

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 2 visitors; & 23x2 Twitchers):	c.101
Offering: Local Fund	\$2,504
Jan. receipts-to-date for Local Fund (\$... needed)	\$2,504

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Jan. 8
Epiphany worship, with communion	10:45 A.M., Jan. 8
Deacons and pastors on communion “field trips”	P.M., Jan. 8
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
Wed. evening activities	Jan. 11
5:45-6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:30-7:20 P.M.	Children’s Activities + Adult Bible Study
7:25-8:00 P.M.	Choir

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): Matt Regier	Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Josh & Kristy / J&K (prelude: Reinhild J.)	Next Sun.
Children’s Time: Karen	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Jr. Youth Group at RMMC’s Snow Camp	Jan. 20-22
Parsonage open house	A.M., Jan. 29
Education Board meets via Zoom	7 P.M., Jan. 29
Jr. Youth Group at Hesston’s Know Jesus	Feb. 4-5
Sr. Youth Group at RMMC’s Snow Camp	Feb. 17-19
Norm Tillotson , guest speaker, representing Wheat State	Feb. 19

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- those recovering from various medical procedures and events.
- generous contributions to WDC as the fiscal year ends in Jan, to support conference ministries of equipping ministers, resourcing congregations, and networking church planting.
- the 40 SOOP participants who are serving this month (via Mennonite Mission Network) in places like Kykotsmovi, Phoenix, and Tucson, AZ; Gotha, FL; Americus, GA; Meridian, MS; Mt. Pleasant, PA; and San Antonio, TX. Pray that they will be instruments of God’s justice, peace and love.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 8, 2023: Epiphany Sunday

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

The manifold wisdom of God be made known

Reflection: Where, beyond your community, do you see God’s restoration taking place? How can you spotlight it and give thanks?

Gathering Song “Angels from the realms of glory” VT #265
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude “We Three Kings” (arr. E. Andres) Men’s Chorus

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your only Son in all his glory to the people of the earth.

People: The manifestation of light and new life, you are Emmanuel, God with us.

L: Guide us into your presence, where we may see your glory face-to-face.

P: We bring our gifts of service, unity, and love as a blessing to your kingdom.

All: Let all the earth adore you, for you are the Lord of lords and the King of kings.

Offering *Wheat State Manor*

Children’s Time Matt Regier
Song “Brightest and best” SS #29

Scripture(s) *Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12*
Sermon “Seeing the star” Ray Reimer

Response Song “O beautiful star of Bethlehem” VT #275
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Karen Andres

Song	“Come to the table of grace”	VT #461
Communion		
Preparation for Communion		VT #937
Words of Institution		
Sharing supper with the Lord... and each other		
Prayer of Thanksgiving... ending with Lord’s Prayer (<i>unison</i>)		
Sending Song	“Joy to the world”	VT #240
Benediction and Postlude		

Worship Leader(s): Matt Regier
 Accompanist(s) / vocalist(s): Carol Klingenberg / Margaret Brewer
 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

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

Jan. 29, A.M.: The Junior and Senior High Youth Groups and sponsors invite you to an **Open House at the parsonage** on this date, to appreciate the various improvements and redecorations accomplished in recent months; you’re welcome to stop by between Sunday school and worship or after the worship service.

Other Organizations

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. 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>.

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.

Jan. 22, 4 P.M.: Bethel College Music Department **Honors Recital**, Administration Building chapel, featuring freshman, sophomore and junior vocal and instrumental students who performed exceptionally during the fall 2022 semester.

Jan. 28, NOON-4 P.M.: Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, **“Kansans Create!,”** museum parking lot and grounds. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or <kauffmanmuseum.org>.

July 3-8: MC USA is looking for *seminar ideas* for the upcoming **MennoCon23 convention** in Kansas City. Christian Formation exists to transform us as youth, adults and communities of Mennonite Church USA into Christ-shaped vessels to serve both church and world. Seminars are typically 60 minutes in length and cover a variety of categories. MennoCon23 convention planners invite you to suggest topics and speakers for seminars that will draw us in and that have potential to further the transformation process in ourselves and our communities. Visit <<https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/the-experience/worship-equipping-seminars/>> to learn more and submit your seminar ideas. The seminar submission deadline is *Jan. 31, 2023*.