

## Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 13x2 Twitchers): c.93

Offering: Local Fund \$2,832.55

MCC kits \$100

Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$34,708 budgeted thru Feb.) \$26,323

## This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Feb. 12

Worship 10:45 A.M., Feb. 12

Cong. Mtg. to affirm Pastoral Search Comm. c.11:45 A.M., Feb. 12

Zion's MCC fellowship meal 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

Wed. evening activities Feb. 15

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

Sr. Youth Group at RMMC's Snow Camp Feb. 17-19

### Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.

Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Karen A. / Bonnie B. (prelude: Karen A.) Next Sun.

Children's Time: Ann Schowengerdt (?) Next Sun.

Offering: Camp Mennoscah Next Sun.

## Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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

Spiritual Life Board meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Mar. 21

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

- Alden Entz, recovering at home now (after 36 hours at NMC earlier in the week) after several falls due to weakness.
- WDC chaplains and pastors offering support to church and community members living with various challenges.
- Christy Harrison (working at a hospital), Peter Sensenig (teaching) and children (interacting with classmates), engaged in ministry in Chad, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and MMN.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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February 12, 2023

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

Gathering Song "Rain down" VT #703

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Anna K.

Call to Worship from Psalm 18

Leader: The Lord is our rock, in whom we take refuge.

**People: We call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.**

L: He made our feet like the feet of a deer;

**P: and set us secure on the heights.**

L: Show us your steadfast love.

**All: Help us live in peace!**

Offering Mennonite College(s) (donor specification)

Children's Time Sharon Wedel

Song "Make me a channel of your peace" SJ #56

Scripture(s) 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Sermon "At the end of the day... peace" Karen Andres

Response Song "I'm pressing on the upward way" SJ #96

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Ray Reimer

Sending Song "Praise God from whom" VT #70

Benediction and Postlude

Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer

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*

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. We will also affirm those who have volunteered to date to be our delegates at this summer's Mennonite Church USA assembly in Kansas City.

Feb. 24, 3-4 P.M.: Wanted / needed **1-2 volunteers** to assist Wheat State Manor residents to play bingo on the date / time noted. Please let Lois Friesen know *by Feb. 19* if you can help. Thank you.

### *Other Organizations*

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting **donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake** in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at <[mcc.org/earthquake](http://mcc.org/earthquake)>, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Feb. 12, 10:45 A.M.: Julie Brown, outreach coordinator for Community Peacemaker Teams (who has served on a CPT field team in Iraqi Kurdistan), will be at Hope Menn. Ch. (868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita) **sharing about the work of CPT** during their adult Sunday School session. As an area congregation that support CPT, *Hope invites Zion to send representatives* to this presentation.

A policy recently adopted by the KS Mennonite Relief Sale regarding "**Biodegradable Containers**" will be circulated with the weekly e-mail and posted; please note that it recognizes such an action likely involves additional expense, and increased donations are thus solicited.

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](http://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.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to **become a volunteer!** Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thur., Feb. 16; or Thur., Mar. 9 (each 5-6 P.M.). We hope to hear from you soon!

Feb. 16-18: Newton Et Cetera Shop is hosting a **Women's Clothing Extravaganza** on the week of Valentine's Day to show our love for our community by sharing generously what we've been given! We have an overflow of clothing donations, thanks to our generous donors, and want to pass along the generosity to our customers. During this special event, all women's clothing items in bins on the sales floor will be \$3 each—this includes women's tops, pants, skirts and dresses. Special business hours for the event are: 10-7 Thur., Feb. 16, and the usual business hours 10-5:30 Fri., Feb. 17, and Sat., Feb. 18. Because of the expected volume, the dressing rooms will not be available for this special sale; customers will need to plan to try on items over their own clothing.

Feb. 19, 2 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series** presents *No Time to Waste: The Urgent Mission of Betty Reid Soskin*, Krehbiel Aud. 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, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® will hold an informative **Social Security and retirement income webinar** addressing Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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.

**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. 25: First Menn. Ch. (427 W 4<sup>th</sup>, Halstead) will hold a **Verenike Supper**, with all proceeds going to local mission projects. Drive-thru/carryout from 4-5 P.M.; dine-in from 5-7 P.M.

Feb. 26, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Concert Choir Tour Send-off Home Concert**, directed by Henry Waters, in Memorial Hall (please note date change from some previously printed calendars).

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*.