

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 1 visitors; & 1x2 Twitchers): c. 58

Offering: *MCUSA* \$240.10

Local Fund giving thru July \$78,891; budgeted through July \$93,444

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., July 23

Worship 10:45 A.M., July 23

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Mowing Church / Parsonage: Thurman Entz Before next Sun.

Mowing Cemetery: Bernard Regier Family July 31-Aug. 5

Worship Leader(s): John Janzen Next Sun.

Accompanist / Vocalist/Prelude: Josh & Kristy/Holy Number Next Sun.

Children's Time: Steph Entz Next Sun.

AV: Andrew Wedel Next Sun.

Offering: Mennonite Disaster Service Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Education Board meets after church, August 6

Deacons meet 9 A.M., August 14

Governing Council meets 7 P.M., August 14

Zion / GH retreat @ Camp Mennoscah Aug. 26-27

Teacher Appreciation/Safe Sanctuaries Training Sept. 10

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- one another. May we find ways forward that are creative, that meet people and families where they are, and which leave behind anything holding us back. May we remember that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever – even as our world changes.
- youth and volunteers as they participate in county fairs.
- children and their care-givers that they may grow in faith and joy together.

Zion Mennonite Church

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July 23, 2023

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

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Prelude Kristyn Esau

Call to Worship VT#881

Offering *Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission*
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary)

Children's Time Sharon Wedel

Song "Ask the Complicated Question" VT #440

Scripture *Hebrews 11:1-3; 12:1-2; Habakkuk 3:17-18* John Janzen

Testimonies "Faith & Farming" Annette Voth
Jeanne Schmidt
Thurman Entz

Response Song "For the Fruit of all Creation" VT #124

Sharing Celebrations and Concern
Prayer Steph Entz

Sending Song "For the Beauty of the Earth" VT #120

Benediction John Janzen

Worship Leaders: Deacons Accompanist / Vocalist: Kristyn Esau

Meditation: Annette, Jeanne, & Thurman AV: Andrew Wedel

(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)

Pastor's Schedule: Please contact the deacons (Steph Entz, John Janzen, Ann Schowengerdt) with pastoral concerns.

Congregational Announcements

Gladys Preheim has a new address:

3001 Ivy Drive #102, North Newton, KS 67117

Phone: (316) 284-7146

Guest Speaker Tim Schrag from MDS will be presenting during the Adult Sunday School hour Sunday, July 30.

WDC Annual Assembly is quickly approaching and **delegates are needed.** If you are interested in being a delegate please let Josh Andres know. Registration is due July 30.

It's Lillian's Birthday!!! Join us in celebrating the lovely Lillian turning 70 on Sunday, August 20th from 2-4:30 P.M. at the Zion Mennonite Church. Please RSVP to Jana Wedel <janarwedel@gmail.com>.

Zion Challenge -- 100+ Schools Kits: MCC has challenged its constituents to donate 10,000 school kits by the end of August to help 10,000 kids have basic school supplies. *We are challenging Zion to donate 100 (or more) school kits!* A school kit includes: 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in; 70 sheets each), 8 new unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 1 large eraser, 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens, and 1 small all metal pencil sharpener, one or two holes (MCC can add this to the kit if you can't find metal sharpeners). Please bring donations during August and place them in the box in the foyer. If you don't want to go shopping, give a monetary donation and we'll shop for you! Also, if anyone wants to make kit bags, they are needed too. Specifics for the kit bags, as well as other information about school kits, can be found at <mcc.org/school-kit-challenge>.

-- Alyssa K. and Lisa S.

Camp Mennoscah plans are underway! If you are interested in staying in the retreat center, there will be a sign up on the bulletin board to choose your room. You will also find a sheet with cost information so you can plan ahead. Volunteers are needed to provide lunch on Sunday. Please see Lindsey or Cassie for more information.

Offering Schedule Change: Offering for July 30 will go to MDS instead of meat canning. The offering for meat canning will be moved to September 24th.

Sunday School Teachers – Thank you to all who have volunteered! We are getting closer to completing the 2023-2024 scheduling calendar. Please keep signing up!

Other Organizations

The 2023 issue of the Bethel College journal *Mennonite Life* is now live at <ml.bethelks.edu> and includes a poem by Cheryl Denise and prose poems by Abigail Carl-Klassen; a sermon by Sheri Hostetler; Brad Gregory's Menno Simons Lectures from 2022; articles by Johnny Wideman and Nathan Garber; and reviews by Ben Woodward-Breckbill, Hannah Neufeld, Willmar Harder, Brad Born, Josue Coy Dick, Daniel Shank Cruz, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Joe Smucker, Kimberly Schmidt and Melanie Springer Mock.

Colorado Peaches are coming! Place your peach order from July 24 - August 5 by emailing <patsydirksen@mcc.org> Two sizes are available: 10 lbs. (\$30) and 18 lbs. (\$41). Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line. Payment (cash/check only) is due by August 5 to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Material Resources Center on Monday, August 21. *This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Rocky Ford, Colorado October 20-21.*

Note date change due to weather complications! It's been 150 years since (many of) our ancestors came to the USA: **1874-2024.** Glen Goering and his Ag Committee have invited horse and plow owners to show us how plowing was done on Sat., July 29, at a 22-acre field west of the Moundridge Museum, 8:30 A.M.-2 P.M. Concessions will be available from Lone Tree Mennonite. Subsequent events will include planting Turkey Red Wheat in Oct. and maybe several others during intervening months, ending with the main celebration on Aug. 22-25, 2024 at Eden Menn. Ch. in rural Moundridge.

The WDC Resource Library **summer reading program for all ages** includes a gift for you. Stop by the library from May 30 – August 10 to learn more or email <crlib@mennowdc.org >.

Summer Story Days will be hosted at WDC Conference Resource Library July 20 & August 3 from 9:00 AM – 7:30 PM. A self-guided, come-and-go approach with activities for ages 3-8 and their caregiver(s). The WDC Resource Library is located at 2517 N Main in North Newton.

Join us for the WDC Annual Assembly! It's not just for church leaders! It's for everybody! August 11-13, 2023 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS, we'll worship, work, eat great, local food, enjoy local music, connect with new and old friends, experience faith formation for all ages, and have many choices of great workshops. For more information call (316)283-6300. **Registration due by July 30th** <<https://mennowdc.org/2023-wdc-assembly-registration/>>.

Bob Regier to be featured at Prairy Market event. During Newton's Third Thursday events July 20, Prairy Market will be highlighting their Prairy Outdoors Autograph Series socks and hats, inaugural products in the outdoor collection inspired by a Bob Regier painting of the Flint Hills. Bob and Vernetta will be at the store from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to visit with customers. Prairy will also be sampling coffee with local entrepreneur Julian Gonzalez-Salamanca (who worked at Bethel College for several years). His specialty Marana coffee comes from his home country of Colombia.

The Women & Girls Retreat will be September 9-10 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by WDC Women in Mission. The theme this year is “Women Talking, Listening, and Creating.” Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and story-telling in a variety of forms with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Registration details will be coming soon!

Camp Mennoscah is moving forward on the **M&M Project**. As of early June, we are close to one-third of the way to our goal of \$100,000. Churches are invited to put together a fundraising event this year that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. Now is the time to sign up—your family, your Sunday School class, your small group, yourself—to be a Fire Keeper! Or, get a plan together for an event at your church to “fan the flames.” For more info, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh at <tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org> or 316-207-3472.

Opening: Wheat State Manor seeks an individual or group, who can lead Sunday morning service/worship experience for residents. Worship begins at 10 AM. This could be led by a youth group, Sunday School class, Bible Study Group, family, or someone who is being called into ministry. For more information contact Norm Tillotson normt@wheatstatemanor.org.

Opening: Central Kansas Community Foundation, located in Newton, KS is seeking a full-time scholarship program officer. This foundation strives to build stronger communities through charitable giving. To learn more about this position visit <<http://www.centrankansascf.org/job-openings/>> or email <angie@centrankansascf.org> .