

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitor; & 9x2 Twitchers): c.81
Offering: Local Fund \$4,950
Mar. receipts for Local Fund (\$11,600 needed/month) \$5,855
Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$58,736 budgeted thru Apr.) \$42,578

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SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Apr. 9
Worship 10:45 A.M., Apr. 9
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

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Josh & Kristy Andres (prelude: Jim N.) Next Sun.
Children's Time: Kristy Andres Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Zion service: put kits together @ MCC center 6-7:30 P.M., Apr. 19
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...

- WDC congregations as they embody the good news of new life in Christ!
- Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 49 countries around the world sharing the good news of Jesus' victory over evil in our world; please join them in proclaiming this message to those whom you encounter today and every day.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 9, 2023: Easter

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

Fully alive in Christ

Pre-service Music Caleb & Brett Klingenberg
Gathering Song "Christ the Lord is risen today" VT #346
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude "Christ has arisen, alleluia" (VT #341) Chime Choir

Call to Worship from the *Leader*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: We thank you, God, that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Offering *Peace Connections / Christian Peacemaker Teams*

Children's Time Karen Andres

Song "Christ who left his home in glory" VT #361

Scripture(s) *Matthew 28.1-10*

Sermon "Be not afraid!" Ray Reimer

Response Song "Be not afraid" VT #356

Sharing Celebrations and Concern: Prayer Karen Andres
Confession: from the *Leader*

Leader: Lord, we stand in awe at the thought of your resurrection.

People: Can this really be true? Did this really happen? What kind of power is this?

L: What does this mean for our lives? For our church?

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

L: Lord, heal our every thought of disbelief in your presence and power. As you revealed yourself to your followers on that day, come to us with your delight and love.

All: With joyful hearts, we renew our relationship with you.

Sending Song “Lift your glad voices” VT #340
Benediction (from VT #1066)

Worship Leader(s): Margaret Brewer
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)

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

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.

Apr. 19, 6-7:30 P.M.: The Outreach Board invites all interested to their April event: We’ll be working at the **MCC center putting together kits**. All ages are welcome to help. Thanks!

Other Organizations

Apr. 13, 6-8 P.M.: **Closing reception** for Ian Huebert and “Printing the Plains,” Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Exhibit closes Apr. 14. 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.

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.

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](https://www.newtonetceterashop.com)>. Please submit your résumé, a cover letter and the application to Debbie Nightingale, Board Chair, at <applyetcs@github.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. 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. 20, 6:30 P.M.: Everence® again will hold an informative **Social Security and retirement income workshop**. Specifics will include: Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will occur at the Everence office in N. Newton, led by KS staff. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294, or <central.kansas@everence.com>.

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, 8:30 A.M.: Camp Mennoscah is preparing for summer heat with portable A/C units in the Retreat Center, since the HVAC system is not working. On the date/time noted, **volunteers are needed to help installing the A/C units**. There are 26 units that need to be installed, so many hands are needed! Camp will provide lunch. Bring a water bottle and meet at the Retreat Center. If you let us know you are coming, we can be better prepared for lunch. Call or text 316-293-7313.

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.debbyd@gmail.com>. There are volunteer opportunities associated with this event: praying, set-up, clean-up, cooking, serving, making homemade pie. 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> 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.

Apr. 27-30: **Tomato Plant Girl:** Theatre lovers of all ages will this powerful exploration of friendship between Little Girl, Bossy Best Friend and the messy Tomato Plant Girl, but this production will delight young audiences with its physical action and playful, high-energy conflict. Highlighting the issues of bullying and acceptance of others, this play challenges the character of Little Girl to bravely discover the power of making up her own rules and leading with kindness. Learn more at <hesston.edu/theatre>.