

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor; & 20x2 Twitchers): c.118
Offering: Local Fund \$2,930
Local Fund receipts-to-date re year (\$45,787 budgeted thru Mar.) \$34,703

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Spring forward to **Daylight Savings Time** Mar. 11/12
SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Mar. 12
Worship 10:45 A.M., Mar. 12
Gov. Council meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom) 7 P.M., Mar. 13
Wed. evening activities (*none: spring break*) Mar. 15

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): Steven Kauder Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Karen A./Bonnie B. (prelude: Donovan) Next Sun.
Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference – Church Plant support Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

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
Mentor/Mentee item creation for MCC Sale 6:30 P.M., Mar. 22
Pickle Ball outing @ Peabody Rec center (details TBA) Mar. 26
Maundy Thursday service (with communion) Apr. 6
Deacons meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom) 9 A.M., Apr. 10
KS Mennonite Relief Sale @ Hutchinson fairgrounds Apr. 14/15

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Caleb Reid Hickman, born Mar. 5, to Alison and Kevin Hickman (Bruce and Jeannine Janzen, grandparents).
- Zion's Pastoral Search Committee, which has started to meet with a beginning orientation with WDC's conference minister liaison. Pray for the process and Godly direction. Thanks.
- Anicka Fast, who serves with MCC, MMN and MWC from her home in Burkina Faso. One of her ministries is to amplify the voices of African Christian historians. Pray for her as she facilitates a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Dem. Rep. of Congo, this month.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 12, 2023: The Third Sunday of Lent

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

Shaped through Thirst

Gathering Song "Blessed be your name" VT #637

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Lois Friesen

Call to Worship from the *Leader*

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;

L: for the Lord is our God,

P: we are the people of God's pasture,

All: we are the flock under God's care.

Offering *Deacons' Fund*

Children's Time Matt Regier

Song "All who are thirsty" VT #49

Scripture(s) *John 4.5-15*

Sermon "Holding the bucket for Jesus" Karen Andres

Response Song "I heard the voice of Jesus say" VT #536

Sharing Celebrations and Concern

Confession: from the *Leader*

Leader: Lord, we long for living water. We thirst for life. And yet we have drunk deeply of resentment; we have savored self-centeredness. We confess to the Lord... (*silent prayer*)

L: Today, O God, let us hear your voice.

All: Give us this living water so we may never thirst again.

Prayer Ray Reimer

Sending Song “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah” VT #606
Responsive Benediction from the *Leader*

Leader: Like water poured out on a thirsty land,

People: may the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit on us.

L: May we blossom with new life.

All: May we bring refreshment and joy to others.

Worship Leader(s): David Andres Accompanist / vocalist: Josh & 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>;
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

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. 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. 24, 4 P.M.: **Ground-breaking service** for a permanent home
for New Hope Shelter at 308 S. Meridian, Newton. Details posted.

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. 20, 11 A.M.: Bethel College presents the 3rd annual **Ada
Schmidt-Tieszen Lecture**, Krebbiel Aud. in Luyken FAC (regular
convocation). Dr. Tonya Hansel, faculty at the Tulane Un. School
of Social Work, will speak on “Climate Change and Severe
Weather Events: Social Workers’ Present and Future Roles in
Disaster Relief and Recovery.”

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>.

Mar. 23, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold its popular **Medicare
workshop** in-person at its office in North Newton. Topics will
include when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare
covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D.
Those interested in attending should contact 316-283-3800, 877-
467-7294, or <[central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:center.kansas@everence.com)>.

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: Spring musical at Bethel College: *tick, tick... BOOM!* by Jonathan Larson, with guest director Katie Schmidt. Ticket purchase required (buy at Thresher Shop weekdays, or online at <<https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts>>).

Mar. 26, 7 P.M. and Mar. 27, 11 A.M.: Bethel College's **Staley Lecture** (Sun. in the Ad Building chapel; Mon. in Krehbiel Aud.): Phuc Luu, a theologian, philosopher and artist based in Houston, TX, author of *Jesus of the East*.

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. 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. 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>.

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

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

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, 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.

Mar. 31-Apr. 2: Men and Boys Retreat: come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, 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.