

Last Week at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship attendance: (with 3 visitors: YouTube 13x2) c.90
Offering:
Peace Connections/Christian Peacemaker Teams \$250
Local fund in April - \$4,300 (needed per month - \$11,600)

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SS classes meet 9:45 A.M., April,21
Worship 10:45 A.M., April 21

Mowing Schedule

Daryl Regier **Church/Parsonage** April 25-27
John Janzen and Joe Friesen **Cemetery** April 22-27

Next Sunday at Zion Mennonite Church

Worship Leader: Matt Regier Next Sun.
Accompanist /Vocalist/Prelude: Josh & Kristy/Reinhild Next Sun.
Speaker: Hesston College Bel Canto Singers Next Sun.
Children's Time: Sharon Wedel Next Sun.
Offering: Mennonite Central Committee Next Sun.
AV: Kyle Rutschman Next Sun.
Greeters: Matt & Lindsey Regier Family Next Sun.

Calendar of Upcoming Zion Events

Gifts Discernment meeting After Worship April 28
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...

- strength and courage to face the challenges that lie ahead.
Guide our steps and help us make wise decisions in all that we do.
- when I am weak, You are strong. Infuse me with Your strength Lord. Be the light in my darkness, the healing in my wings.
Bless You, Lord. You are good.

Zion Mennonite Church

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April 21, 2024

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

Gathering Song “Summoned by the God Who Made Us” VT#1

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Becky Nickel & Junior Youth

Prelude Jim Nickel

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 30: 11-12)

Leader: You have changed our sadness into joy, You have taken away our clothes of mourning, and clothed us with joy!

People: **So we will not stand silent, but will offer our hymns and songs of praise!**

Leader: You, O God, are our God;

People: **we will give you thanks and praise!**

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

Childrens Time Becky Nickel

Song “I Saw a Tree by the Riverside” VT#514

Scripture Genesis 29:31-35

Sermon Leah’s Song Renee Reimer

Response Song “There is a line of Women” VT#546

Sharing of Our Life Together John Janzen
Prayer

Sending Song “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” VT#419

Benediction Renee Reimer

Worship Leaders: Becky Nickel/Donovan Brewer/Emma Entz/Alyssa
Klingenberg
Sermon: Renee Reimer
Greeters:

Music: Carol/Jim
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.

POTLUCK: The Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College will be leading the worship service on April 28. In return, we have invited them to share a potluck meal with us. Please plan to attend and bring extra food to feed hungry college students!

WHILE WE WAIT FOR A TRANSITIONAL PASTOR, the deacons are taking a short course at AMBS called "Transforming Congregational Conflict."

VBS VOLUNTEERS: There will be an organizational meeting on April 30th at 7:00 pm at the church.

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

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.

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.

Other Organizations

MMN Prayer... Mennonite Mission Network praises God for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren's two decades of ministry in the Argentine Chaco and for the exciting audio and visual ministries they are developing. Pray for the Christian radio programs, which help the Toba-Qom people better understand the biblical message, and for the impact that the Jesus Film is having in communities in the Chaco.

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 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.

Prairie Window Concert: The Brother Brothers... Join Dyck Arboretum April 21 to hear The Brother Brothers. The Brother Brothers are the indie folk duo of Adam and David Moss. The identical twins were born and raised in Peoria, Ill. and originally based in Brooklyn, but have been ultimately and profoundly shaped by a life surrounded by travel and the web of community worldwide. The recently released January Album is a collection of songs that speak to the parts of oneself that want to up and throw sedentary worldly possessions in the trash and leave town. Crust & Crumb will serve at intermission. Learn more at dyckarboretum.org/events.

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.

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.

Let's Talk About Ukraine... As the Russian invasion of Ukraine enters its second year, the costs of the conflict continue to rise. Professor Matthew Cotton will bring us information on the historical relationship between Ukraine and Russia, the current status of the conflict, and how it has reshaped global politics in the 21st century. Matthew D. Cotton is a PhD Candidate in history at the University of Washington (Seattle). He earned his Masters degree from the University of Kansas in Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian studies. Matt has spent time in both Russia and Ukraine.

Come learn with us on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church of McPherson, 1161 E. Ave. A, McPherson, Kansas. The public is invited. Refreshments served. Free to attend.

This event is part of the 150th Celebration of our Ancestors coming to the U.S. in 1874 which will culminate August 23-25, 2024 with many activities at Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge.

Earth Day Soft Plastic Recycling at MCC! April 22 is Earth Day and we invite you to start a new habit of recycling all soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) at MCC Central States in North Newton! This is a NEW and ONGOING recycling project that we are highlighting for Earth Day. Volunteers will be on hand on Monday, April 22 at the warehouse to take your soft plastic recycling and answer your questions. But going forward, you can bring your soft plastic recycling to MCC any time, placing them in the marked bin outside the warehouse. Questions, please contact duaneunruh@mcc.org

Woven and Open Road joint concert, Sun. May 5 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

2024 Spring Fling Senior Resource fair. The Butler County Dept. on Aging would like to invite all older adults and caregivers to there annual Spring Fling, June 6, 2024 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Brenda Louthan or Crystal Noles at 316-775-0500 or 1-800-279-3655 or by e-mail at blouthan@bucoks.com or cnoles@bucoks.com. Flyer on bulletin board.