

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 14x2 Twitchers): c.83
Offering: *Mennonite Central Committee – Sale Expenses* \$855
Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$24,028 budgeted) \$21,740

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Jan. 29
Parsonage open house (between & after services) A.M., Jan. 29
Worship 10:45 A.M., Jan. 29
Wed. evening activities Feb. 1
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
Jr. Youth Group at Hesston’s **Know Jesus** Feb. 4-5

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Josh & Kristy A. (prelude: Steven K.) Next Sun.
Children’s Time: Kristy Andres Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Cong. Mtg. to affirm Pastoral Search Comm. c.11:45 A.M., Feb. 12
Zion’s MCC meal (more info TBA) Feb. 12
Deacons meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom) 9 A.M., Feb. 13
Gov. Council meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom) 7 P.M., Feb. 13
Sr. Youth Group at RMMC’s **Snow Camp** Feb. 17-19
Norm Tillotson, guest speaker, representing Wheat State Feb. 19
Zion outing @ High Rollers skating rink (Newton) Feb. 26
Education Board meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Mar. 7

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- The Junior Youth Group and sponsors attending *Know Jesus* at Hesston College this coming weekend.
- wisdom and insight for the WDC Executive Board, as it implements its anti-racism audit completed last year.
- the Tucson, AZ, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit, working with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition and adult literacy, immigration and refugee rights, and environmental protection programs.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 29, 2023

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

Gathering Song “Come, thou fount” VT #563
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude The Holy Number
Call to Worship Mark, *WW1*, #81

Leader: Let us gather with the faithful from every nation, race, people, and language to worship the God made known to us in Christ Jesus.

People: To God, the ruler of the universe, and to Jesus the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might forever and ever.

L: Let us gather in God’s presence, singing songs of praise and joy, with the people of God in every place and time.

P: Holy, holy, holy, great God of Hosts! The whole earth is full of God’s glory. Glory be to God most high.

Offering *Mennonite World Conference*
Special Music “Be Thou My Vision” –arr. Wagner Adult Choir
“Let All the People Praise Thee” –arr. Sleeth
Congregation joins in singing vss. 1 & 3 of VT #203

Children’s Time + *Know Jesus* skit Brett Klingenberg

Scripture(s) *Matthew 26.50b-56*
Sermon “The impetuosity of rocks” Ray Reimer
Response Song “Lord, I want to be a Christian” VT #558

Life of the Church: Sharing re Junior Youth Group Snow Camp
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Karen Andres

Sending Song “Together” VT #389
Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader(s): Matt Regier
Accompanist(s) / vocalist(s): Brett Klingenberg
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

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.

As part of the upcoming pastoral transition, Zion members are encouraged to complete a **Congregational and Pastoral Priorities checklist**, which the Search Committee will utilize. Paper copies are available under the mailboxes, or download at <<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Congregational-and-Pastoral-Priorities-2020.pdf>>. Please complete *before Feb. 1*, and place in Josh Andres's mailbox.

Feb. 4-5: The Junior Youth Group will be attending the *Know Jesus* event at Hesston College. As part of the event, they will be participating in a Numana service project, packaging 48,000 meals in two hours. We recently learned that the organization asks each participating church to **contribute \$500** to help cover expenses (food supplies, shipping, etc.). If you would like to donate, please utilize the second basket on the offering table.

Thank you to all those who call me, send cards and stop by for a visit. Thank you for sending me the bulletin weekly. I dearly miss worshipping with you all. May 2023 be a good year for all of you.
Love and prayers,
–Delila Wedel

Several in our congregation **reflect upon transitions** in the coming week. Edna Andres will celebrate her 88th birthday Thur.; Delila and family will remember the 5th anniversary of LaVern's death on Wed., and Ruth Andres's family observes the 3rd anniversary of her death Thur. Please support them in prayer.

Thank you!—to the Gifts and Discernment Committee, which graciously and swiftly discerned members for a **Pastoral Search Committee**. The slate proposed for the Search Committee is: Ann Schowengerdt (selected by Deacons as their representative), Kristy Andres, Joe Friesen, Lisa Scott, & Clint Unruh. Governing Council has called a **special congregational meeting after worship** (app. 11:45 A.M.) on Feb. 12 to affirm the proposed Search Committee.

Other Organizations

Now (through Feb. 24) in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: **"Farm to Table," ceramics** by Stacey Stanhope Dundon (artist lecture and reception *Feb. 23*). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 A.M.–4 P.M., SUN. 2-4 P.M.

Jan. 29, 4 P.M.: Join the Dyck Arboretum to hear **The Barefoot Movement**—an acclaimed Americana group that has carved out a space in the acoustic scene. Crust & Crumb will serve treats during intermission. Learn more at <dyckarboretum.org/events>.

Jan. 31, 7 P.M.: Join the Dyck Arboretum via Zoom to be a part of their presentation **Attracting Bees & Beneficial Insects with Native Plants**. Heather Halm will present. Register and learn more at <dyckarboretum.org/events>.

Feb. 4, 7-11 A.M.: Peabody Community Foundation will serve **breakfast by donation** at the PBHS Brown Building. "That Flippin' Pancake Race" will be held at 10 A.M. for children ages 13 and under; 2023 grant awards to charities will be announced at 10:30 A.M. Donations support the PCF Operating Fund. The public is invited.

Feb. 4, 8 A.M.: Kauffman Museum **bird walk**, starting in the museum parking lot. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.

Feb. 4, 1-5:30 P.M.: **Volunteers are solicited** to serve as leaders during a Numana meal-packaging event, part of the *Know Jesus* retreat; the time span noted includes a time of training, helping with set up and then facilitating the food packaging. High school students and all ages of adults are invited to participate! E-mail <melissahlandis@gmail.com> if you'd like to volunteer.

Feb. 4, 3 P.M. (CT): Join the Community Peacemaker Teams—Colombia for a **virtual tour of the Middle Magdalena region** as we continue spreading voices and struggles of peaceful resistance to different parts of the world and hear directly from partner organizations and communities. Sign up at <https://cpt.org/programs/colombia/virtual-visit?blm_aid=23287>.

Community Peacemaker Teams (CPT) encourages supporters to consider **joining upcoming delegations** to Colombia, Palestine, or Iraqi Kurdistan. More info at <<https://cpt.org/delegations>>.

Feb. 4, 7 P.M.: Join the Dyck Arboretum to hear **The Small Glories**. They have stage banter that strikes a unique balance between slapstick and sermon and are veteran singer-songwriters. Crust & Crumb will serve sweet and savory treats during intermission. Learn more at <dyckarboretum.org/events>.

Feb. 6, 6 P.M.: Join Hesston College's Sunflower Performing Arts in Hesston Menn. Ch. for, **Our Song, Our Story: The New Generation of Black Voices**. Performing opera, art song, spirituals, and jazz, these world class black artists will pay homage to Marian Anderson and Jessye Norman who were at the vanguard of black classical singers. Tickets can be purchased online at <hesston.edu/sunflower-performing-arts/> or call 620-327-8158.

MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a new **webinar series, Beyond incarceration**: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities. Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 6:30 P.M. CST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. Registration link: <mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars>.

Feb. 7, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Organ Recital Series** presents David Pickering, organ, and Audrey Pickering, cello and organ, in a program featuring works by J.S. Bach, Lübeck, Alain, Bloch and Gawthrop, in the Administration Building chapel. David is Professor of Music and Chair of the Keyboard Division at KSU. Also livestreamed at <<https://youtu.be/VzcyjX0xZrPI>>.

Feb. 8, 4-6 P.M.: Buhler Menn. Ch. (220 W. Ave B, Buhler, KS) will be hosting their **Annual Chicken Noodle Soup Mission Supper** fundraiser. This year's carry-out-only dinner will feature chicken noodle soup, pie & bread. Orders will be accepted through Jan. 26 by calling or texting 620-664-7699, 620-727-5128 or 620-217-1156. Pick up will be at the north entrance of the church on the date / time noted. Enter from the south side parking lot on B Street (note the change in traffic direction). This will be a free will offering with proceeds going towards Outreach Meals. Cash and checks accepted with checks made out to Buhler Menn. Ch.

Feb. 12, 10:45 A.M.: Julie Brown, outreach coordinator for Community Peacemaker Teams, will be at Hope Menn. Ch. (868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita) **sharing about the work of CPT** during their adult Sunday School session. Julie has served on a CPT field team in Iraqi Kurdistan and currently serves conducts nonviolence workshops and trainings. As one of the congregations in the region that support CPT, *Hope invites Zion to send representatives* to this presentation; talk to Pastor Ray for more details.

Feb. 19, 4 P.M.: Join the Dyck Arboretum to hear Bella White, a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who hails from Canada and grew up listening to bluegrass bands thanks to her father. Come enjoy her original voice and the undeniable magic she creates by mining the rare duality at the heart of her artistry. Crust & Crumb will be serving during intermission. Learn more at <dyckarboretum.org/events>.

Feb. 24, 5-8 P.M.: Join the Tradition! Enjoy an unusual **Liverwurst and Fried Mush meal** (including sausage, gravy, applesauce, drink) at Journey@Yoder to support Mennonite Friendship Communities (all proceeds help provide care for nursing home residents who have outlived their financial resources. More info at <MennoFriend.com> or 620-663-7175.

Feb. 26, 4-6:30 P.M.: South Central and Western District Conference Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a **Youth Worker Appreciation and Resourcing Event** with the theme “Building Community”. This will be both in-person at Whitestone Menn. Ch. (629 Crescent Dr, Hesston KS) and available via Zoom. Those attending in person will be treated to a catered meal by El Cerrito, a local Mexican Restaurant, following a time of discussion. Those attending online can join in on the discussion from 4-5:45 P.M. and will be reimbursed \$10/person for any snack you enjoy while participating. This is an opportunity to say “Thanks!” to the adult volunteers from your congregation who work with youth, as well as a chance to help them with resources and connection with other youth workers. If you would like to register or have questions, contact Dwight Regier, Bi-Conference Youth Ministry Team Leader, at dwigtr@mennowdc.org. Registrations *due by Feb 20*.

Feb. 28, 7 P.M.: Join the Dyck Arboretum to learn about the **McPherson Valley Wetlands: Past, Present and Future**. Historically there were thousands of acres of wetlands in the McPherson Valley Wetlands that held extreme importance to migratory birds. Hear the full story of this unique wetland ecosystem and the plans for its restoration from a Public Land Manager perspective. Jason Black will be presenting. Learn more about this event and register at dyckarboretum.org/events.

Mar. 1-5: Hesston College Performing Arts will present the **musical *The Apple Tree*** by Bock and Harnick, the same duo that wrote *Fiddler on the Roof*, in the Black Box Theater in Keim Center. The Apple Tree is a series of three musical playlets: “The Diary of Adam & Eve,” “The Lady or the Tiger,” “Passionella.” Learn more at hesston.edu/fine-arts.

Mar. 4, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.: Federated Church (Whitewater) invites all interested to a **Ladies Retreat** with the theme “It Is Well with My Soul.” Details posted.

Apr. 15: Plan to join us for the **26th Annual KS MCC Run for Relief**. Forms posted on bulletin board; or, you can register at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/KS/Hutchinson/KMRSRunWalkForRelief5k>. We also have a Facebook page (Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale-Run/Walk for Relief 5K), where you can see updates.

Mar. 6-8: Come join the fun at the 15th annual **MCC Comforter Blitz** on the Journey-Yoder Campus (one mile north of Yoder, KS). Times are Mon. and Tue. 9-5 and Wed. 9-4. No sewing skills are required, we will teach you. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the workday. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of Mennonite Central Committee to make comforters for relief to be sent to refugees or places after natural disasters. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at 316-283-2720, or check the Comforter Blitz Facebook Page, “Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz”.

Mar. 10-12 and 17-19: Croppers and crafters of all skill levels are welcome at upcoming Camp MennoScah Spring **Scrapbook and Craft Retreats**. Participants will have lodging in the Retreat Center and work space at the Dining Hall. Grade 3 and above are welcome with an accompanying adult. Further details available on the website or at 620-297-3290.

Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>.

Wanted: cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs, campers, tractors, modern farm equipment, etc. for the Kansas MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help feed and clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. All donations are tax deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620-367-8257. Help make a difference!

July: Mennonite Church USA has released the **MennoCon23 block schedule** and registration rates. Learn more about MennoCon23 at: mennoniteusa.org/mennocon23-schedule.

What does it take for a rural church to install solar panels? For Metamora (IL) Menn. Ch., it required a team with a vision, a lot of planning and some flexibility, along with some help from the Mennonite Creation Care Network. Karla Kauffman, a therapist who is developing expertise in climate grief work, outline’s Metamora Mennonite’s process in “**A rural congregation goes solar: Metamora (Illinois) Mennonite Church.**” Read more at: mennoniteusa.org/metamora-illinois-mennonite-church.