

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 14x2 Twitchers): c.95

Offering: Deacons' Fund \$305

Local Fund receipts-to-date re year (\$45,787 budgeted thru Mar.) \$36,253

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Mar. 19

Worship 10:45 A.M., Mar. 19

Zion serves @ **New Hope Shelter** Mar. 20

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

Wed. evening activities Mar. 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

Mentor/Mentee item creation for MCC Sale 6:30 P.M., Mar. 22

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader(s): Steven Kauder Next Sun.

Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Brett K. (prelude: SODZ) + Choir Next Sun.

Children's Time: Brett Klingenberg Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite Church USA Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Pickle Ball outing @ High School gym 3:30-5:00 P.M., Mar. 26

Joint Palm Sunday worship (with GH, @ GH) P.M., Apr. 2

Maundy Thursday service (with communion) Apr. 6

Deacons meet (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom) 9 A.M., Apr. 10

Gov. Council meets (in person, if status low; or Zoom) 7 P.M., Apr. 10

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

Camp Mennoscah rep presents during SS & worship Apr. 23

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

Remington Singers join us for worship Apr. 30

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek suggestions for nominations for elected leadership roles in WDC.
- Elena and Freddy Satalaya and their toddler, Matías, as they transition, after five years in Peru, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they serve with the Bolivian Menn. Ch. (via MMN), engaging in discipleship training and leadership training.

Zion Mennonite Church

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March 19, 2023: The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Called to the Light

Gathering Song "Come and be light for our eyes" SJ #5

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Donovan B.

Call to Worship from the *Leader*

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

People: We shall not want.

L: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

P: We shall not want.

L: God leads us beside quiet waters.

P: We shall not want.

All: Restore us through your Holy Spirit, the love of Jesus Christ, and the comfort of your presence.

Offering *Western District Conference – Church Plant support*

Offertory "Amazing Grace" Renee E. / Maya K.

Children's Time Bonnie Brewer

Song "Just as I am without one plea" VT #560

Scripture(s) *John 9.1-11, 35-39*

Sermon "(Un)blinded by the light" Ray Reimer

Response Song "Longing for light" VT #715

Mission Moments: Gideons' Report Marc Roth

Sharing Celebrations and Concern

Confession: from the *Leader*

Leader: Lord, we long for light, but all is darkness, and we walk in deep shadows. We have driven back justice. Truth has stumbled in the streets, and thick darkness is over the people. We confess our sinful deeds.

We confess to the Lord... (*silent prayer*)

L: As everything exposed to the light becomes visible, we walk from darkness into light.

All: Open our eyes, Jesus, that our lives may radiate your glory.

Prayer

Karen Andres

Sending Song “The Lord bless you and keep you” SJ #76

Responsive Benediction from the *Leader*

Leader: Go forth and shine, for the Light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord rises upon us.

L: Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives,

All: and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Worship Leader(s): Steven Kauder

Accompanist / vocalist: 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](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

Mar. 20 (*note date change*): Zion’s turn to again **serve at New Hope Shelter**. If you’re willing to prepare part or all of the meal, please contact with Lindsey Regier (620-480-9554).

Mar. 26, 3:30-5:00 p.m.: Zion’s Outreach Board has planned a **pickle ball outing** at the Peabody Rec center (AKA High School gym). Come one, come all, to perhaps try a new recreation.

Other Organizations

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**, Krehbiel 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. 21: The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery invites our community to **join in prayer for Indigenous land justice** with the Apache Stronghold. On Mar. 21, a federal appeals court will hear a pivotal case about Apache religious freedom that centers around a proposed copper mine, which would destroy the Western Apache sacred site of Oak Flat, Chi’chil Bildagoteel. Menn. Ch. USA and Pacific Southwest Menn. Conf. signed onto an amicus brief (a letter to the court) in support of the Apache Stronghold, along with other religious groups. The Apache Stronghold are rallying all people of faith and conscience under the call of “One Drum, One Prayer, One Circle,” to seek unity in protection of Earth and in resistance to ongoing colonization.

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>.

The Mar. edition of ***On the Level*** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares his experiences of working on an MDS project in Dulac, LA; a home dedication in KY provides visible reminders that God cares; and MDS Canada returns to Cape Breton to repair damage from Hurricane Fiona. Read more at: <<https://conta.cc/3JazUG0>>.

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>.

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

Mar. 24, 6 P.M.: Peabody Christian Ch. (115 E Division St, Peasbody, KS) invites area churches (and anyone interested) to a **hymn sing**. Let us worship our Lord together with song!

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. 26-27: 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*. Sun., 7 P.M., Ad Bldg chapel: "Ida B. Wells, the sinned against, and Minjung theology: African-American and Asian voices in harmony"; Mon., 11 A.M., Krehbiel Aud. in Luyken FAC: "'Where does all the pain go?': God's broken body, trauma and the healing of *han*."

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**, directed by Joel Boettger, 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, 7 P.M.: Senior recital by Bethel College student Bryce Wilson, saxophone, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken FAC.

Mar. 31, 7:30 P.M.: The public is invited to the final round of Bethel College's **C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest**, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken FAC. Sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee, the annual competition takes place on North American Mennonite college campuses, with an overall winner chosen from among the campus winners. The original speeches deal with contemporary peace concerns.

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. 1: Every year, more than 150 volunteers **make more than 20,000 verenika** before the KS Mennonite Relief Sale. This year we'll work at Parkview Menn. Brethren Church (610 S Main St, Hillsboro). Check in at the east side of church; long hair should be tied back; bring a hat to wear. Children are welcome to help with parental supervision. Jobs will be assigned upon arrival; they vary in physical demand (some very light and others much heavier)—most jobs include mostly standing/walking. Please come help make the annual MCC Sale a huge success with your gift of time. Questions? E-mail <karenhiebert@gmail.com>. Sign up at <<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B44ADA62EA2F94-verenika2>>. (To sign up, pick which shift (morning or afternoon), select an open slot for the party size you are signing up, select the signup button for the desired shift(s), and then click the SUBMIT AND SIGN UP button at the bottom of the page. The goal is 100 people per shift).

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>.

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.

Apr. 8: **Bohne berrogie bake day** for the KS Mennonite Relief Sale at Moundridge High School. Volunteers wanting to help can sign up on the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale website.

Apr. 22, 5 P.M.: **Fundraising Banquet** for the chaplain position at Wheat State Manor (hosted at Whitewater Community Church). A freewill offering will be taken. To reserve your seat or to volunteer, please call Tricia Fee at 316-799-2181 or e-mail <tyson.debbzyd@gmail.com>. (A separate fundraiser for the Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre will follow, performing "Pearl of Great Price: The Story of Amy Carmichael"). Details posted.