

### *Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Worship attendance** (with 2 visitors; & 10x2 Twitchers): c.102

**Offering: Mennonite Church USA** \$330

Mar. receipts to date for Local Fund (\$11,600 needed/month) \$6,105

Local Fund receipts-to-date re year (\$45,387 budgeted thru Mar.) \$37,878

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**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., Apr. 2

**Worship** 10:45 A.M., Apr. 2

**Joint Palm Sunday eve worship** (with GH, @ GH) 7 P.M., Apr. 2

**Maundy Thur. meal+service** (with communion) 6:30 P.M., Apr. 6

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

Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer Next Sun.

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

Children's Time: Karen A. Next Sun.

Offering: Peace Connections / Christian Peacemaker Teams Next Sun.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

**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 in worship; potluck after** 10:45 A.M., Apr. 30

**Education Board meets** c. NOON, Apr. 30

**Spiritual Life Board meets** (via Zoom) 7 P.M., May 24

**Summer cong. meeting** (perhaps faspas after) 4 P.M., June 4

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

- Trinity Menn. Ch. (Hillsboro), a WDC church that has discerned to end its time as a congregation with a closing service on Easter Sunday, Apr. 9. Give thanks to God for Trinity's faithful witness and ministry over many years.
- Joseph and Rachel Givens, who serve as hosts at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, which offers temporary shelter to migrants from Africa and the Middle East (via Mennonite Mission Network). Pray for the Givens family as they work with many volunteers. May their presence encourage the sojourners they encounter.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*April 2, 2023: Palm Sunday*

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

**Called to Worship**

Gathering Song + Palm Parade "Hosanna, loud hosanna" VT #313

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Kristyn Esau

Call to Worship from the *Leader*

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,

**All: for it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna! We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Offering *Local Fund*

Special Music "Leaning on the everlasting arms" Adult Choir  
-arr. E. Nelson; with Nathan Garber, tenor

Children's Time Ann Schowengerdt

Scripture(s) *Matthew 21.1-11 and Philippians 2.5-11*

Sermon "A donkey, a war horse, and the mind of Christ" Karen Andres

Response Song "Strong, peaceful man of Galilee" VT #573

Sharing Celebrations and Concern: Prayer Ray Reimer

Confession: from the *Leader*

Leader: Lord, we are isolated and alone; our failures are visible for all to see. Our days pour out like sand, our years fade and are gone. We are afraid to hope.

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

L: Lord, we trust in you. Redeem us now, we pray.

**All: To you, Lord, we commit all our hope and worship.**

Sending Song “The Lord lift you up” VT #832  
Responsive Benediction from the *Leader*

Leader: Love God, you who are God’s holy people,

*All: for God’s love endures forever.*

L: Praise God, and give thanks,

*All: for God’s love endures forever.*

L: Expect God, and welcome God’s grace,

*All: for God’s love endures forever.*

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Worship Leader(s): Steven Kauder Accompanist: Kristyn Esau  
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](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*

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.

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.

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 accepted. Contact David Andres.

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.

### *Other Organizations*

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. There will be a worship service on Sun. morning. Meals can be purchased for 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](https://hesston.edu/sunflower-performing-arts)>.

Apr. 30: **Singers wanted:** Bethel College’s annual **Masterworks concert** on the date noted. 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>>.

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.

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. 15, 7 P.M.: **Joint junior recital** by Bethel College students Angelika Donaldson, voice, and Eli Regier, saxophone, in the Administration Building chapel.

Apr. 16, 2 P.M.: **KIPCOR Film Series** presents *Thirst for Justice*, Krehbiel Aud. in Luyken FAC. This documentary looks at three citizen groups fighting for clean water, in the Navajo Nation, Flint, MI, and Standing Rock. An audience talkback follows the film. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

**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.

Apr. 17, 7 P.M.: **Rachel Stroer**, president of The Land Institute in Salina, speaks at Bethel College on “Leading a Global Movement for Diverse Perennial Grain Futures,” Krehbiel Aud. in Luyken FAC. Stroer will also speak in convocation at 11 A.M. (Krehbiel Aud.) and at 2 P.M. in the Conservation Biology class (Krehbiel Science Center #121). Sponsored by the Bethel College Women’s Association and supported by BCWA’s Carolyn Schultz Lecture Endowment.

Apr. 16, 4 P.M.: **Senior recital** by Bethel College student Julianna Schrag, voice, Administration Building chapel.

Apr. 16, 7 P.M.: **Junior recital** by Bethel College student Phillip Balzer, piano, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Apr. 20, Noon: The Performing Arts department at Hesston College will present **student recitals**, featuring vocal students Hadassa Friesen Pauls, Luke Huyard, Anna-Joy Jones, Jesse Kanagy, Daniel Miller and Desirae Rodriguez. Join in person at Hesston Menn. Ch. or watch the live stream at <hesston.edu/livestream>.

Apr. 21-22: **Flora Kansas Spring Native Plant Days:** Come find plants at affordable prices and enjoy supporting the mission of Dyck Arboretum. Hundreds of varieties of plants will be available, many locally grown. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and give suggestions. Apr. 20 will be open to members only; the 21st will be open to everyone. Learn more at <dyckarboretum.org/events/>.

Apr. 21-22: Would you like to engage more deeply with neighbors? Think creatively about truly connecting with people? Explore new ways to meet people where they already are? You’re invited to **Being Church: Meeting Our Neighbors Where They Are**, a 2-day summit in Dallas. Details and register at <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-church-planting-summit-april-21-22/>.

Apr. 22, 5 P.M.: **Fundraising Banquet** for the chaplain position at Wheat State Manor (hosted at Whitewater Community Church); and for the Dramatic Truth Ballet Theatre, performing “Pearl of Great Price: The Story of Amy Carmichael.” A freewill offering will be taken. To reserve your seat or to volunteer, call Tricia Fee at 316-799-2181 or e-mail <tyson.debbid@gmail.com>. There are volunteer opportunities associated with this event: praying, set-up, clean-up, cooking, serving, making homemade pie. Details posted.

Apr. 28, 9:30-11:00 A.M.: **Donor Appreciation Come & Go Event** for Peace Connections at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains. Music, brunch and organization updates throughout. RSVPS are encouraged: <info@peaceconnections.org> or 316-284-0000.