

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship attendance</b> (with 2 visitors; & 12x2 Twitchers):	c.104
<b>Offering:</b> <i>Mennonite World Conference</i>	\$480
Jr. Youth <i>Know Jesus</i> Numana project support	\$343
Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$24,028 budgeted)	\$23,490

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<b>Jr. Youth Group</b> at Hesston's <i>Know Jesus</i>	Feb. 4-5
<b>SS classes meet</b>	9:45 A.M., Feb. 5
<b>Worship</b>	10:45 A.M., Feb. 5
<b>Wed. evening activities</b>	Feb. 8
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): Bonnie Brewer	Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Carol K. / Margaret B. (prelude: Carol K.)	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Sharon Wedel	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite College(s) (donor specification)	Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

<b>Cong. Mtg.</b> to affirm Pastoral Search Comm.	c.11:45 A.M., Feb. 12
Zion's <b>MCC fellowship meal</b> (more info TBA)	Feb. 12
<b>Deacons</b> meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom)	9 A.M., Feb. 13
<b>Gov. Council</b> meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom)	7 P.M., Feb. 13
Sr. Youth Group at RMMC's <b>Snow Camp</b>	Feb. 17-19
<b>Norm Tillotson</b> , guest speaker, representing Wheat State	Feb. 19
Zion <b>outing @ High Rollers</b> skating rink (Newton)	Feb. 26
<b>Education Board</b> meets via Zoom	7 P.M., Mar. 7
<b>Spiritual Life Board</b> meets via Zoom	7 P.M., Mar. 21

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

- God's guidance and blessing for WDC youth, sponsors, pastors and families, in their journey of growing faith and discipleship.
- Hope for the Future, concluding today in Atlanta, GA. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Mennonite black, indigenous and people of color leaders, as they return to their communities, strengthened by worship and fellowship. Pray also for white allies to work toward God's justice.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*February 5, 2023*

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

Gathering Song	"I will call upon the Lord"	SJ #19
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Prelude		Steven Kauder

Call to Worship from *Ministry Matters*

Leader: The goodness of God has called us here!

**People: We are recipients of God's gracious love.**

L: Although we have not always done what is right in God's sight;

**P: Yet God is merciful and forgiving.**

L: Open your hearts and spirits to the refreshing love of God.

**All: Help us, O Lord, to live joyfully and peacefully in your sight. Amen.**

Offering	<i>Local Fund</i>	
Children's Time		Kristy Andres
Song	"We are people of God's peace"	VT #797
Scripture(s)	<i>Romans 12.14-21</i>	
Sermon	"Remember who you are"	Ray Reimer
Response Song	"Put peace into each other's hands"	VT #485
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer		Karen Andres
Sending Song	"May the peace of Christ"	VT #843
Benediction and Postlude		

Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer  
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://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*

You are invited to participate in a **Valentine's Day / Friendship Day card shower** for people incarcerated at the Chase County Jail in Cottonwood Falls. Many are there due to their immigration status, but not all. We write to let those incarcerated know that there are people who care about them and desire justice on their behalf. We are partnering with Casa Betania and Shalom so we need around 50 cards from our congregation. Cards for your use are available under the mailboxes; write a simple message such as "Happy Friendship Day! We wish the best for you today and every day. You have not been forgotten by us or in the eyes of God" and sign your first name. Return your cards to Annette Voth's mailbox by Wed., Feb. 8; we'll mail all the cards together. Questions? Contact Annette.

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, and 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. Check with Josh Andres for an absentee ballot, which needs to be returned to Mark Unruh prior to the meeting.

### *Other Organizations*

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/](https://hesston.edu/sunflower-performing-arts/)> or call 620-327-8158.

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. 14, 7 P.M.: Sunflower Performing Arts: **Dr. Steven Spooner offers Piano Concert**, at Hesston Menn. Ch. Steven Spooner, Prof. of Piano at the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University, offers compelling performances that have been hailed worldwide. This performance takes the place of *Calmus: Christmas A Cappella*, which was canceled due to visa travel complications in Dec. Free to season ticket holders or \$25 single tickets available at the door. A Valentine reception will follow the concert. More info at <[sunflowerarts.org](https://sunflowerarts.org)>.

Feb. 16, 5:30 P.M.: 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Soup Supper and Dessert Auction** benefiting Harvey Co. Circle of Hope; supper by donation, auction starting at 6:15 P.M. (led by Mike Flavin). At Newton Nazarene Ch. (1000 N Main St, Newton). More info posted.

Feb. 19, 2 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series** presents *No Time to Waste: The Urgent Mission of Betty Reid Soskin*, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This film looks at the legendary 101-year-old park ranger's inspiring life, work and determination to restore critical missing chapters of America's story. An audience talkback will follow the screening. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

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. 21, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Chamber Orchestra concert**, directed by Kristopher Hilding, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Feb. 23, 7 P.M.: Stacey Stanhope Dundon, potter, offers the **Greer Lecture** in Bethel College's Ad Building chapel, with reception following. Now (through Feb. 24) in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center: Dundon's "**Farm to Table**" ceramics are on display. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 A.M.-4 P.M., Sun. 2-4 P.M.

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, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Concert Choir Tour Send-off Home Concert** in Memorial Hall (please note the change in date from some previously printed calendars).

**Opening:** MCC is seeking a *Donor Relations Associate*. This role is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to-face contact to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This is a full-time position; office location is flexible. Apply online by Feb. 24 at <mcc.org/donor-relations-associate>. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or <amberfalcon@mcc.org>.

Feb. 27, 7:30 P.M.: Bethel College **Wind Ensemble concert**, directed by Joel Boettger, in the Newton High School auditorium.

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>.

Apr. 1, 10 A.M.-1 P.M.: We are inviting women from your church to have a table at the 2023 **Women in Mission Celebration** at Faith Menn. Ch. (Newton). The event is sponsored by Western District Women in Mission as a means to share ideas and mission opportunities with other women and churches. Whatever women are doing in your church to further Christ's kingdom, come and share it so others can learn, be inspired, and maybe even start something similar in their churches. If you would be interested in having a table or would like more info, e-mail <westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com>. Reserve a table *by Mar. 1*.

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>.