

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor; & 5x2 Twitchers): c.78
 Offering: Mennonite College(s) (donor specification) \$250
 Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$34,708 budgeted thru Feb.) \$28,673

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Sr. Youth Group at RMMC's Snow Camp Feb. 17-19
 SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Feb. 19
 Worship 10:45 A.M., Feb. 19
 Wed. evening activities Feb. 22
 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): Brett K. (prelude: Annette V.) + choir Next Sun.
 Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.
 Offering: Mennonite Mission Network Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Worship includes baptism of Steven Kauder 10:45 A.M., Feb. 26
 Zion outing @ High Rollers skating rink 4-6 P.M., Feb. 26
 Education Board meets (NB: rescheduled time / date) NOON, Mar. 5
 Deacons meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom) 9 A.M., Mar. 6
 Gov. Council meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom) 7 P.M., Mar. 13
 Spiritual Life Board meets via Zoom 7 P.M., Mar. 21

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Steven Kauder, preparing for baptism and joining the membership of our congregation next Sun. (Feb. 26).
- WDC staff members as they carry out conference ministries to support ministers, provide resources for congregations, and equip church planting partnerships.
- Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure leaders, who are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

Zion Mennonite Church

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February 19, 2023

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

Gathering Song	"How great thou art"	VT #436
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements		
Prelude		Karen Andres
Call to Worship		VT #869
Offering	Camp Mennoscah	
Children's Time		Ann Schowengerdt
Song	"Why should I feel discouraged"	SJ #103
Scripture(s)	1 Thessalonians 5.1-28	
Sermon	"Encourage one another"	Norm Tillotson
Response Song	"Sweet hour of prayer"	HWB #11
Sharing Celebrations and Concerns		
Prayer		Ray Reimer
Sending Song	"Count your blessings"	insert
Benediction and Postlude		

Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer
 Accompanist(s) / vocalist(s): Karen Andres / Bonnie 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

We welcome all who join us in worship this morning—in particular, Norm Tillotson, chaplain at Wheat State Manor, who will bring the message today and update us on WSM.

Thank you to all who participated in Zion's MCC fellowship meal last Sunday! Thanks to all who helped make food and those who cleaned up afterwards. We appreciate your generous contributions at the meal of \$1,726 toward sale expenses (in addition to another \$1,255 contributed to-date this year toward sale expenses). Your kindness is appreciated. —David and Karen Andres, Kathy Preheim

Lent begins this coming Wed., Feb. 22. Digital “Lent at Home” resources are attached to the weekly e-mail; if any not on the e-mail list are interested, please ask Pastor Ray for a print-out.

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.

Feb. 26, 10:45 A.M.: **Next Sunday's worship service**—the first Sunday of Lent—will include selections by the adult choir and the baptism of Steven Kauder, who has regularly attended Zion for some years. A short reception for all who wish to greet and encourage Steven will follow the service.

Feb. 26, 4-6 P.M.: The Outreach Board invites you to **join us for roller skating** at High Rollers and Funzone (130 E 3rd St, Newton, KS)! Zion will pick up the costs (admission and skate rentals) for any who wish to skate. Observers are welcome and free of charge if you'd just prefer some fellowship.

Other Organizations

The Feb. edition of ***On the Level*** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC. Read more at: <<https://conta.cc/3EboHDz>>.

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 at Bethel College. This film looks at the 101-year-old park ranger's life, work and determination to restore critical missing chapters of America's story. An audience talkback will follow the screening, with the film's subject present via Zoom. 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, featuring the music of Vivaldi, Brahms, Dvořák and Saint-Saëns. Livestream will be available at <<https://www.youtube.com/@bethelcollegemusicdepartment>> (the Bethel College Music Department YouTube channel).

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.

June 4-July 28: **Kitchen staff and nurses** needed for summer youth camps at Camp Mennoscah. Most people come out for a camp week, but we will also schedule partial weeks, as needed. Kitchen staff receive a camper discount for up to full camp fees and need to be able to follow directions with a willing spirit. Nurses must be an RN and can receive either a stipend or a camper discount. Contact us at <olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org> or 620-297-3290.

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. 25: First Menn. Ch. (427 W 4th, 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, 3 P.M.: **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program**, in Kauffman Museum. Raylene Hinz-Penner, North Newton, will speak on her recently published memoir, "East of Liberal: Notes on the Land—Exploring the Myths, Contradictions and Resilience."

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>.

Mar. 4, 1-3 P.M.: **MCC Central States annual meeting**, at the center in North Newton. This will primarily be an in-person event, but if you would like a link to join via Zoom please email <tinaschrag@mcc.org>.

Feb. 28, 6:30-8:30 P.M.: All are invited to attend the **annual meeting of Offender Victim Ministries (OVM)**, to be held at Shalom Menn. Ch. (Newton). In addition to the brief meeting, the gathering will feature an experiential learning resource in partnership with MCC: "You Got Booked." RSVPs appreciated for planning: <info@ovmks.org> or 316-283-2038.

Apr. 1, 10 A.M.-1 P.M.: We are inviting women from your church to have a table at the WDC 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>.

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.

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".