

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 6x2 Twitchers): c.82
Offering: *Western District Conference* \$605.25
Dec. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed) \$7,551.99

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No in-person worship, but a virtual service will be shared Dec. 25
No Wed. evening activities: Christmas break Dec. 28

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): Matt Regier Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Josh & Kristy Andres (prelude: students) Next Sun.
Children's Time: Lois Friesen Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

No SS (fellowship hour instead); regular worship Jan. 1, 2023
Meal served (some Boards meet, or fellowship) 6 P.M., Jan. 4
Congregational mtg for reports & projects 7 P.M., Jan. 4
Zion serves @ New Hope Shelter Jan. 4
Deacons meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom) 9 A.M., Jan. 9
Gov. Council meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom) 7 P.M., Jan. 9

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Ann Schowengerdt, recovering at home after a mastectomy last Tue. On Fri. she noted: "Thanks for all the notes, e-mails, texts, well wishes and prayers. Doing well. Preliminary pathology reports are negative. Now I just have to heal."
- Ed Andres and Edna Stucky, celebrating their 97th and 94th birthdays, respectively, this Fri., Dec. 30.
- thanks for the gift of Christ's presence made tangible through the life and witness of WDC congregations.
- Mennonite Mission Network, which offers a blessing for each member of your congregation on this Christmas Day. May we encourage one another to follow Jesus' example and become incarnations of God's love and peace in our communities, today and in the coming year.

Zion Mennonite Church

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December 25, 2022: Christmas Day

No In-Person worship:
a link to a virtual service will be circulated Dec. 24.

Sing for joy: Your God reigns

Reflection: How is the Spirit empowering you to bring about God's restoration?

Worship Leader(s): Pastors
Adult Choir Director: Renee Reimer Accompanist(s): Karen 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 7 days. 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

Dec. 25, etc.: 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 at a time convenient to them. We will worship in-person on Jan. 1, but delay our Epiphany communion observance until Jan. 8.

Jan. 1, 2023: Education Board has suggested we **cancel Sunday School** for children and adults on this Sunday due to people traveling and to give teachers a longer break. We will have a fellowship time *starting at 9:45 A.M.*, so bring Christmas goodies to share.

Jan. 4: A **meal** will be served at church, beginning at c.6 P.M.; enjoy it while your Board meets, or simply fellowship with others. Our **winter congregational meeting** will follow at 7 P.M.

Jan. 4: Zion's turn to **serve at New Hope Shelter** (as part of Team #5); if you're able to volunteer to assist, or prepare all or part of a meal, please contact Lindsey Regier (620-480-9554).

A new sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for **Wed. meals through winter / spring of 2023**; please consider volunteering to prepare one of these well-appreciated suppers!

Jan., 2023: Kara Klingenberg will again **serve in the Dominican Republic**. This year, Derek and Makayla will join her! Derek and Makayla will be helping in small villages with a mobile doctor's office; Kara will again be in surgery. Since our bags are nearly full already, donations for surgical supplies are especially appreciated. Contact Kara if you'd like to help or have questions!

Other Organizations

The Dec. edition of ***On the Level*** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: find out why some disaster survivors may think it's absurd for MDS volunteers to help rebuild and restore; celebrate six home dedications in time for the holidays in Crisfield, MD; and get more details on how to register for the MDS annual celebration in PA in Feb. Read more at: <<https://conta.cc/3Whz2F8>>.

The **Bethel College campus** is closed from Dec. 22–Jan. 2 (reopening with regular hours Tue., Jan. 3). Reverie Coffee Shop will usually be open—see “Reverie Roasters at Mojo’s” Facebook page for hours and any updates. Advancement Office staff welcome visitors on Fri., Dec. 30, from 10 A.M.–2 P.M. at Leisy House (corner of 23rd St. and Goerz Ave. in North Newton).

Jan. 13, 2023, Noon-1:30 P.M.: **Reimagining the Call:** AMBS Pastors and Leaders event. Pastors, congregational leaders, and interested laypersons are invited to a luncheon at Water's Edge Restaurant, 701 S. Main Street, Hesston. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary president David Boshart will be offering perspectives on calling and nurturing leaders from within

congregations, followed by a conversation with Heidi Regier Kreider (conference minister for Western District Conference) and Clarence Rempel (regional ministry coach for South Central Conference). Lunch will be served, compliments of AMBS; please RSVP *by Fri., Jan. 6* by calling 574.296.6210, or at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAJraIDhXKmbZoGPiWQ_v1x1PdGTGXCuRBHH_m1443u2NAzg/viewform>.

Jan. 14, 7 P.M.: Hesston College Masterworks presents: **I Believe**. Join us for a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a performance featuring music by William Dawson, Robert Owens, and Margaret Bonds. Masterworks chorus and orchestra will be joined by soloists Evan Julius Nelson, Carren Moham, and Holly Swartzendruber. More info at <hesston.edu/masterworks> or join us at <hesston.edu/livestream>.

MCC is seeking a **Project Coordinator** responsible for mentoring and building capacity of local partners towards greater independence and sustainability and, alongside the MCC Burkina Faso Country Representatives, will assist in all planning, monitoring, and evaluating activities for various projects related to conservation agriculture, peace building, education, health, and emergency assistance. If you or someone you know might be interested, read more and apply *by Dec. 31, 2022* at <mcc.org/burkina>.

MCC is seeking a **Seed Coordinator** who will coordinate the second SEED Cohort for Guatemala and El Salvador. This position involves the planning, organization and implementation of a service, reflection and peacebuilding program with an intercultural team of young adults in the complex and enriching context of Guatemala and El Salvador. This position will be based in Guatemala and will be supervised by the MCC Representatives for Guatemala and El Salvador. If you or someone you know might be interested, read more and apply *by Dec. 31, 2022* at <mcc.org/Guatemala>.

Feb. 4-5: Save the date to discover your Anabaptist Filter: Registration is open for **KNOW JESUS, an overnight retreat** for 6th–8th graders at Hesston College!