and interactive mass incarceration learning experience) at Faith Menn. Ch. (2100 N Anderson Ave, Newton, KS 67114). If you plan to attend, please e-mail <TinaSchrag@mcc.org> by *Oct. 13*.

Oct. 22, 5-6:30 P.M.: Hoffnungsau Menn. Ch. (43 - 13th Ave., Inman), will hold its annual **Sausage Mission Supper**. This will be a curbside pick-up meal; menu of German sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie. Cost: free will offering with all proceeds going to support The Mary Magdalene House, Hutchinson (a ministry specializing in pastoral counseling with families dealing with mental illness, addiction, adoption issues, marital problems, etc.; check out their website at www.marymagdalenehouse.com). Call or text Barb (620-543-6863) or Teresa (620-242-2357) *now* to order meals.

Oct. 23, 4 P.M.: **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program** with oral historian Ina Navazelskis from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Krehbiel Auditorium in FAC at Bethel College (*note change from usual time and location*). Followed by the museum’s annual **Living Endowment Dinner**, featuring Justina Neufeld and Janine Wedel, for which reservations are required; e-mail <kauffman@bethelks.edu> or call 316-283-1612.

Oct. 24, 7 P.M.: **Hesston College Masterworks Chorus** begins at Hesston Menn. Ch. Come join us in singing! The Masterworks Chorus is open once again to all community members. The featured work for the concert is *Credo* by Margaret Bonds. Six rehearsals in the fall will be followed by a performance during Martin Luther King Jr. day weekend. Full schedule at <hesston.edu/masterworks>.

Oct. 25-26: Join Newton-area churches for **Meat Canning** at the MCC North Newton facility. Register online for shifts at <<https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2022>>.

Oct. 25, 7 P.M.: Sunflower Performing Arts Presents: **ensemble 4.1** at Hesston Menn. Ch. Comprised of piano, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn, this chamber group (a “piano windtet”) is unique. Enjoy Mozart, Beethoven as well as lesser-known composers Gieseeking and Verhey along with an arrangement of Gershwin’s “An American in Paris.” Info at <sunflowerarts.org>.

Oct. 25, 7-8 P.M.: Western District Women in Mission invites you to join a virtual “**Book Shelfies with Bethany**”—Bethany Martin, Manager at Faith & Life Bookstore (Newton), will present book reviews to add to your reading list. A brief business meeting will be held to vote on changes to our bylaws and to elect the new exec. comm. members of Western District Women in Mission. To receive a Zoom link, e-mail <westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com>. *Registration deadline is Oct. 24.*

Oct. 28-30: **Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat** at Camp Menoscah! 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. 2, 3, 5, all at 7 P.M.: “**We Own This Now**” is coming to Kansas for several showings! This Ted & Company play will be performed at several dates / locations (see details posted). Created in partnership with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, the play is a benefit for the Kanza Heritage Society. This play looks at love of land and loss of land.

Nov. 4-5: Bethel College will host “Old Books Made New: The Surprising Wisdom of Erasmus for Today”—an **intercollegiate symposium** with a keynote address by Dr. Greta Kroeker, University of Waterloo, Ont. on Nov. 4 at 6:30 P.M. in Krehbiel Auditorium. This will also be accessible virtually. The WDC Historical Committee invites you to attend. See <marpeck-fund.bethelks.edu/events/old-books-made-new/>.

Nov. 4-6: **Building a Lasting Connection Relationship Retreat:** Communication is key for a healthy and long-lasting relationship (and can be fun too!). During this 2-day retreat, couples will learn and practice skills together that promote healthy communication with one another, promoting ways of effectively expressing hope, validating feelings, and navigating concerns together. This retreat will be held at Camp Menoscah and led by Katie Dyck (LCMFT) and Renee Reimer (ordained WDC pastor). To register for this retreat, visit <catherinedycktherapy.com>. Thanks to a generous grant, scholarships are available for couples!

Nov. 12: Registration is now open for Bethel College’s **Worship and the Arts Symposium**, “*Joining Voices Together*,” featuring resource people Bradley Kauffman, Rachel Epp Buller, Katie Graber, SaeJin Lee, Cynthia Neufeld Smith, Adam Tice and Isaac Villegas. The public is invited to a **Community Evensong service**, Nov. 12 at 7 P.M. in Mem Hall, which will consist of congregational singing from the *Voices Together* hymnal. Discount for 3+ people from the same church. More info and registration at <<https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium>>.

Nov. 12, 9 A.M.–2 P.M.: Join Hope Menn. Ch. (868 N. Maize Road, Wichita, KS) for their **Fall Festival**. All proceeds from the event will help support church service projects: Family Promise, Camp Menoscah, and the Givens Family. There will be live music, a bake sale, kid’s activities, food trucks, and breakfast and lunch—cinnamon rolls, German sausage, bierocks, and pie.

Apr. 14-15, 2023: **Quilter’s Corner** is accepting donations for next spring’s MCC sale. Bring your fabric, notions, quilting supplies to the MCC Center in N. Newton labeled “for Quilter’s Corner.” Questions? Call Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

Openings:

1) *Program Assistant* at Central KS Community Foundation. Details at <<https://centralkansascf.org/about/job-openings/>>.

2) Bethel College is seeking to fill a *Payroll and Benefits Administrator/Cashier* position in N. Newton, KS. For a complete job description, please refer to: <<https://www.bethelks.edu/about/who-we-are/career-opportunities/current-position-openings>>.