

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

<b>Worship attendance</b> (with 3 visitors; & 8x2 Twitchers):	c.84
<b>Offering:</b> <i>WDC – Church Plant support</i>	\$558
<i>Gideon's support</i>	\$272
Local Fund receipts-to-date re year (\$45,787 budgeted thru Mar.)	\$ 36,653

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<b>SS classes meet</b>	9:45 A.M., Mar. 26
<b>Worship</b>	10:45 A.M., Mar. 26
<b>Pickle Ball outing @ High School gym</b>	3:30-5:00 P.M., Mar. 26
<b>Wed. evening activities</b>	Mar. 29
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): Steven Kauder	Next Sun.
Accompanist: Kristyn Esau (prelude: Kristyn) + Choir	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Ann Schowengerdt	Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund	Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

<b>Joint Palm Sunday eve worship</b> (with GH, @ GH)	7 P.M., Apr. 2
<b>Maundy Thursday service</b> (with communion)	6:30 P.M., Apr. 6
<b>Deacons meet</b> (in person, if status low; otherwise Zoom)	9 A.M., Apr. 10
<b>Gov. Council meets</b> (in person, if status low; or Zoom)	7 P.M., Apr. 10
<b>KS Mennonite Relief Sale @ Hutchinson fairgrounds</b>	Apr. 14/15
<b>Camp Mennoscah rep presents during SS &amp; worship</b>	Apr. 23
<b>KS Mennonite Men's Chorus @ BC's Mem Hall</b>	7 P.M., Apr. 23
<b>Remington Singers in worship; potluck after</b>	10:45 A.M., Apr. 30
<b>Education Board meets</b>	c. NOON, Apr. 30
<b>Spiritual Life Board meets</b> (via Zoom)	7 P.M., May 24
<b>Summer cong. meeting</b> (perhaps faspas after)	4 P.M., June 4

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

- Naomi Tice, serving as an administrative assistant with Christliche Dienste (German MVS), an agency that sends German youth to participate in Mennonite Mission Network service programs. Pray for Naomi as she lives in a Christian community and builds relationships with German Mennonites.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*March 26, 2023: The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

## Called to Life

Gathering Song "I sing the mighty power of God" HWB #46  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements  
Prelude SODZ  
Call to Worship from the *Leader*

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

**People: O Lord, hear our cry.**

L: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

**P: O Lord, hear our cry.**

L: But with you there is forgiveness.

**All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word. Blessed be your name.**

Offering *Mennonite Church USA*  
Special Music "Great is thy faithfulness" Adult Choir  
–arr. Mark Hayes  
Children's Time Brett Klingenberg  
Song "Your love is amazing" VT #96  
Scripture(s) *John 11.1-45*  
Sermon "Between realities" Ray Reimer  
Response Song "They that wait upon the Lord" HWB #584

Sharing Celebrations and Concern

Confession: from the *Leader*

Leader: Lord, our lives are dry bones. We are cruel in our words and indifferent in our actions.  
We confess to the Lord... (*silent prayer*)

L: Breathe on us, Lord. Put your Spirit within us and make us alive.

**All: *We place our hope in you.***

Prayer

Karen Andres

Sending Song “Holy Spirit, come with power” HWB #26

Responsive Benediction from the *Leader*

Leader: Put your hope in the Lord.

**People: The Lord is unfailing love,**

L: and with God is full redemption.

**People: God will bring us up from our graves.**

**All: *God will redeem us from all our sins.***

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Worship Leader(s): Steven Kauder Accompanist / vocalist: Brett Klingenberg  
Adult Choir Director: Renee Reimer  
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)

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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*

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.

Apr. 2, 7 P.M.: All are invited to the joint Zion / Grace Hill **Palm Sunday evening service** at Grace Hill. In Holy Week we recall again the work of God in Jesus Christ in the “undoing of death.” Because this week is not self-evident Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter demands our careful and thorough attention. May God be pleased to increase our knowledge of what he has done for us through Christ, that we may love him more dearly and, living out of his love, may bear fruit for his glory.  
–Pastor Weldon

Apr. 6, 6:30 P.M.: All are invited to a joint Zion / Grace Hill **Maundy Thursday service**. We will gather in Zion’s fellowship hall for a light supper at the time noted, followed by a few reflections and celebration of communion together.

May 30–June 2: The Education Board (in consultation with parents) has accepted an invitation from the Newton Mennonite churches to join a **joint Vacation Bible School** this year. On the days noted there will be a supper at Bethel College Menn. Ch. at 5:30 P.M., with activities from 6-7:30 P.M. Zion will also join in a **joint worship service** celebrating VBS at 10 A.M. on June 4 at BCMC (outside, if weather permitting), with potluck following; there will be no Sunday School or worship at Zion that day.

The Facilities Committee is making **schedules to mow the church / parsonage and cemetery**. If you were on the list last year, it is assumed you’ll be willing to do so this year—unless you let us know. New volunteers gladly accept. Contact David Andres.

### *Other Organizations*

**Opening:** The Newton Et Cetera Shop is receiving applications for a full-time General Manager. Newton Et Cetera is a non-profit, retail thrift shop business dedicated to reselling donated items. This position requires experience in an active retail business environment, computer and public relations skills, directing staff, and maintaining and managing a large diverse group of volunteers. An application may be picked up at the shop between 10 AM and 5:30 PM Mon. through Sat. or at <newtonetceterashop.com>. Please submit your résumé, a cover letter and the application to Debbie Nightingale, Board Chair, at <applyetcshop@gmail.com> or leave at the Et Cetera Shop front desk. Application deadline is Apr. 17, 2023; the position is available beginning in May.

Mar. 26, 3 P.M.: The **Central Kansas Master Chorale**, under the direction of Dr. Joel Garber, will give their final concert of the season at Trinity Lutheran Ch. (119 N Elm St, McPherson, KS 67460), featuring *Requiem for the Living* by American composer Dan Forrest who composed the work as a tribute requiem for both the living and the past.

Mar. 26-27: Bethel College's **Staley Lectures** (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*."

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>.

**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>.

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. 30, 7 P.M.: *Harvey County Now* and Bethel's Department of Communication Arts will host a forum in Bethel College's Krehbiel Aud. 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 invite you to the Menn. 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, Britayne 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.: Bethel College **senior recital**: Bryce Wilson, saxophone, in the Adm. Bldg. chapel (*note change of venue*).

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 Aud. in Luyken FAC. Sponsored by MCC, the annual competition takes place at North American Menn. colleges, with an overall winner chosen from among the campus winners. The original speeches deal with contemporary peace concerns.

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-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, 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

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. 5, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Chamber Orchestra concert**, directed by Kristopher Hilding, in Krehbiel Aud., Luyken FAC.

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. 30: Singers wanted: Bethel College's annual **Masterworks concert** on the date noted, with choir and orchestra directed by Dr. Henry Waters, performing Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy" and Mozart's "Coronation Mass." The community is invited to participate. Practices *begin Apr. 4, 6-8 P.M.* in the choir room in Luyken FAC on the Bethel campus, and take place the other Tues. in Apr. (11, 18, 25), with a four-hour rehearsal Apr. 29 (3-7 P.M.; dinner provided), and performance at 4 P.M. on Apr. 30. Scores and rehearsal tracks provided. Come to the first rehearsal on Apr. 4 or sign up using <<https://forms.gle/rqjK4dgSpYieVTvP8>>.

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "**Printing the Plains: Relief Prints by Ian Huebert,**" through Apr. 14 (artist reception Apr. 13). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 A.M.-4 P.M., Sun. 2-4 P.M.

Apr. 17: *Save the date:* **Rachel Stroer**, president of The Land Institute in Salina, will speak at Bethel College.

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.debbyd@gmail.com](mailto:tyson.debbyd@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.

Apr. 25: All Western District Conference women are invited to join a **virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission**. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: The Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Menn. Ch. (Newton), beginning with a salad potluck at 6 P.M. followed by Jenny joining virtually from PA at 6:45 P.M. There is no cost to this event, but please register *by Apr. 23* by emailing <[westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com)> so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. Please email your RSVP if attending in person and bring a salad to share. Church groups can consider gathering together to watch the Zoom. For more info, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.