

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: (with 4 visitors: YouTube 23x2) c.116
Offering: **Camp MennoScal** \$425
Local fund (Fiscal year to date) \$27,906
(Budgeted thru Feb. \$34,455)

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., Feb. 25
Worship 10:45 A.M., Feb. 25

Wednesday Evening Activities

Meal: Matt & Lindsey Regier 6:00 P.M., Feb. 28
Youth Activities/Adult Bible Study 6:30 P.M., Feb. 28
Elementary Youth Volunteers: Carol/Nadine
Choir 7:25 P.M., Feb. 28

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Lois Friesen Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Karen/Margaret Next Sun.
Speaker: Hank Unruh Next Sun.
Children's Time: June Entz Next Sun.
Offering: Local Fund Next Sun.
AV: Matt Regier Next Sun.
Greeters: Lillian Wedel 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...

- 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.
- 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 25, 2024

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

Gathering “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” VT#443
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Margaret Brewer
Prelude Steven Kauder
Call to Worship

L: Come, you who seek God, proclaim God's glory!
P: All you descendants of Jacob and Rachel,
L: come.
P: All who are isolated and feel alone,
L: come.
P: All who are hungry,
L: come.
P: All who wander,
L: come.
P: Come, from all ends of the earth.
*All: Come, you who seek God, proclaim God's glory,
and walk in faith.*

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

Children's Time Matt Regier
Song “Jesus, Be the Center” VT#584
Scripture Psalm 22: 23-31
Sermon “The Practice of Trusting Fear” Renee Reimer
Response Song “When Peace like a River” VT#617

Sharing of Our Life Together
Prayer

Lisa Scott

Sending Song

“We Walk by Faith”

VT#588

Benediction

Renee Reimer

Worship Leader: Margaret Brewer

Music: Josh and Kristy

Sermon: Renee Reimer

AV: Andrew Wedel

Greeters: Matt and Lindsey Regier 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.

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION: Gladys Preheim's phone number has been incorrect in directories for the past 4 years. Her phone number is (316) 284-7146.

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.

THANK YOU to Lillian, Steph, Cassie, Gary & Sharon, Michael & Lisa, and Bonnie for teaching in our children's Sunday School classes for the winter quarter. You are appreciated! The Spring Quarter teachers will be Grant, Makayla, Lillian, Clint, and Becky, which begins next Sunday, March 3. We are thankful for your willingness!

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

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

Sat., March 2 –Kauffman Museum bird walk will take place at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston with a start time of 7:30 a.m. This is part of the cooperative half-day event “Murmuration’s and Exaltations: Birds and Birding in a Changing World.” Experienced birders will lead a 45-minute walk on the paved path at Dyck Arboretum. The walk is free and open to anyone. The symposium is by registration only see <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/murmur/> to register online, or call 316-283-1612. Registration deadline is Weds., Feb. 28.

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.

Rehearsals have begun for “A Goodly Heritage: A Musical Drama Sharing a History of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites.” Jenny Schrag has written and is directing this drama along with Dawn Abrahams. Bo Howard is serving as musical director. Mark your calendars to attend the drama which will be performed at Eden Mennonite Church Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. An event of the celebration of 150 years since Swiss Volhynian Mennonites and many other groups came to the US in 1874 from Volhynia, Russia.

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.

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.

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.