

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>Worship attendance</b> (with ? visitors; & 36x2 YouTubers):	c.72
Dec. 24 eve: (with many visitors; & 34x2 Twitchers):	c.164
<b>Offering:</b> Dec. 25: <i>Mennonite Mission Network</i>	\$100
Dec. 24 eve: <i>MCC kits</i>	\$1,020
Dec. receipts for Local Fund (\$11,350 needed)	\$12,126.54

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

<b>No SS</b> (fellowship hour instead); regular worship	Jan. 1
<b>Meal served</b> (some Boards meet, or fellowship)	6 P.M., Jan. 4
<b>Education and Spiritual Life Boards meet</b>	6 P.M., Jan. 4
<b>Congregational mtg</b> for reports & projects	7 P.M., Jan. 4
<b>Zion serves @ New Hope Shelter</b>	Jan. 4

### Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): Matt Regier	Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Carol K. / Margaret B. (prelude: Carol)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Matt Regier	Next Sun.
Offering: Wheat State Manor	Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

<b>Epiphany worship, with communion</b>	10:45 A.M., Jan. 8
Deacons and pastors <b>communion "field trips"</b>	P.M., Jan. 8
<b>Deacons meet</b> (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom)	9 A.M., Jan. 9
<b>Gov. Council meets</b> (in person, if status low; or Zoom)	7 P.M., Jan. 9
<b>Norm Tillotson</b> , guest speaker, representing Wheat State	Feb. 19

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

- Kara, Derek and Makayla, leaving later this week for a period of medical mission service in the Dominican Republic.
- Bernard Entz, unable to worship with us regularly; he'll celebrate his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday on Jan. 13.
- all that God is doing and going to do in the communities and people of WDC, through your beloved son Jesus Christ, using the blessing of church planting as an instrument.
- being channels of God's love and light to our neighbors in this new year and, through Mennonite Mission Network personnel and partners, to our brothers and sisters on six continents.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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January 1, 2023: First Sunday after Christmas

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

He comes to us in all our distress

*Reflection: We live in the in-between: Christ has brought restoration, and the world still cries out to be restored. These two truths do not cancel each other out but coexist. Where do you see this dual reality around you and within you?*

Gathering Song "Here I am to worship" VT #227  
Prelude Makayla K.

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: In crimson clothing you came,  
bringing the day of vengeance, the year of redemption.

**People: God has not forgotten you, O Jerusalem.**

L: O Lord, your compassion and kindness are for us, even in  
our distress.

**P: Even in suffering we remember your love.**

L: You have become fully human; you call us brothers and  
sisters. You, Lord, will gather your people again for the day  
of redemption.

**All: Let our repentance give you glory.**

**Let our praises give you joy, until you come again.**

Offering *Local Fund*

Children's Time Lois Friesen  
Song "Infant holy, infant lowly" VT #243

Scripture(s) *Isaiah 63.7-9; Matthew 2.13-23*  
Sermon "Hope: The light of God's future" Karen Andres  
Response Song "It came upon a midnight clear" VT #248

## Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer

Ray Reimer

Sending Song “To God be the glory”

VT #84

Benediction and Postlude

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Worship Leader(s): Matt Regier

Accompanist(s) / vocalist(s): Josh and 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 7 days. Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #737503-A. All rights reserved)

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**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*

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!

Jan. 14, 11 A.M.: A **celebration of life service for Steve Andres** at Trinity Un. Methodist Ch. (Newton), with a meal following.

### *Other Organizations*

Jan. 7, 8 A.M.: Kauffman Museum **bird walk**, start in the museum parking lot; experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.

Jan. 13, 2023, Noon-1:30 P.M.: **Reimagining the Call:** Pastors, congregational leaders, and interested laypersons are invited to a luncheon at Water’s Edge Restaurant (701 S. Main St., Hesston). Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary president David Boshart will offer perspectives on calling and nurturing leaders from within congregations, followed by conversation with Heidi Regier Kreider (conference minister for WDC) and Clarence Rempel (regional ministry coach for SCC). Lunch is 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](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](https://hesston.edu/masterworks)> or join us at <[hesston.edu/livestream](https://hesston.edu/livestream)>.

Jan. 16, 7 P.M.: Bethel College celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, featuring Marche Fleming-Randle, **“Together We Can Be the Dream,”** Memorial Hall.

Jan. 21, 9 A.M.-2 P.M.: Trinity Menn. Ch. (Hillsboro) is planning to end its time as a congregation, donating their building at 211 S. Elm to the Hillsboro Community Childcare Center. A **church “close out sale”** (garage sale) will be at the church on the date / time noted with craft items, toys, Christmas decorations, artificial 6-foot trees, artificial flower bouquets, candles, vases, hymn books, ping pong table, fuss ball game, treadmill, costumes, etc. All purchases are by donation to the Childcare Center.