

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (with 6 visitors; & 23x2 Twitchers): c.126

**Offering:** *Mennonite Mission Network* \$730

Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$34,708 budgeted thru Feb.) \$31,773

### *This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., Mar. 5

**Worship** 10:45 A.M., Mar. 5

**Education Board meets** (NB: rescheduled time / date) NOON, Mar. 5

**Deacons meet** (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom) 9 A.M., Mar. 6

**Wed. evening activities** Mar. 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

Spring forward to **Daylight Savings Time** Mar. 11/12

#### *Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

Worship Leader(s): David Andres Next Sun.

Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Josh & Kristy Andres (prelude: Lois F.) Next Sun.

Children's Time: Matt Regier Next Sun.

Offering: Deacons' Fund Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

**Gov. Council meets** (in person, if status low; or Zoom) 7 P.M., Mar. 13

**Gideon's presentation** during worship 10:45 A.M., Mar. 19

**Zion serves @ New Hope Shelter** Mar. 21

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

**Maundy Thursday service** (with communion) Apr. 6

**KS Mennonite Relief Sale @ Hutchinson fairgrounds** Apr. 14/15

**KS Mennonite Men's Chorus @ BC's Mem Hall** 7 P.M., Apr. 23

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

- thanks! "Dear Church family, Thank you! so much for prayers and gifts. It went well. Yeah! -Love, Gracia B."
- participants from 3 of MMN's Service Adventure units which have been in Newton, for 5 days of fellowship, during which they share the importance of service with potential participants. A similar event will be held in 2 weeks in Elkhart, IN. Pray that current and future participants will grow in their commitment to active faith through these events.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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## *March 5, 2023: The Second Sunday of Lent*

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

### **Shaped by New Birth**

Gathering Song "Come, walk with us" VT #23

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Maya K.

Call to Worship from the *Leader*; Ps 121, adapt.

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—  
where does your help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

***All: Let us worship our God,  
who watches over us now and always.***

Offering *Local Fund*

Song "Lord Jesus, think on me" HWB #527

Children's Time Karen Andres

Special Music Zion Children

Scripture(s) *John 3.1-17* HWB #842

Sermon "The usual questions" Ray Reimer

Response Song "For God so loved us" HWB #167

Life of the Church: Sharing re Senior High Snow Camp

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns: Prayer Karen Andres

Confession from the *Leader*

Leader: Lord, we need new birth. Paralyzed by doubts,  
dead in our stubbornness and guilt, walking in blindness,  
our hearts are hardened to your love.  
We confess to the Lord... (*silent prayer*)

L: Jesus, you have come to put the world right,  
to give life to the dead, and to call into existence  
a people born from above.

**All: Break in by your creating Spirit.**

**Send forth your fresh wind.**

**And open the way to real life, eternal life.**

Sending Song "Great is thy faithfulness" VT #419

Responsive Benediction from the *Leader*; Ps 121, adapt.

Leader: The Lord watch over you—

**People: the Lord bless you and make you a blessing;**

L: the sun will not harm you by day,

**P: nor the moon by night.**

**All: The Lord will bring you to life and carry you safely  
home.**

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Worship Leader(s): David Andres

Accompanist / vocalist: 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](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)

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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*

**Sunday School teachers** for children's and youth classes for the  
spring quarter:

Pre-K & 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Klingenberg

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grades: Clint Unruh

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grades: Steph Entz

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bonnie Brewer

Mar. 21: Zion's turn to again **serve at New Hope Shelter** is  
coming up! If you're willing to prepare part or all of the meal,  
please be in contact with Lindsey Regier (620-480-9554).

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

### *Other Organizations*

Mar. 5, 4 P.M.: The Newton Chorale will present their 2023 concert  
"A Choral Jubilee" sung in memory of Philip Koontz. The hour-  
long concert will be at Bethel College Menn. Ch. There is no  
admission charge; a free-will donation will be taken. The concert  
will include a chamber orchestra and soloist Dr. Matthew  
Schloneger in addition to the Chorale. Renae Schmidt Peters will  
direct. Karen Unruh is the pianist and organist for the group.

Mar. 6-10: Bethel College is on **spring break**. Most offices and  
services are open but some may be on reduced hours. The Regier  
Gallery is closed (new exhibit opens Mar. 17).

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. 9, 5-6 P.M.: Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to **become a  
volunteer!** 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. 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. 11, 8:30 A.M.: **Go Green Leprechaun Run:** Dyck Arboretum will host the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Run. There will be a 2-mile fun run/walk and a 10K. Registration will *close Mar. 9*. You are encouraged to wear green and come run or walk. All proceeds go to help underwrite educational programming. Learn more, register, or sign up to volunteer at <[dyckarboretum.org/events](http://dyckarboretum.org/events)>.

Mar. 11, 7 P.M.: Former students and family members will **remember the late Keith Sprunger** at Kauffman Museum, when a research fund in his honor will be formally launched.

Mar. 12, c.2:30 P.M.: **The dam will be put back in** at Camp Mennoscah. Everyone is welcome to join in or to watch; gather at the shelter. (The actual putting in of the boards is not for young ages.) The event will go forward, whatever the weather, unless deemed unsafe. Call 620-297-3290, if uncertain.

Mar. 12, 3 P.M.: Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, at Kauffman Museum. Nationally recognized local artist Phil Epp will present “**Images of Art and Design in Central Asia**,” a program related to the museum’s current special exhibit, “Reeds & Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia.”

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. 22-24: **Melva Kauffman Lecture Series.** Hesston College will explore what restorative justice looks like and how it can be integrated into the world around us. Jonathan Swartz, director for Student Accountability & Restorative Justice at Eastern Menn. Un., will present on: What does restorative justice truly mean? How can one apply it in their life? You can attend a part of the Series at Hesston Menn. Ch. on Mar. 24 at 11 A.M. The session is also available by live stream at <[hesston.edu/formation](http://hesston.edu/formation)>.

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

Mar. 24-26: Save the date! **Spring musical** at Bethel College: *tick, tick... BOOM!* by Jonathan Larson, with guest director Katie Schmidt.

Mar. 26, 7 P.M.: Bethel College’s **Staley Lecture:** Phuc Luu, in the Administration Building chapel.

**Walk Kansas is back!** Tie on your tennis shoes, gather a team, or go it solo, Walk Kansas is underway! Walk Kansas is an eight-week walking program encouraging family members, schoolmates, co-workers, friends, and neighbors to come together as a team and set goals for health and fitness. This adaptable program is holistically about chronic disease prevention. Those participating will receive weekly newsletters, recipes, tips, and instructions. This year there is also the added opportunity to participate in the weekly webinar titled ‘Med’ rather than ‘meds’, a curriculum to help participants learn ways to potentially replace medications with healthy eating. This program kicks off Mar. 26 and runs through May 20. Registration will *begin Mar. 1*. Please see Bonnie Brewer for more information. Registration details can be found online at <<https://www.walkkansas.org/>>.

Mar. 28, 7 P.M.: Join the Dyck Arboretum for **Home on the Range:** Breeding Biology of Prairie Chickens. Dr. Jackie Augustine, Audubon of Kansas executive director, will discuss the biology of greater and lesser prairie chickens, species that she has studied for nearly 20 years. These charismatic birds perform impressive displays to gain mating opportunities. Come hear about the rolling prairie, the antics of prairie chickens, and the challenges of studying these declining species. Learn more at <[dyckarboretum.org/events](http://dyckarboretum.org/events)>.

Mar. 28, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Jazz concert**, in Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Mar. 27, 6:30 P.M.: Join the Dyck Arboretum for their **Nature Book Club** as they read *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy and *Wild New World* by Dan Flores. Learn more at <dyckarboretum.org/events>.

Mar. 31: 7 P.M.: Bethel College **senior recital**: Bryce Wilson, saxophone, location TBD.

Mar. 30, NOON: The Performing Arts department at Hesston College will present **student recitals**, featuring vocal students Jesse Kanagy, Andrew Miller, Ginny Miller, Sadie Oesch, and Eli Stoll. Join in person at Hesston Menn. Ch. or watch the live stream at <hesston.edu/livestream>.

Mar. 30, 7 P.M.: *Harvey County Now* and Bethel's Department of Communication Arts will host a forum in Bethel College's Krehbiel Auditorium titled "**What's happening at the statehouse and how it affects you**." A discussion with journalists from the *Kansas Reflector*." The event will be moderated by Adam Strunk, journalist and director of editorial content with Kansas Publishing Ventures (publisher of *Harvey County Now*). The forum is intended to provide a space in which community members interested in Kansas politics can learn more and ask questions.

Mar. 31-Apr. 2: Men and Boys Retreat: come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshiping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. The official beginning to the weekend is Sat. morning, but many arrive on Fri. There will be a variety show on Sat. evening, and a worship service on Sun. morning. Meals can be purchased for Sat. night, Sun. morning and lunch. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival (cost varies based on lodging and meals). For more info contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

Apr. 2, 3 P.M.: Join the Sunflower Performing Arts to hear **pax duo**. Exceptional percussionists Micah Detwiler and Tristan Swihart will bring a multi-media percussion concert integrating acoustic percussion and lighting design. The concert will be held at Hesston Menn. Ch. Find more info and purchase tickets at <hesston.edu/sunflower-performing-arts>.

Mar. 31, 6:30 P.M.: The Goessel WDC churches (Tabor & Alexanderwohl encourage you to attend the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's **Heritage Dinner Fundraiser** at Tabor Menn. Ch. A roast beef catered meal will be provided by the Goessel Grocery & Deli. Special presenter, Brityne Rucker, KWCH 12 morning anchor, will present on "Communicating Agriculture in a Modern World." See the flyer posted for ticket reservations info.

Apr. 5, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Chamber Orchestra**, in Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Apr. 6, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **junior recital**: Isaac Tice, voice, in the Ad Building chapel.

Newton **Et Cetera Shop welcomes your donations** at our back door Tues.-Fri. 9:30-5:00 and Sat. 9:30-3:00. We're happy to help you find new homes for your gently-used clothing, furniture, home goods, toys, books, movies, small electronics, and more. Please call us with any questions if you're wondering what we'll accept: 316-283-9461. Your donations help to support people in need in our community and around the world through the work of our local partners and Mennonite Central Committee!

Put your faith in action by **volunteering with SWAP** this summer! MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program provides short-term service and learning opportunities for churches, schools, families, and other groups and individuals. Now is the time to make your summer plans and sign up! More info and registration at <swap.mcc.org> or (606) 634-4418.

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