

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: (with 0 visitors: YouTube 19x2)	c.97
Offering:	
Colleges	\$450
MCC	\$400
Local fund	\$5,600
(\$11,600 needed per month)	

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SS classes meet	9:45 A.M., Feb. 18
Worship	10:45 A.M., Feb. 18

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal: Kara	6:00 P.M., Feb. 21
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study	6:30 P.M., Feb. 21
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Lillian/Clint & Halie/Lois	
Choir	7:25 P.M., Feb 21

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer	Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Josh & Kristy/ Steven	Next Sun.
Speaker: Renee Reimer	Next Sun.
Children's Time: Matt Regier	Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Mission Network	Next Sun.
AV: Andrew Wedel	Next Sun.
Greeters: Matt & Lindsey Regier	Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Council Meeting	7:00 P.M. March 11
Sunday School Picnic (More details to come)	June 9

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- healing of bodies, minds, spirits.
- Prayer for Lent – “Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to Your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with You and live forever in Your abundant grace.”

Zion Mennonite Church

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February 18, 2024

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

Gathering	“Just as I am, Without one Plea”	HWB#516
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements	Margaret Brewer	
Prelude	Christina Liu	
Call to Worship	based on Psalm 25:1-10	

L: Teach us your pathways, O God—
our eyes and our souls are trained on you.

P: **For you are the greatest guide,
and your map is always good.**

L: Other paths have left us lost;
other ways have left us confused.

P: **You guide us along the trail of your mercy,
drawing sinner and saint down this well-
worn way.**

All: *All your paths are love,
made smooth by your faithful walking.
We are led into your truth
by following the tread of your feet.*

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

Choir	Kyrie eleison	arr. by Eric W. Unruh
Children's Time	Brett Klingenberg	
Song	“Bless the Lord, My Soul”	VT#127
Scripture	Mark 1: 9-15	

Sermon “Blessing for the Wilderness” Dawn Yoder Harms

Response Song “Slowly Turning, Ever Turning” SJ#23

Sharing of Our Life Together John Janzen
Prayer

Sending Song “To God be the Glory” HWB#102

Benediction Dawn Yoder Harms

Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer	Music: Christina/Choir/Bonnie
Sermon: Dawn Yoder Harms	AV: Kyle Rutschman
Greeters: Josh & Kristy Andres Family	

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

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS: Until we have a pastor in place, you can notify the deacons of pastoral care needs by emailing zionelbing@gmail.com or by contacting **John Janzen** or **Lisa Scott** directly. **Pastor Weldon Martens** from Grace Hill is available for emergency-related pastoral care (i.e. hospitalizations, deaths, and funerals). You can call/text Pastor Weldon at 402-202-9276 or reach him via email at Weldon.Martens@gmail.com.

REMEMBERING PASTOR MICAH: As a way of remembering the time Pastor Micah spent with us, you are invited to write a card/letter of appreciation and put it in the box on the table in the foyer. Cards will be collected until February 25, at which time the Deacons will deliver them to Pastor Micah.

"THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF ZION MENNONITE CHURCH – Elbing and Interim Pastor Micah Hurst have agreed to conclude Pastor Micah’s term of service effective January 8, 2024, with a mutually agreed upon severance package. The congregation agrees to release him from ministerial responsibilities, including officiating at weddings and funerals and offering pastoral care in person or via phone or social media and Pastor Micah will not offer any of these services to members of the Zion community during the year after his departure. Both parties wish each other well in their ongoing journeys following Jesus."

SIGN UP FOR A KMRS FUNDRAISING NOON MEAL for March 3 at the church. Meal will include baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and dessert. Sign up is open till February 25.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS: One more Sunday School classroom is in need of teachers for the Spring quarter which begins on March 3rd. Please contact Deanna Entz if you would be willing to meet a need for the children of the church.

A NEW EMAIL: The Zion A/V department has an email address. It is av.zionelbing@gmail.com. Please use this for any A/V questions, presentations, etc.

MY COINS COUNT.... The big water jug at the back of the sanctuary is available for collecting spare change. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale will be using it to help those that don't have access to safe drinking water. Thanks for your support.

LENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – Bonnie Brewer will be leading a class through the Lenten season focusing on lament, prayer, fasting, repentance and revelation. This class will begin meeting February 18 in the back fellowship area of the basement. Participants are welcome to join at any time through Lent. See Bonnie for any questions.

Other Organizations

Ulrich Zwingli Film to be shown February 18 @ 4 PM.

We have a rare opportunity to see a film about Ulrich Zwingli, a priest in the Reformed Grossmunster Church in Switzerland, who opened scripture to the common man. The movie opened in Switzerland and topped the box office there in 2019. It has been released in cinemas around the world and Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association has permission to show it here. Now translated into English and brought to the U.S., the film is seen through the eyes of his wife, Anna. Zwingli is shown demanding that what is in the Bible should be taken seriously. This 90 minute movie with English sub-titles doesn't flinch from the harsher circumstances including the split between Zwingli and the Anabaptists including Felix Mantz and Konrad Grebel. Zwingli's said: "To be a Christian does not mean chattering about Christ, but rather to lead a life as Christ lived." Anna is caught between the doctrines of Catholic Church and what she reads in Scripture.

"The Reformer" movie will be shown at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge, KS, at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18, 2024. There is no charge and all are welcome. No reservations are necessary.

Fri., March 1, 7 p.m., **Kipcor Peace Lecture** at Bethel College with Christina Swarns, executive director of the Innocence Project

Sat., March 2, **Justice Symposium** at Bethel College

MCC Central States annual meeting, Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. You are invited to join the meeting in-person or virtually to hear MCC U.S. Executive Director Ann Graber Hershberger share an MCC update. Please email centralstates@mcc.org if you would like the Zoom link to join virtually. Otherwise, join us at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St in North Newton, Kansas.

Mark your calendar now for the 16th annual **MCC Comforter Blitz, March 4-6.** If you can tie a knot, you can make a difference! Curious to find out more? Please check mcc.org/comforter-blitz or the Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz page on Facebook. The blitz takes place on Monday, March 4 from 9am-5pm, Tuesday, March 5 from 9am-9pm and Wednesday, March 6 from 9am-4pm at 3605 East Longview Rd. Haven, KS. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org.

Come to Whitestone Mennonite Church, in Hesston for a Spring Warm Up Comforter Event For MCC. March 15, 10:30 a.m.- 7:30 p.m. and March 16, 9:00a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Come help tie(knot) Comforters for 1 hour or all day. MCC has a goal of 7,000 comforters to be sent around the world. If you have questions contact Janet Franz 620-345-6548.

Spring Cleaning at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am – 4 p.m. Come for part or all of the time, all are invited. If children younger than high school attend, they need to be supervised by their parents (no child care or children's activities will be provided). Dress warm, bring a full water bottle, \$5 to cover the cost of lunch, and the following cleaning supplies if you have them: rakes, long handled brooms for cobweb reaching. Other cleaning supplies will be provided. **Register by March 18** by e-mailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com. Space is capped at this event to manage the jobs, so don't delay in registering. Thanks!

Registration for 2024 Summer Youth Camps is open! Staff is still adjusting to the big Retreat Center project and some details are sure to have been missed--but that will not stop you from registering for a great week of camp. The theme for the summer is Linked By Love and looks at the many ways we experience God's love through relationships. Register online!

The phone system for Camp Mennoscah is changing. The 3014 number will no longer be a camp phone number. The main camp number of 620-297-3290 is the best number to use. The new system will not go in until after the Retreat Center HVAC project is complete. While offices are in the temporary spaces, there will be more limited access to staff by phone. Please leave a message at 620-297-3290 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Summer Staff...Summer Youth Camps take many hands to make them run. Nurses, head cooks, kitchen staff and maintenance volunteers are needed for every week of camp. The summer camps range from 3 to 6 days and begin June 9. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org if you are interested.

**Interested in working with MCC, or know someone who is?
MCC is hiring a Community Engagement Coordinator!**

The Community Engagement Coordinator, in North Newton, KS connects with local churches, individuals, and partners to educate on MCC material resources, programs, and events. Apply at mcc.org/careers.

Volunteer Opportunity: Peace Connections and Harvey County Circle of Hope are looking for Volunteer Allies to match with individuals or families who are on the journey out of poverty. If YOU would like to provide intentional friendship to someone as they work toward their goals and write hope into their future story, please join us on Tuesday evenings to learn more. This is a great opportunity to build resources and grow connections, as well as increase economic stability in our community. The Volunteer Ally listens and encourages, without judgment, to Circle Leaders working to make positive changes in their life, and a focus on future goals during their 18-month match!

Check out more information at:

www.peaceconnections.org/volunteer or 316-284-0000.

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 sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide-toothed combs; laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min); fingernail clippers (good quality); and hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's T-shirts (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's underwear (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's crew socks; lotion (12 oz min); and adult backpacks. 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.