

## *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship attendance</b> (with 2 visitors; & 11x2 Twitchers):	c.98
<b>Offering:</b> New Hope Shelter	\$...
Oct. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$...

## *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

Pastor Karen takes <b>vacation weekend</b>	Oct. 23
<b>SS classes meet</b> (adults invited to group session)	9:45 A.M., Oct. 23
<b>Worship</b> (T. Alexander, speaker); also live-streamed	10:45 A.M., Oct. 23
<b>Youth fundraiser meal</b> (fellowship hall)	c.11:45 A.M., Oct. 23
<b>MCC meat canning</b> for Newton-area churches	Oct. 25-26
<b>Wed. evening activities</b>	Oct. 26
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
<b>Youth service event:</b> MCC meat canning	6:15-8:30 P.M., Oct. 26

### *Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Mike Scott	Before next Sun.
Mowing Cemetery: Klingenberg Family—as needed	Before next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Annette Voth	Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Josh & Kristy Andres (prelude: Lois F.)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Kristy Andres	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Central Committee	Next Sun.

## *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

<b>Zion serves @ New Hope Shelter</b>	Nov. 1
<b>Harvest Mission Fest</b> (Linda Shelly, speaker) & cong. meal	Nov. 13
<b>Deacons meet</b> (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom)	9 A.M., Nov. 14
<b>Gov. Council meets</b> (in person, if status low; or Zoom)	7 P.M., Nov. 14
<b>Congregational mtg</b> for budget & elections	c.11:45 A.M., Dec. 11
<b>Congregational mtg</b> for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 4, 2023

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

- Craig Andres, who was hospitalized earlier this week at Salina Regional Center for high blood pressure that caused a brain bleed. He has stabilized and hoped to return home on Thur.
- Oscar Siwali and the South Africa Development and Reconstruction Agency Conflict Transformation personnel (partnering with Mennonite Mission Network), as they build peace.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*October 23, 2022*

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

Gathering Song "Light dawns on a weary world" VT #205  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements  
Prelude Abi E.

Call to Worship Adapted, "Every Creature Singing," Menn. Creation Network

Leader: God's goal is not to pluck human souls out of a world damned to destruction.

North: The Word became flesh and camped out with us here in the mud of earthly existence.

South: God became a human creature so that, in Jesus, God could show us how to better imagine and fully become creatures ourselves.

**All: God embraces the material world.**

L: We feel the crushing burden of responsibility.

N: God is already at work ahead of our humble efforts,

S: birthing new life out of despair and inviting us to join in.

**All: God promises to stick with us no matter what.**

L: We might prefer a God that would blow in like a storm cloud and fix climate change with mighty acts of power.

N: But, to walk in the steps of the suffering Savior will surely involve coming face to face with places of environmental destruction.

**All: God is at work through vulnerability and suffering.**

L: As we are touched by the Earth's pain we also discover that our World is more intricate and magical than we ever dreamed.

S: God wears the wounds of places that are hurting.

**All: God does not give up on us.**

Offering

*Mennonite Church USA*

Children's Time		Rosie Epp
Song	"Called by earth and sky"	VT #806
Scriptures	<i>Matt 7.12 and 22.36-40, 2 Cor 5.19</i>	
Sermon		Tammy Alexander
	"Climate change, wicked problems, and the Golden Rule"	
Response Song	"The garden needs our tending"	VT #788
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer		Ray Reimer
Sending Song	"Beauty for brokenness"	VT #712
Benediction and Postlude		

Worship Leader: Annette Voth    Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Carol K. / Bonnie B.  
 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://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 Karen is taking a vacation weekend to spend time with family.

### *Congregational Announcements*

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 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, 6:15 P.M.: There will be a **costume parade** in the fellowship hall for the younger youth (4th grade and below), followed by Fall-themed games in place of regular Wed. night activities. Junior and Senior youth will be traveling with youth sponsors to North Newton for MCC Meat Canning as a **youth group service event**, leaving the church parking lot after supper at 6:15 P.M. and return to the church at 8:30 P.M. Mentors are welcome to join them for this service event.

Nov. 1: Zion serves @ New Hope Shelter. Please contact Lindsey Regier (620-480-9554) or <[lindseyregier@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyregier@gmail.com)> if you can volunteer to prepare all or part of a meal. Thanks!

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 at (316) 554-4633 by Nov 6.

### *Other Organizations*

The Sept. edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the MDS response to Hurricane Ian in Florida; volunteers replant trees after the Colorado wildfires; and we have information on the up-coming MDS Annual Celebration in PA in Feb. Read more at <<https://conta.cc/3se4Lta>>.

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](http://www.hutchfmc.org)>.

Oct. 23, 3 P.M.: Tabor College **Fall Choral Concert** in the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts; a benefit for the Hillsboro Area Ministerial Alliance (a free will offering will be received).

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](mailto: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 Gieseking and Verhey along with an arrangement of Gershwin’s “An American in Paris.” Info at <[sunflowerarts.org](http://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](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com)>. *Registration deadline is Oct. 24.*

Oct. 27, 6 P.M.: After two years of not meeting, we are excited to announce plans for the **Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Fall banquet** at the Eden Menn. Ch. (near Moundridge). The keynote speaker will be Brian Stucky; as a descendant of the family who operated the Alta Mill near Moundridge, he will give a program about “Mennonite Mills in Central Kansas.” Knackie’s will cater the meal. The cost to attend is \$25 per person, payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693 *by Oct. 24.*

Oct. 31, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Chamber Orchestra concert**, directed by Kris Hilding, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

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. 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. 4-6: **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 Mennoscah and led by Katie Dyck (LCMFT) and Renee Reimer (ordained WDC pastor). To register for this retreat, visit <[catherinedycktherapy.com](http://catherinedycktherapy.com)>. Thanks to a generous grant, scholarships are available for couples!

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/](http://marpeck-fund.bethelks.edu/events/old-books-made-new/)>.

Nov. 5, 5-8 P.M.: 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Celebrity Servers:** 3-course meal at Water’s Edge Restaurant (Hesston, KS), with all tip\$ going to Harvey Co. Circle of Hope. Reservations strongly recommended. To RSVP *by Oct. 31*, e-mail <[info@peaceconnections.org](mailto:info@peaceconnections.org)>, call (316) 284-0000, or visit our website events page.