

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance (with 4 visitors: YouTube 12x2)	c. 106
Offering:	
Local Fund	\$3600
IRC Christmas Offering (add'l)	\$150
Local fund to date for Fiscal Year	\$16,856

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Jan. 14
Worship	10:45 A.M., Jan. 14
Outreach Board Meeting	after worship service

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal: Cassie Klingenberg	6:00 P.M., Jan. 17
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study	6:30 P.M., Jan. 17
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Deanna/Nadine	
Choir	7:25 P.M., Jan. 17

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: ???	Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Carol/Margaret	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Clint Unruh	Next Sun.
Offering: Western District Conference	Next Sun.
AV: Kyle Rutschman	Next Sun.
Greeters: Brett & Cassie Klingenberg Family	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Snow Camp	January 19-21
Spiritual Life Board Meeting	6 P.M., Feb. 7

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- the family of Wilbur Entz (brother to Alden, Reynold, Thurman & Bernard), as they grieve his passing
- the Spirit to help us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans and gives us strength. (Romans 8:26)
- those who are attending Snow Camp. May they be drawn closer to God as they bask in the beauty of His vast creation.

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 14th, 2024

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

Gathering "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" VT#182

Welcome, Introductions, Greeting One Another

Announcements Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family

Prelude Reinhild Janzen

Call to Worship Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Leader: In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

People: Praise be to God for God's steadfast presence.

Leader: Even though many things ion life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

People: We seek God's mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.

(Light the Peace lamp)

Leader: Come, brings your needs and wants to God, for God will hear your cries and restore your souls.

All: Praise be to God for mercy, peace and hope. Amen.

Offering *Wheat State Manor*

(Offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary – youth bring forward for prayer)

Children's Time Matt Regier

Song "Arise, Your Light is Come" VT#273

Scripture *Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24*

Sermon Dawn Yoder Harms

"God's Illuminating Presence Through All of Life"

Response Song "Lord, You've Searched Me" VT#609

Sharing of Our Life Together Prayer

Sending Song “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” VT#610

Benediction

Worship Leader: Wes & Bonnie Brewer Family Music: Josh & Kristy Andres
Sermon: Dawn Yoder Harms AV: Wes Brewer
Greeters: Lisa Scott

Our worship is live-streamed and recorded. To access go to:
<https://www.zionmenno.org/watch-live.html> OR
<https://www.youtube.com/@zionmennonitechurch-elbing5666/streams>
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Office Administrators: All bulletin items, notes/information to be sent
out to the congregation through email needs to be sent to:
office.zionelbing@gmail.com
by Thursdays at 3 P.M.

Congregational Announcements

FUNERAL SERVICE for Wilbur Entz will be held January 17 at Zion Mennonite Church. Viewing at 10:30, Memorial Service at 11:00 followed by lunch. The burial at the Zion cemetery will be after lunch.

IF YOU HAVE PASTORAL NEEDS, contact either John Janzen or Lisa Scott directly. No one is currently monitoring the zionelbing@gmail.com account. They are working to get the email account transferred over, but haven't been successful yet.

OUTREACH BOARD will have a brief meeting after church today, January 14th.

SPIRITUAL LIFE BOARD would like to take time to recognize Peggy (and Don) retiring from her (their) decades -long work at decorating at the church. They have put in a lot of time to find themed specific decorations and it has been no small task. Thank you!

WITH PEGGY'S RETIREMENT, SLB is looking for one or several volunteers who would be willing to decorate the foyer. Please inquire with one of the board members if you are interested. - SLB (Margaret Brewer, Steven Kauder, Brett Klingenberg, Matt Reiger, Dianne Wiebe)

DIRECTORY UPDATE - We are doing a simple update to the church directory. One suggestion is that families with children might wish to update their family picture. Please send your picture (and any other changes) to Steven Kauder here: zionelbingdirectory@gmail.com. We expect to publish the directory around the end of this month.*Here are directory changes already noted since the 2022 directory*

- Kristy Andres (new email address)
- Kevin and Alison Hickman (Caleb -- born Mar 5, 2023)
- Janice Kauder (added cell phone number)
- Steven Kauder (now a Zion member, added cell phone number)
- Jennifer Regier and Jordan Penner (new address, Felix Regier-Penner -- born October 22, 2023)
- Matt and Lindsey Regier (new address)
- Silas Stucky (deceased)
- Andrew and April Wedel (Aiden -- born August 26, 2023)
- Martha Wedel (deceased)
- Dave and Elena Wiebe (new address)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE has received a major cleaning (Thank You, Lillian!). There will be items on display on the stage area in the basement on January 10th and 17th during Wednesday night. If you would like any of these items, please pick them up and give them a new home.

The **SOUTH FURNACE ROOM** needs to be cleaned up. There are various items which require disposal. Please feel free to go and look through the room, and you're invited to take old hymnals. Note: following February 1st, the furnace room will be emptied of all remaining items.

Other Organizations

Open to new participants: Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

Grief Share offers a safe, welcoming support group to help you discover relief, comfort, and peace of mind in loss. Manhattan Mennonite Church will host an online Grief Share group beginning November 1, 6:30-8pm, and continuing every Wednesday night through January 31. This group meets intentionally through the holidays because grief can be especially difficult in these seasons. A zoom link and a workbook will be available to those who register. More information here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/175924>

Melva Kauffman Lecture Series: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery This year the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series is pleased to host Mark Charles who will present on the topic of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Charles is the son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man. He teaches with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. The public is invited to hear his presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict - MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and is planning an emergency response that will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel or call 1-888-563-4676.

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, January 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics 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 be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise

May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church; Whitewater, KS. This is a 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact Pastor Weldon Martens at: weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at www.tourwithweldon.com