

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 5 visitors; & 13x2 Twitchers):	c.91
Offering: Harvest of Love (Harvey Co. food bank)	\$842
Nov. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$7,410

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Nov. 20
Worship	10:45 A.M., Nov. 20
Pastor Karen takes a week of vacation	Nov. 21-26
Community Thanksgiving service @ Wheat State	7 P.M., Nov. 22
Wed. evening activities (<i>none this week: Thanksgiving</i>)	Nov. 23

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): Steph Entz & family	Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Karen A. / Bonnie B. (prelude: students)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Lois Friesen	Next Sun.
Offering: The Corinthian Plan – Access	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Congregational mtg for budget & elections	c.11:45 A.M., Dec. 11
Material for 2022 Annual Report due to Becky Nickel	Dec. 11
Deacons meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom)	9 A.M., Dec. 12
Gov. Council meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom)	7 P.M., Dec. 12
Christmas Enactment program	7 P.M., Dec. 24
No in-person worship , but a virtual service will be shared	Dec. 25
Congregational mtg for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 4, 2023

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Ralph Schmidt, recovering at home from knee surgery last Mon.
- gratitude for members of WDC congregations and communities who care for the land, grow and harvest food, prepare meals, and share generously with a hungry world during this Thanksgiving week.
- Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, having lived among Indigenous communities in Argentina's Chaco region since 2004. Pray for them as they promote Indigenous culture and languages through Bible-study materials and educational opportunities, among other ministries of presence.

Zion Mennonite Church

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November 20, 2022

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

Gathering Song “We praise you, O God, our redeemer” VT #34
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude Kristyn Esau

Call to Worship *from Psalm 147*
Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

L: God heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.

P: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden.

L: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

P: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

All: Praise the Lord!

Song “Now thank we all our God” VT #114

Offering *Camp Mennoscah*

Youth skit

Special Music “We’ve come this far by faith” (VT #599) Adult Choir

Scripture *Luke 17.11-19*

Sermon “Gratitude of an unlikely saint” Karen Andres

Response Song “I need thee every hour” Adult Choir
–arr. John Ness Beck

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Ray Reimer

Sending Song “As you go out from here” VT #841

Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader(s): Randy Preheim and Drew Entz

Adult Choir Director: Renee Reimer

Accompanist: Kristyn Esau

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. Karen is taking vacation time this week.

Congregational Announcements

The winter quarter of the **Rejoice! devotional** is now available under the church mailboxes.

Zion members and friends are encouraged to collect **items for area Food Pantries** during Nov. and Dec. Bring non-perishable foods such as rice, beans, pasta, sauce, mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, soup, canned vegetables or fruit (remember—nothing expired!). Monetary donations are also welcome (dedicated offerings occur on Nov. 13 and Dec. 11).

The family of Martha Wedel would like to request a **card shower** for Mom's 90th birthday on Nov. 28. Her address is: 512A Lance Lane, Newton, KS 67114. Thank you.

Dec. 11: Reports for the Zion Menn. Ch. **Annual Report Book** are due *by this date*. Please e-mail them to Becky Nickel, at <bnickel77@gmail.com>, preferably as a MSWord attachment. Questions? Please contact Becky.

Dec. 11, c.11:45 A.M.: Our **first winter congregational meeting** is scheduled for this Sunday, immediately after worship, to consider the 2023 budget and elections. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary, but also be live-streamed.

Dec. 11, 3-5 P.M.: Pastor Ray and Rosie invite the Zion congregation to a **come-and-go Christmas open house** at their home (5 Jasper Court, North Newton, KS 67117; from the light at 24th & Main, go 3 blocks west on 24th to Regal Crescent, 1 block north to Jasper Court, then northeast to the end of the court). Please join us to enjoy some warm fellowship and some goodies!

Dec. 24, 7 P.M.: **Christmas Enactment:** All (children, youth, adults) are invited to put on a costume and join in the reenactment of the Christmas story at Zion on Christmas Eve. Be a part of the story by borrowing (Zion has a few) or making a costume as a stable animal, shepherd, sheep, angel, or wise person. On Christmas Eve don your costume and join us for an evening celebrating the birth of Jesus. If you have questions talk to Rosie Epp or Deana Entz.

Dec. 25, etc.: Both Spiritual Life Board and Governing Council have discussed **Sunday worship during the upcoming holiday season**. This year we will have no in-person worship on Dec. 25; the pastors will post online a pre-recorded service which families are encouraged to watch on that day at a time convenient to them. We will plan to worship in-person on Jan. 1, but delay our Epiphany communion observance until Jan. 8.

Other Organizations

Nov. 21, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Wind Ensemble concert**, directed by Joel Boettger, featuring works by Bernstein, Vaughn Williams, Sweeney, Sparke and Ticheli, in Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Nov. 22, 7 P.M.: All are invited to a **community Thanksgiving Worship Service** in the Wheat State Manor dining room. They do kindly request that masks be worn at this larger gathering while not eating, and as they are required to follow guidance from CMS and the local health department when the public enters the facility.

Nov. 29: Many of the organizations Zion supports via offerings encourage donations on **#Giving Tuesday**; check out respective websites, which usually include a link for contributions.

The Nov. edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the MDS long-term response to Hurricane Ian in FL: Read about volunteers responding to Hurricane Fiona in Atlantic Canada; A new web page with volunteer opportunities closer to home; and we have information on the up-coming MDS Annual Celebration in PA in Feb. More at <<https://conta.cc/3UEtoj>> .

Nov. 29, 6:30-8:30 P.M.: You can help make the world a better place by joining Everence® and MCC to **assemble hygiene kits**. The kits will be distributed through worldwide relief organizations to places like refugee camps where unclean conditions can lead to the spread of serious diseases. The event will take place at Hesston Menn. Ch. Community Center. You can also help by donating supplies to MCC or your Everence office in North Newton or by making a financial contribution to MCC. For more details, contact MCC at 316-283-2720 or Everence at 316-283-3800.

Dec. 3, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.: **Five Places of Christmas**, the annual holiday open house, includes Kauffman Museum and Goerz House on the Bethel College campus. No charge for admission. The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is the host at Goerz House, where there will be baked goods, candy by the pound and other items for sale. Kauffman Museum features Ten Thousand Villages and many other gift items in the museum store, a Weave Your Own Ornament activity, the special exhibition "Reeds and Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia" and the permanent exhibits indoors and out. (Other Five Places of Christmas locations: Warkentin House, Harvey County Historical Museum and Carriage Factory Gallery, all in Newton.) Bethel College Women's Association **invites all bakers and crafters** to make items for this event; Christmas candy, cookies, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed rolls and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. Please bring your items on Fri., Dec. 2 from 1:30-4:30 P.M. or on Sat., Dec. 3 from 8:30-10:00 A.M. to Goerz House. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

Dec. 4, 3 P.M. (prelude begins at 2:45 P.M.): The **Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers** will be held at First Presbyterian Church (900 Columbus, Newton). The prelude will feature Vada Snider, flute; and Karen Loucks, piano. The program will include the prelude; Treble Clef Chorus; Hearts 4 Him men's ensemble; Josue Coy Dick, violin solo; and the Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble. A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund that will be awarded to high school seniors who are pursuing a music major.

Dec. 6, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Steel Drum Ensemble concert**, Memorial Hall.