

*Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

\*Fellowshipped together with Grace Hill at Camp Mennoscah

**Worship attendance**

**Offering:**

Local fund giving in August \$5,100; needed per month \$11,600

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*This Week at Zion Mennonite Church*

**SS classes meet** 9:45 A.M., Sept. 3  
**Worship** 10:45 A.M., Sept. 3  
**Education Board** meets after church, Sept. 3

*Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church*

**Mowing Church / Parsonage:** Don Regier Before next Sun.  
**Mowing Cemetery:** Josh & David Andres (as needed) Aug. 28 – Sept. 30  
**Worship Leader(s):** Lisa Scott Next Sun.  
**Accompanist / Vocalist/Prelude:** Carol/Bonnie/Brewer Family Next Sun.  
**Children’s Time:** Kristy Andres Next Sun.  
**AV:** Derek Klingenberg Next Sun.  
**Offering:** Mennonite College(s) – donor specification Next Sun.

*Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events*

**Teacher Appreciation/Safe Sanctuaries Potluck** Noon, Sept. 10  
**School Kit Work Night** 6:30-7:30 P.M., Sept. 13

*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.
- Former interim pastor Walter S. Friesen’s long and abundant life ended when he passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. The memorial service will occur September 23, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, followed by a light lunch and time of sharing.

# Zion Mennonite Church

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*September 3, 2023*

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

Gathering “Let’s Walk Together” VT#6  
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Lisa Scott  
Prelude Jim Nickel  
Call to Worship Lisa Scott

**L:** Jesus we come to worship you and to learn to love like you do,  
**P:** **Teach us your ways as we strive to live together in peace.**  
**L:** You are God of all creation and you send your rain on the just and unjust alike,  
**P:** **May we learn to love all people who you made in your own image.**  
**L:** Spirit of peace, breath of life, breath in us your life anew  
**All:** ***And may we be transformed by your breath to walk, talk and love like you. AMEN.***

Offering *Local Fund*  
(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary)  
Children’s Time Centering Prayer Pastor Micah  
Story Bonnie Brewer  
Song “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” VT#778  
Scripture *Matthew 18:15-22 & Matthew 20:25-28*  
Sermon “The Most Powerful Way to Show God’s Love: Part 1” Pastor Micah  
Response Song “We are One in the Spirit” VT#387

Sharing of Our Life Together  
Prayer

Pastor Micah

Sending Song “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” VT#831

Benediction Pastor Micah

Worship Leader: Lisa Scott Accompanist / Vocalist: Carol & Bonnie  
Sermon: Pastor Micah Hurst AV: Kyle Rutschman

(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)

**Pastor’s Schedule:** Pastor Micah’s office hours and contact information:

Office Hours

Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Contact Information

Cell #: (540) 810-5087 (call or text)

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*Congregational Announcements*

Andrew, April & Alivia Wedel are excited to announce the arrival of **Aiden Howard Wedel**, born August 26, 2023, 7 lbs. 1oz. 19.75 inches long!

**Thank you** for coming back to church on a hot Sunday afternoon to celebrate my birthday. It was an enjoyable afternoon. There were many kind words shared and a few good laughs. I loved reading all the cards and I can guarantee I will read them again, especially during those times when I want to feel sorry for myself. So wonderful to be part of a caring church family. It was fun seeing the church family reconnect with some of my Wedel cousins who grew up at Zion. I am very blessed. Thank you for sharing your children with me over the years in SS and Wednesday evening activities. I considered them my adopted children and now grandchildren (LOL). ~ Lillian Wedel

**Your participation is needed!** The Education Board has sent out a survey form requesting your feedback in regards to Wednesday Evening Services. Please respond as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Safe Sanctuary Training POTLUCK** will take place after church September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Zion Fellowship Basement. The potluck is for EVERYONE! The training itself will be held in the sanctuary. If unable to attend, this training will be recorded and a virtual viewing option will be available.

Come join us for a **School Kit** work night Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 at the MCC Center in North Newton! Alyssa and Lisa challenged us to collect school supplies for MCC and now it’s time to put them together.

*Other Organizations*

**OVM is celebrating 50 years!** Come join OVM in celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Thursday, September 14 from 5-7 PM at the Prairy Mezzanine in Newton, KS. There will be come and go appetizers and drinks. Please RSVP at [info@ovmks.org](mailto:info@ovmks.org) OR call (316) 283-2038.

Check out the bulletin board for events happening at **Hesston College**. A list of their weekend events is posted.

**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!

**SAVE THE DATES: Sun., Sept. 10**, Dr. Caleb Stephens presents his film *Eat, Protest, Lift*, and a convocation lecture **Mon., Sept. 11**, at Bethel College.

You’re invited to the **Regional 3 MDS Annual Meeting** September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> in Boulder, Colorado. Throughout the weekend you will have the opportunity to meet/greet some of the MDS binational staff and learn about MDS activities. The focus of the celebration will be on identifying active partners as well as seeking new partnerships. For more information and registration visit <<http://www.mds.org/region/region-3>>

**M&M Project Update: Over the Halfway Point!**

**Thank you all so much!** The money continues to come in for Camp Mennoscah's M&M Project! Thanks to all of these faithful supporters for giving to this effort! As of this writing, Camp Mennoscah has received more than \$56,000 toward our goal! That means we are over halfway to the \$100,000 our donor is offering to match! Now is the time to join the effort. If you haven't taken any action yet, we are sure you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp - to be a place where all can renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ. For more info, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh at <tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org> or 316-207-3472.

**MCC is looking for a driver with a semi tractor** that would be willing to transport cardboard paper bales for recycling from the MCC warehouse in North Newton to Wichita. This is an immediate need, but MCC anticipates needing help like this 4-5 times per year. If you can help or have questions, please reach out to Duane Unruh at MCC at 785-760-1390 or duaneunruh@mcc.org.

**Whitewater Community Church** is seeking volunteers to help babysit for their Tuesday morning women's Bible study. If you are interested contact (316) 799-2180 ext. 1000 for more details.