

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 4 visitors; & 11x2 Twitchers): c.79

Offering: Camp Mennoscah \$530.25

Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$34,708 budgeted thru Feb.) \$31,173

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Feb. 26

Worship 10:45 A.M., Feb. 26

Zion outing @ High Rollers skating rink 4-6 P.M., Feb. 26

Wed. evening activities Mar. 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

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): David Andres Next Sun.

Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Carol / Margaret (prelude: Carol) Next Sun.

Children's Time: Karen Andres Next Sun.

Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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...

- the children in our congregation recovering from various illnesses, medical procedures, and hospitalizations. The Children's Caring quilt was with Gracia B. this past week and will be taken to Lauren K. as well.
- Steven Kauder, as he commits himself this day to following Jesus, joining our congregation in the path of discipleship.
- the retreat in San Antonio that the WDC Church Planting Commission is planning called "Being the Church: Meeting our neighbors where they are."
- Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.

Zion Mennonite Church

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February 26, 2023: The First Sunday of Lent

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

Gathering Song "God is here among us" VT #62

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Annette Voth

Call to Worship from the *Leader*

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

People: God protects us from all our trouble.

L: God forgives us and covers our sins.

P: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

All: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.

Offering *Mennonite Mission Network*

Special Music Adult Choir; Ally Weaver, soloist

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" –(Jer. 8.22); arr. W. Dawson

"In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting" –(Ex. 33.21-22) James/Bentley; arr. Dengler

Children's Time Bonnie Brewer

Song "Wade in the water" VT #454

Scripture(s) *Acts 2.37-42*

Sermon "Cardiac cuts" Ray Reimer

Response Song "Here I am, Lord" VT #545

Ceremony of Baptism of *Steven Kauder*

Congregational Litany VT #931

Profession of Faith: Testimony and Questions Ray Reimer

Ritual of Baptism

Reception into the Church Stephanie Entz

Congregational Commitment VT #932

Prayer of Blessing Karen Andres

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer

Karen Andres

Sending Song “Amazing Grace!”

VT #163

Responsive Benediction

from the *Leader*

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked,

People: but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.

L: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous.

P: Sing, all you who have been forgiven!

All: The Lord’s unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.

Choral Benediction “Alleluia” (Ukrainian liturgy) (VT #135)

(All who wish to greet and encourage Steven Kauder are invited to a short reception in the foyer following worship)

Worship Leader(s): Bonnie Brewer Accompanist / vocalist: 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](https://www.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

Lent has begun! If you are interested in digital “Lent at Home” resources, please check with Pastor Ray.

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.

Mar. 26: Zion’s Outreach Board has tentatively planned a **pickle ball outing** at the Peabody Rec center; more details TBA.

Other Organizations

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). The concert has the theme “Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?” and includes performances by the Chamber Singers, Woven and Open Road as well as the Concert Choir.

Feb. 26, 7 P.M.: The Goshen College Chamber Choir will be performing a **concert program “Lead with Love”** at the First Menn. Ch. Hillsboro) as a part of their 2023 Midwest tour. All are invited.

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](https://www.dyckarboretum.org/events)>.

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.

Mar. 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.

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>.

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. 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. 4, 1-3 P.M.: **MCC Central States annual meeting**, at the center in North Newton. You’re invited to hear from MCC SALT alum Jason Schmidt and current IVEP participant Naomi Kwanza (from Zion) share about their MCC experiences. Naomi, from Tanzania is working at Jason’s Grazing Plains Farm in rural KS acquiring skills for making cheese and other dairy products to use back in her home country. Catch up with MCC Central States staff, find out about work happening across the region, check out the MCC building progress and enjoy some Grazing Plains cheese! Please RSVP to <tinaschrag@mcc.org> if you plan to attend. This will primarily be an in-person event, but if you would like to join via Zoom please contact Tina.

Mar. 9, 5-6 P.M.: 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 our upcoming volunteer orientation. We hope to hear from you soon!

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. 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/>>.

Mar. 19, 7 P.M.: Join in **Celebration of KS Mennonite Disaster Service** at First Menn. Ch. (Newton). Kilometer 81 (the singing group comprised of the family of Ken and Amy Regier) will lead us in celebrating through song and music. We will hear about different projects volunteers have been involved with during the past year. This event will also be a fundraising event for the MDS Cabinet Shop. On Mar. 20 at 7 P.M. will be the Kansas MDS Unit Board of Directors meeting via zoom. All are invited to join via <<https://tinyurl.com/KansasAnnualMeeting>>.

Mar. 24-25: **Youth Volunteer Weekend!** Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to come to this retreat at Camp Mennoscah focused on worship and service, beginning on Fri. at 7 P.M. with registration followed by snacks, games, and campfire. Rachel and Isaac, the Senior High program directors, will lead activities. Register in the Summer Youth Camp section by adding a person or session, if you have already registered for camp.

Dec. 26, 2023–Jan. 15, 2024: **Jerusalem Seminar Returns!** Bethel College and Tabor College are again collaborating on a trip to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel. If interested, contact Peter Goerzen (pgoerzen@bethelks.edu).