

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with no visitors; & 2x2 Twitchers): c.78
Offerings: *Camp Mennoscah* \$839
Local Fund receipts-to-date for year (\$69,416 budgeted thru May) \$52,653

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., May 28
Worship 10:45 A.M., May 28
Pentecost communion field trips by deacons/pastors P.M., May 28
Zion serves @ New Hope Shelter May 30
Newton-area Menn. **VBS @ BCMC** 5:30-7:30 P.M., May 30-June 2

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Randy Preheim Before next Sun.
Worship Leader: (VBS program) Next Sun.
Accompanist / Vocalist(s): (VBS program) Next Sun.
Children's Time: (VBS program) Next Sun.
Offering: (Local Fund deferred to June 11) Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

(No S.S. or worship at Zion) June 4
Joint worship @ BCMC; potluck following 10 A.M., June 4
Summer cong. meeting, with snacks as fundraiser 6 P.M., June 4
SS picnic (worship at 10 A.M.; **farewell to Pastor Karen**) June 11
Deacons meet 9 A.M., June 12
Governing Council meets 7 P.M., June 12
Farewell to Pastor Ray June 18
Ice cream social honoring Naomi 3:30 P.M., June 25

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- the several in our congregation who have been hospitalized recently and continue to regain health; as well as those awaiting results of medical tests.
- those reflecting this Memorial Day on the death of loved ones.
- Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine, affiliated with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that courses on trauma healing will equip church leaders to respond with compassion and skill to the millions of people who have lost loved ones and homes due to Russia's invasion.

Zion Mennonite Church

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May 28, 2023: Pentecost

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

Gathering Song "Joys are flowing like a river" VT #375
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
Prelude Emma E.

Call to Worship from the *Leader*
Leader: God of wind and wings, gather us in this space.

People: Light up our hearts for you.

L: God of flames and fire, emblaze us with your passion.

P: May your presence burn within us.

L: God of rest and resurrection, raise us from the ashes.

P: May we live as people born anew, seeking life where there was once death.

Offering *Mennonite Church USA*

Children's Time Rosie Epp
Song "Wind who makes all winds" VT #372

Scripture(s) *Acts 2.1-21*
Sermon "Spirit spilling" Ray Reimer
Response Song "Holy Spirit, come with power" VT #57

Sharing Celebrations and Concern: Prayer Karen Andres
Song "Seed, scattered and sown" VT #477

Communion
Invitation and Congregational Confession VT #938
Sharing Bread and Cup with each other... and God
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Song "We are one in the spirit" VT #387
Benediction

Worship Leader: Jim Nickel
Accompanist / Musicians: 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. They'll be joining deacons on field trips this afternoon to share communion with our members unable to join us in-person.

Congregational Announcements

The **summer Sunday School curriculum** for children will be *Seeking Peace Together*—an exploration of 13 Bible stories that illustrate the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, which is a Hebrew word that means “peace,” signifying all of life being complete, healthy, and whole. Shalom is a broad vision for what God intends our world to be. The unit is divided into four sections: Peace with God, Peace Within, Peace with Others, Peace with Creation. See Bonnie Brewer if you are interested in using this curriculum for your Adult Sunday School class, exploring the Bible in the same way our children will be doing this summer.

Children's Sunday School teachers for the summer quarter (beginning May 28) are:

Early Childhood: Abi Entz & Makayla Klingenberg

Elementary: Carol Klingenberg & Deanna Entz

Intermediate: Jim & Becky Nickel

May 30: Zion serves at New Hope Shelter. Please let Lindsey Regier (620-480-9554) know if you can help prepare a meal or portion thereof (for about 20 residents), or cover the shift—our usual helper in the latter regard is not available this week.

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.

June 2, 6 P.M.: **Folk Musical** hosted by Newton Area Menn. VBS: You're invited to “Selah's Song,” at Bethel College Menn. Ch. Presented by Theatre of the Beat from Toronto. Admission by donation will support Camp Mennoscah.

June 4, 10 A.M.: Zion will join a **joint worship service** celebrating VBS with other participating churches on the Bethel College Menn. Ch. lawn, weather permitting (there will be no Sunday School or worship at Zion that day). The children will showcase the songs they learned during VBS and take part in enjoyable activities. Following the service, there will be a potluck; please bring chairs, table service, and a food item to share (drinks will be provided). Let's join in a gathering of love, faith, and community, creating cherished memories together! The service itself will be live streamed (starting at 9:45 A.M.) at <[first_mennonite_newton.org](https://www.first_mennonite_newton.org)>, <[YouTube.com/@firstmennonitechurchnewton7575](https://www.youtube.com/@firstmennonitechurchnewton7575)>, or on the First Mennonite Newton Facebook page.

June 4, 6 P.M.: **Agenda** for Zion's summer congregation meeting includes: updates re pastoral transition; affirmation of Zion's delegates to WDC in Aug.; info re possible solar panels for church.

June 4, c.7 P.M.: There are 4 senior youth and 2 sponsors going to the youth convention during MennoCon23 on July 3-6 (Abi Entz, Makayla Klingenberg, Eva Rutschman and Addie Regier; Margaret Brewer and Derek Klingenberg are the sponsors). We're having a **fund raiser** after the June 4 congregational meeting. There'll be popcorn, slices of pie and coffee for a donation, as well as the pies to be auctioned. Anyone can donate pies to be auctioned and all types of pie can be made. Thanks for making our trip possible!

Opening: Zion Menn. Ch. (Elbing, KS) is seeking someone to fill an Administrative Assistant position, beginning June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter. This would include tasks such as bulletin preparation, general correspondence involved in worship / bulletin preparation, checking mail at the Post Office, and other weekly tasks that pertain to the business of the church. This will be a paid position. Folks within our congregation are encouraged to step up for this role, but we will also shortly advertise this position more widely. Please contact Josh Andres, Becky Nickel, or Annette Voth if you or someone you know is interested in this position.

June 11: Zion's annual **Sunday School picnic** will be at the church this year. No regular Sunday School, but worship will start at 10 A.M., and include our **farewell to Pastor Karen**. Games will follow; families are encouraged to bring sack lunches and lawn chairs for a lunch together outside (weather permitting).

June 18: We'll bid **farewell to Pastor Ray** during our worship this Sunday; a short reception in the lobby will follow worship.

June 25, 3:30 P.M.: **Ice Cream Social honoring Naomi:** Naomi has been a blessing to our community and we want to wish her bon voyage as she embarks on her next journey. Come join us for a homemade ice cream and pie social in the Zion Menn. Ch. basement on the date / time noted. Help would be appreciated providing homemade ice cream, toppings, and pies; please see Bonnie Brewer or Steph Entz for sign-up information.

Aug. 11-13: Our annual area conference assembly will be held at Tabor Menn. Ch., rural Newton. If you're willing to be **one of Zion's 5 delegates** to Western District Conference this year, please contact Josh Andres *before June 4*, in order that the congregation can affirm delegates at the summer business meeting on that date. (Additionally, if you're interested in joining Kathy Preheim as a 2nd delegate to the Mennonite Church USA assembly in Kansas City on July 3-8, let Josh know in the same time).

Other Organizations

May 28: Last day to visit the special exhibition at Kauffman Museum on the Bethel College campus, "**Reeds & Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia**." Hours are 1:30-4:30 P.M., with a small admission charge for non-museum members.

June 1, 9 A.M.-4 P.M.: **Preserve It Fresh, Preserve It Safe!** Join us for a hands-on workshop to learn about pressure canning, water bath canning, dehydration and freezing your food harvest. K-State Food Science and Safety Specialist Karen Blakeslee will lead the class, assisted by Butler County FCS Agent Bonnie Brewer and Chef Scott Peggie of the Redler Institute of Culinary Arts. Register at:<https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3DyOb7B5L6dmsdg>

May 30, 6:30 P.M.: Everence will hold an informative **Medicare webinar** addressing when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement, with time for your questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. To register contact <central.kansas@everence.com>, 316-283-3800, or 877-467-7294.

June 3, 6 A.M.-8 P.M.: The public is invited to **Walk Sand Creek Trail Day**, part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus (dawn to dusk), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee, with members there to answer any questions about the trail.

June 3, 7 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.

June 8-9: Register now for the **Restorative Kansas conference** happening at Haskell Indian Nations Un. in Lawrence, KS. The theme is "Growing Restorative Communities: Cultivating Change by Tending our Roots." Hear keynote speaker Chief Justice Emeritus Robert Yazzie of Navajo Nation; participate in sessions on indigenous peacemaking; RJ in schools; youth-led efforts; community-based efforts; law enforcement / judicial efforts; and circle process. Enjoy a street opera entitled "The Return" and lots more. MCC Central States is a sponsor for the 2023 conference. Find more info and register at <www.restorativekansas.org>.

June 11-17: **Hesston College Theatre Camp**, for students ages 11 to 18, with registration options for a commuter or full residential experience. The week-long immersive theatre program will culminate in a performance of "Freaky Friday" at 2 P.M., June 17. Registration is open *through June 4* at <hesston.edu/theatrecamp>.

Camp Mennoscah needs **empty, clean toilet paper or paper towel rolls** for a craft project this summer at several camps; send them with a camper or someone else coming to camp.