

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 8 visitors; & 8x2 Twitchers): c.103

Offering: *Peace Connections*, \$220/*Christian Peace Teams*, \$320

Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$58,736 budgeted thru Apr.) \$43,303

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Apr. 16

Worship 10:45 A.M., Apr. 16

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

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Wes Brewer Before next Sun.

Worship Leader: Ann Schowengerdt Next Sun.

Accompanist / Vocalist(s): Karen A. / Bonnie B. (prelude: Bonnie) Next Sun.

Children's Time: Bonnie Brewer Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite Central Committee Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Camp Mennoscah rep presents during SS & worship Apr. 23

Safe Sanctuary training (for VBS helpers, etc.) NOON, 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

Gov. Council meets (*rescheduled*) 7 P.M., May 1

Deacons meet 9 A.M., May 8

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

Pentecost communion May 28

Joint VBS closing worship @ BC Menn Ch 10 A.M., June 4

Summer cong. meeting (*note time change*) 6 P.M., June 4

SS Picnic + farewell for Pastor Karen June 11

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- WDC congregations seeking faithful ways to care for God's creation and practice environmental stewardship.
- Martine Audéoud, who is currently teaching a 10-day seminar for doctoral students in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) via Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for her and her students as they contextualize the biblical message to the African context and present their academic work to God as an act of worship.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 16, 2023

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

Gathering Song "Open the eyes of my heart" VT #401

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Jim Nickel

Call to Worship from Duck & Tirabassi, *Touch Holiness*

Leader: We come before you, O God, in Easter joy,

People: Seeking to be a people of the resurrection.

L: Be known among us again this day;

P: Grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power.

L: Through your Word and Spirit,

P: Reveal to us your purpose in our lives.

All: Glory be to God the Creator, Christ our Lord, and the Spirit of life, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Offering *Western District Conference*

Children's Time Kristy Andres

Song "Alleluia, gracious Jesus" SS #110

Scripture(s) *Lk 24.13-35*

Sermon "Opening the scriptures" Ray Reimer

Response Song "Open my eyes that I may see" VT #738

Sharing Celebrations and Concern

Prayer Karen Andres

Sending Song "All hail the power of Jesus' name" VT #411

Benediction

Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer 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

Apr. 19, 6-7:30 P.M.: The Outreach Board invites all to **put kits
together at the MCC center**. All ages are welcome to help!

Apr. 23, A.M.: Tammy Duvenal Unruh will share with us
concerning **Camp Menoscab**. Adult Sunday School classes are
invited to gather in the sanctuary for a report during the Education
hour; Tammy preaches during worship (and offers a brief update).

Apr. 23, NOON: Sign-up (on the bulletin board) if you'd like to
help with VBS this year and have not had Safe Sanctuaries
training. This is for Junior & Senior Higher's as well as adults.
Clint Unruh will lead the training on the date noted after church. If
you cannot attend the meeting, let Clint or Pastor Karen know;
there is a video that is available to watch.

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 suppers at Bethel College Menn. Ch. at
5:30 P.M. and activities from 6-7:30 P.M. Zion will join 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.

Thank you to all who contributed to the MCC sale with donations,
baked goods, craft items, and to those working before or during the
sale. My Coins Count brought in \$125.99. Thank you to Kathy
Preheim for working with us this past year; she will be Zion's
MCC relief sale rep for next year. –Karen & David Andres

Other Organizations

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, featuring works by
Handel, Rorem, Obradors, Gounod, Strauss and Webber.

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>.
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.

Bethel College senior Taylor Dashney has organized a **donation
drive to benefit the International Rescue Committee** (IRC),
which works to restore health, safety, education, economic
wellbeing and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster
(see irc.org for more information or to make a financial
contribution). Taylor is looking for *new* kitchenware, bathroom
items and other small necessities (for example: socks, towels,
laundry supplies). These can be dropped at Thresher Shop in
Schultz Student Center on the Bethel campus Mon.-Fri., Apr. 17-
21, 8 A.M. and 5 P.M., or e-mail <taylorpdashney@bethelks.edu>.

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. 23, 4 P.M.: Bethel College **junior recital:** Josie Epp, piano, Ad Building chapel.

Apr. 23, 7 P.M.: The **Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus (KMMC) performs** at Memorial Hall, Bethel College (also: Apr. 16, 7 P.M. at the Richert Auditorium, Tabor College, Hillsboro). The KMMC is a large, all-volunteer male choir. In recent seasons membership has topped 300. Their motto is “we sing that others may live.” Offerings taken at KMMC concerts are donated to the Mennonite Central Committee.

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), with a salad potluck at 6 P.M. followed by Jenny joining virtually from PA at 6:45 P.M. There is no, but please register *by Apr. 23* at <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. 26, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Wind Ensemble concert**, Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Apr. 27-30: Tomato Plant Girl: While theatre lovers of all ages will enjoy this production, it will delight young audiences with its physical action and playful, high-energy conflict highlighting the issues of bullying and acceptance of others. Learn more at <hesston.edu/theatre>.

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.

Apr. 29, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.: Friends of the Kauffman Museum will hold a **sale of antiques, vintage items and art** at the museum's front entrance and in the auditorium. More info at <kauffmanmuseum.org/event/friends-of-the-museum-vintage-antique-art-sale/>.

Apr. 29, 7 P.M.: The **500th anniversary of Anabaptism** in 2025 gives the church a unique opportunity to celebrate and dream. To celebrate all the ways God has been faithful, and to dream about how we can mend what's been broken. Join this special event at Whitestone Menn. Ch. (Hesston). John D. Roth, project director, and Mitch Stutzman, director of development and partner engagement will talk about the *Anabaptism at 500 Project* and share the vision behind the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. The event will include an update on the status of the project and a time for questions and conversation.

Apr. 30, 4 P.M. (note time change): **Masterworks concert** at Memorial Hall, Bethel College, featuring the Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists, directed by Dr. Henry Waters, performing Beethoven's *Fantasia, Op. 80* ("Choral Fantasy") and Mozart's *Krönungsmesse* ("Coronation Mass").

May 2, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Voice Studio recital**, Ad Building chapel.

May 3, 7 P.M.: Bethel College **Jazz on the Green** (Krehbiel Auditorium if rain).

May 7, 2 P.M.: A **celebration of ordination** for Michael Unruh, Campus Pastor at Bethel College, will occur in the Ad Bldg Chapel. Guests are welcome to join the college community and Michael's congregation, Tabor Menn., for this special occasion.

May 11, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.: **Spring Fling Senior Resource Fair** presented by the Butler Co. Dept. on Aging. Visit to learn more about the services, trends, and opportunities for today's older adults and caregivers. Visit up to 120 booths (with door prizes at every booth). At three locations in El Dorado: Civic Center, Community Bldg., and Senior Center. More details posted.

Volunteers still needed for some weeks this summer at Camp Mennoscah! Nurses needed for the weeks of June 18-23, Junior I Camp, and July 9-14, Junior High II Camp. As a nurse, you are a vital part of camp life. Your work to keep everyone healthy and well means campers and staff are ready to play and learn during their time at camp. Nurses must be a registered nurse (RN). Head cooks needed for PreJunior I, June 11-15, and PreJunior II, June 25-29 (kitchen helpers are needed for the majority of camp weeks). The head cook is in charge of leading kitchen staff in the preparation of meals and snacks that keep campers energetic, smiling, and ready to enjoy the full camp days (Camp Mennoscah can provide a menu, if wanted, and will order groceries and get kitchen staff). Head cooks and nurses receive either a stipend or a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

In 1987 Loren and Donna Entz (both nonresident Zion members) moved to Saraba, Burkina Faso to work among the Samogho people; they and others assisted with a lengthy process of Bible translation. AIMM is now seeking \$6,200 USD to complete the **New Testament typesetting and dictionary printing**. Contributions toward goal can be sent to Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (P.O. Box 744, Goshen, IN 46527-0744) and designated for the Dzùùn project, or <<https://www.aimmint.org/donate.html>>.