

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: (with 1 visitor: YouTube 26x2) c.100
Offering: **Mennonite World Conference** \$450
Local fund year to date - \$38,250
Budgeted through March - \$47,707

This Week at Zion Mennonite Church

SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., April,7
Worship 10:45 A.M., April 7

Mowing Schedule

Matt Wedel **Church/Parsonage** April 11-13
Bernard Regier family **Cemetery** April 8-13

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Matt Regier Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Carol Next Sun.
Speaker: Marvin Rice Next Sun.
Children’s Time: Matt Regier Next Sun.
Offering: Peace Connections / Christian Peacemaker Teams Next Sun.
AV: Wes Brewer Next Sun.
Greeters: Josh & Kristy Andres Family Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

KMRS: April 12 & 13
Council Meeting 7:00 P.M., May 13
VBS: June 3-6
Sunday School Picnic: King Park Hesston 10:00 A.M., June 9

Pray and Give Thanks This Week for...

- Holy Spirit, clothe me in a spirit of beatitude such that I may be a source of joy for others today. Holy Spirit, fill me with joy! God, I'm struggling to find happiness in this season. Please be with me and guide me toward you as I desire happiness with You.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 7, 2024

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

Gathering Song “To God be the Glory” VT#84

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Deanna Entz

Prelude Karen Andres

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66)

Leader: Come and celebrate!
Shout joyfully to the Lord, your God!
Glorify God with your praise!

People: **Everything on earth will worship you;
they will sing your praises,
shouting your name in joyful songs.**

Leader: Come and see what our God has done,
what awesome things God has done for us!

People: **Let the whole world bless our God and sing
God’s praise. For our lives are in God’s hands,
and God keeps our feet from stumbling.**

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

Childrens Time Kristy Andres

Song “Praise Him, Praise Him” VT#100

Scripture Psalm 98

Meditation A Time For Joy Lisa Scott

Response Songs “Go Tell It On the Mountain that Jesus is Alive”
“Take Time to be Funny”

“An Undaunted Divine Comedy”

by Patty Shelly
read by Mark Unruh

**Sharing of Our Life Together
Prayer**

June Entz

Sending Song “You Shall Go Out with Joy”

VT#847

Benediction

Lisa Scott

Worship Leader: Deanna Entz
Sermon: Lisa Scott
Greeters: Don & Peggy Regier

Music: Karen/Bonnie
AV: Andrew Wedel

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.

Please use this email for any A/V questions, presentations, etc.

av.zionelbing@gmail.com

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 **June Entz, 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.

PIES/ZWEIBACH...Zion is in charge of 15 pies and 15 dozen zweibach for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Please sign up in the church overflow on the table. Bags and pie plates are provided. We also will continue to collect coins until the sale.

VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR MCC SALE: There are still 343 open spots left for the weekend. We need New Year Cookie fryers; Feeding the Multitude workers; verenike gravy makers; Barrell Train drivers; and many others. Go to Sign-Up Genius to sign up to help at the Sale. <https://kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer/>

Friday Evening Auction will be held in Sunflower North Building, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Check out the featured items on KMRS website or Facebook.

Buildings will be open 4:00 – 8:00 Friday; and open up 8:00am on Saturday. Quilt Auction and General Auction begin at 8:45. Silent Auction bids will start Friday evening and continue Saturday until 1:00. Children’s Auction is Saturday at 10:00. Check our website www.kansas.mccsale.org for pictures of auction items.

Feeding the Multitude is returning to the serving line format offering verenike with ham gravy, sausage, bohne berroggi, borscht, cherry moos, and zwiebach. You can dine in or have your food packaged in clamshell for carry out.

****NEW THIS YEAR**** There will be a Christmas Décor booth in the Sunflower South building. Peggy Regier, Christmas decorator for 35 years, will be selling her collection of ornaments, wall hangings, vintage toy horse, etc.

MCC SALE CHILDREN'S AUCTION - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Items may be given to your MCC Liaison for delivery to Sale.

THE RELIEF SALE IS THIS WEEK! My coins count will be taken and counted after church today. All donated items and zweibach need to be at the church library by 11 a.m. on Friday. I will pick up pies from the library on Saturday at 7 a.m. Please label the type of pie on the bag provided for your pie. Thanks for donating to this wonderful cause!

THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE is seeking volunteers to water the church flower beds twice weekly on a rotating schedule for the coming months. If willing to serve please contact one of the committee members - David, Mike, Russell or Daryl.

SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS: DISCOVER JESUS VBS--Seeking volunteers to have a successful VBS. We are looking for adults to assist with **Pre K3/K4 classroom teacher and Nursery**. Please let Jana Wedel (janarwedel@gmail.com) know if you are available to assist.

SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS: DISCOVER JESUS... will take place at Zion Mennonite on June 3-6 for all PreK 3 yr olds to 6th graders from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Hosted in conjunction with Grace Hill, we are seeking volunteers to have a successful VBS. We are looking for adults to assist with **Music, Station Seaside Exploration (art/science activity), Station Mountain Movements (motion activity), and Pre K3/K4 classroom teacher**. All 7th-12th grade youth will have a place to assist if they are able to attend. Please let Jana Wedel (janarwedel@gmail.com) know if you are available to assist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC will be held at Hesston King Park shelter. On June 9th 10:00 am. A potluck meal will follow the service. Please bring food to share and your table service. Drinks will be provided.

KIPCOR is offering a training on April 13 and 14. The training is titled *Managing Differences Within Faith Communities*. It will build awareness and prepare for transitional ministry work. The link for more information or registration is <https://kipcor.org/event/managing-differences-within-faith-communities-2/>

Other Organizations

MMN Prayer... The deadline to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's two-week Youth Venture programs is April 15. Pray that young people who would like to spend two weeks this summer making friends in Benin, for ages 15-22, or South Korea, for ages 18-22, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about injustice in the United States, will find a way to participate.

MCC Sale Announcement: MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is critically low on inventory for Relief Kits. **YOU CAN HELP** by bringing supplies to the MCC Sale. There will be carts in the Meadowlark (Quilt Building) to collect your supplies. These are the needed supplies to complete kits: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry bar soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets).

Please join KMMC (Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus) at one or both of our concerts this year:

The first is April 7th at Bethel College Mem Hall 4pm

The second is April 21st Tabor College Richert Auditorium 4pm.

This year we are including the Newton Children's Community Choir, the Flannelbacks and the Menno Brass.

The Emmaus Church "**Foster Family Support Committee**" is hosting an informational workshop on Saturday, April 13, from 4-6pm, at Emmaus, on how child welfare works in Kansas, and practical ways for Christians to be involved at every level. If you are curious about the process of how Kansas kids are determined to be children in need of care, if you'd like to know more about the history of child welfare, or if you desire to walk in faithful obedience to "care for orphans in their distress" in very real, practical ways, you won't want to miss this event. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Lori Goebel, Glenda Harder, Jessica Keller, or Bitty Wiebe for more information. Hope to see you there!

Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition-April 19 to 30

This annual exhibit will feature unique works of art created by Hesston College students through a variety of mediums. The works are judged by an outside juror and awards will be given for the best pieces. The exhibit will be held in the Regier-Friesen Gallery of the Laban Peachey Center, 325 S College Dr, Hesston, and is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An awards reception will be held April 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Katie Petersen, an art professor from Sterling College, will act as this year's guest juror.

MCC invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace! Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace!

MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-meals or mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site. Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Women & Girls Save the Date! **Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space**, featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS on Friday, April 19. The schedule is: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. The evening program, 6:30 - 7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

The Sunflower Theatre will present a concert of Peter and the Wolf and Appalachian Spring on Sunday, April 21, at 3:00 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Peabody. Performed by members of the Wichita Symphony, Peter and the Wolf features a narrator who tells the story of Peter and the Wolf while introducing the instruments of the orchestra. It's perfect for kids...and adults! Sponsored by the KCAIC and admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

You're invited to a virtual estate planning webinar, hosted by Bethel College Advancement and led by experts from Everence and Adrian & Pankratz LLC of Newton.

• Thurs., April 11, 6-7 p.m. – Dennis LeFevre, Everence; Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84488722318>

• Thurs., April 18, 6-7 p.m. – Cindy Wiens & Randy Pankratz, Adrian & Pankratz; Zoom

link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82173808179>

These webinars are free, with no pre-registration required – just show up using the appropriate Zoom link.

Questions? Contact George Leary, Director of Development, 316-284-5226 or gleary@bethelks.edu

Masterworks concert at Bethel College, Sun., April 28 featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists performing *Rejoice in the Lamb* by Benjamin Britten and *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

COMING! Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptism in Zurich + Swiss Alps 9-Day Tour in May 2025. Tour sites: Lake Geneva, Murren – the Swiss mountain village accessed by cable car, and Mennonite heritage in Bern and the Emmental Valley. On May 29 we will join Anabaptists from around the world in Zurich in worship and celebration of the 500 Year beginning of Anabaptism. Details and registration coming soon. Preview the tour at www.tourwithweldon.com To join the “Interested List” contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276.