

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with ... visitors; & ...x2 Twitchers): c....
Offerings: ... \$...
Local Fund receipts in May (\$11,600 / month needed per budget) \$...

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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

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Klingenberg family Before next Sun.
Worship Leader(s): Zion Deacons Next Sun.
Accompanist: Brett Klingenberg Next Sun.
Children's Time: Rachel Reimer Kouame Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Farewell to Pastor Ray June 18
Ice cream social honoring Naomi 3:30 P.M., June 25
Spiritual Life Board meets (via Zoom) 7 P.M., July 19
Zion / GH retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Aug. 26-27

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Pastor Karen as she concludes several years of ministry with us (and 20+ years overall), and steps into a new stage of life.
- Thelma Wedel, celebrating her 90th birthday today!
- Delila Wedel, reflecting tomorrow (Tue.) on the 2nd anniversary of Lester's death.
- Rosie Epp who leaves this week for Cambodia on an MCC-US Board learning tour. Besides some actual board meetings, the group will visit project partners, staff and service workers.
- WDC staff and planning team members as they prepare for WDC annual assembly, Aug. 11-13.
- Elena, Freddy and Mathías Satalaya in Bolivia and Peru, jointly supported by Virginia Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for the Satalayas as they begin several years of study in the United States.

Zion Mennonite Church

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*June 11, 2023: Sunday School Picnic
and Farewell to Pastor Karen Andres*

*Gathering music begins at app. 9:45 A.M.
Worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 A.M.; also live-streamed*

Gathering Music "Pièce d'Orgue" (BWV 572) -J. S. Bach

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude "In dir ist Freude" (BWV 615) -J. S. Bach

Call to Worship (*Unison*) *Psalm 92.1-5*

**It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
How great are your works, O Lord!**

Hymn of Praise "When in Our Music God is Glorified" VT #83

Offering *Local Fund*

Children's Music "Let Your Light Shine" (*insert*) Bonnie Brewer
Bible Presentation to 4th graders Lillian Wedel

Skit "The Perfect Church" Karen Andres,
Marcene Entz, Dianne Wiebe, Margaret Brewer

Celebration of 20 Years of Ministry

Gratitude for Our Past

Scripture *Psalm 90.1-2, 4, 16-17* David Andres
Reflection Karen Andres
Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" VT #114

Perseverance for the Present

Scripture *Psalms 37.3-7, 23-24* Josh and Kristy Andres
Reflection Karen Andres
Hymn “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” VT #581

Hope for the Future

Scripture *Romans 8.18-25, 28, 37-38* Ray Reimer
Reflection Karen Andres
Hymn “Beyond a Dying Sun” VT #416

Sharing Celebrations and Concern

Prayer Ray Reimer

Litany of Release and Blessing (*insert*) Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Sending Song “Praise God from Whom (Dedication Anthem)” VT #70

Benediction Karen Andres

Postlude “Down in My Heart” piano duet by
Marcene Entz and Karen Andres

Worship Leader: Ann Schowengerdt

Accompanist / Musicians: Chris Shaw

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

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. (come by 9:45 for preservice music!) 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); drinks and dessert will be provided.

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

The **offering** for June 11 has been designated for the Local Fund in view of last Sunday’s altered schedule when we worshiped jointly at the VBC closing at Bethel College Menn. Ch.; at a prior meeting, the Governing Council shifted the designation in our published schedule (the Zion Scholarship Fund) to Aug. 20.

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).

Contact info update: Gladys Preheim’s cell phone number is incorrect in the current Zion directory. The correct number is 316-284-7146.

Other Organizations

June 10 (9 A.M.-NOON) and June 11 (1-4 P.M.): 27th annual **Garden Tour** sponsored by the Newton Public Library. Details posted.

July 10-14, 9 A.M.-NOON: Kauffman Museum is offering an intergenerational Uncle Carl’s Camp called “**Pottery Possibilities**.” Campers will start with hand-building before throwing on potter’s wheels, and wrap up the week with glazing and an outdoor firing (weather permitting). Completed artwork may be picked up at a later date. No previous experience is required. To sign up or to explore other Uncle Carl’s Camp offerings, stop by the Museum to pick up a brochure or go to <<https://kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/>>.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton **critically low on inventory!** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

MCC School Kit Challenge: 10,000 school kits to help 10,000 kids during the month of August. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who fled their homes or struggle to afford basic supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Syria and Ukraine can't get the education they desperately need. Plus, we've got a fun activity for SS and VBS students! Download our free activity resource full of challenges for kids to learn how school supplies help children receive a tangible message of God's love. To learn more about this challenge and to download this free guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

Opening: The Newton Et Cetera Shop is taking applications for our full-time Retail Manager position. Job descriptions and applications can be picked up at the shop.

Opening: Western District Conference seeks a half-time Business Manager beginning July 10, at WDC's North Newton, KS, office (some remote work possible). Responsibilities include financial management, bookkeeping, reporting and payroll. Qualifications include organizational, computer and communication skills, bookkeeping or accounting experience, and willingness to support WDC's mission and priorities. For position description and application form, see <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-staff-position-opening/>. Interested applicants should submit application form and letter of interest to heidirk@mennowdc.org.

Let Your Light Shine

Well, a ci - ty on a hill can - not be hid. You are the light of the
 Now, what kind of light will you give out? You are the light of the
 world. It shines real bright like Je sus did. You are the light of the
 world. A good deed's gonna get talked a - bout. You are the light of the
 world. You don't put a bas - ket o - ver your light. You are the light of the
 world. Do ing good is shar - ing love. You are the light of the
 world. You put it up where it shines real bright. You are the light of the
 world. Bring ing praise to God a - bove. You are the light of the
 world. So let your light shine, so let your light shine. So let your light shine
 world.
 all a round the world. So let your light shine, so let your light shine.
 So let your light shine, to give glo ry to God.

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Litany of Release and Blessing

Congregational Chairperson: As sisters and brothers in this faith community, today we give thanks for your three years of ministry among us, Karen. We say farewell to you and we ask God to bless the journey ahead – yours and this congregation’s work to move forward.

Congregation: All praise be to our God. In God there is one Body, one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call to us all.

Karen: We have shared worship and work, happy and sad occasions, committee meetings (by the thousands, it seems!) and service projects. We enjoyed Bible studies together; we at health care facilities, over Zoom and Twitch, and in homes.

Congregational Chairperson: This is a time of various feelings: sadness, joy, loss, and thankfulness. This is a “temporary” goodbye; we are happy for the accomplishments made together, and we give God thanks and praise for you and your fruitful ministry.

Karen: I leave as your pastor with cherished memories of our times together. You have shaped my faith. You have helped me see and seek God’s presence in my life and in the community. Thank you for your care, your creativity, your encouragement, and your hope along the way.

Deacon representative: God has blessed us richly through your ministry. We now bless you as you begin a new chapter in your life.

Conference Minister: As you, the people of Zion Mennonite Church bless Karen as she leaves this congregation, do you now release her from her pastoral responsibilities and relationships?

Congregation: With the help of God, we do. We give thanks for Karen’s faithful leadership and now acknowledge this transition in the life of our congregation. We will pray for God’s continued guidance in her life.

Conference Minister: Karen, do you release the congregation from its loyalty to you as their pastor? Do you release the members from turning to you and depending on you to provide the pastoral ministries they seek?

Karen: With the help of God, I do. When we interact in the future, we will be brothers and sisters in Christ, not pastor and church members. I will hold the congregation and its ministries in my prayers.

Conference Minister: Karen, may God bless and guide you on the next steps of your journey. May God bless the relationships you will faithfully tend and other important work that utilizes your gifts. May God bless and guide this congregation into a hopeful future as it continues kingdom work and seeks new leadership. May God bless and guide each of us as we revise our relationship into the future. Amen.