

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School 10:30 am: Morning Worship

Vol. LI May 8, 2016 No 19

Ascension Sunday

Words for silent meditation: *The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice. (Psalm 97:1)*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Mateo Roth

Welcome The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all
/ **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 97, read responsively Sharon Gehring
(p.592)

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in Song**

Morning has broken HWB 648

Rejoice, the Lord is King! HWB 288

Scripture Luke 24:50-53 Lici Roth
Pg 1048

Children dismissed to Little Flock (for ages toddler - 1st grade)

Message "Everything changes. Nothing changes." Pastor Brad

Song of response Great is thy faithfulness HWB 327

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**** Sending Song** Amazing Grace HWB 143
(vss. 1,3,6)

*Benediction

****Postlude**

Greeters: Dave & Zettie Wedel

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

Everything changes. Nothing changes.

Luke 24:50-53

Theme

In times of change, Jesus is the same.

Key Verse

(Luke 24:51) While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken
up into heaven.

Notes

A Prayer

God who never changes, ground us in your unfailing love.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

Find us on Facebook!

Our Mission : God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Brad Roth

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Thurs. 1-4 pm

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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. Next Sunday (May 15), we will celebrate communion. Let's prepare our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord at his table!
2. Next week is Pentecost. We invite you to wear red to represent the fiery presence of God's Holy Spirit!
3. Join us on June 12 after worship for a potluck meal and a meeting to discuss Worship Team's proposal to create a chapel space at the back of the church.
4. All women are invited to come fellowship together on Saturday, May 21 at 9 AM at the church for SPACE (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement). We visit, share prayer requests, and pray together. Breakfast is available and childcare can be provided if needed (call Carla at 345-6471 if needed).
5. Sat. May 21, 8:30 AM. Cemetery work day. Bring string trimmer, shovel, rake, or wheel barrow. Meet at the cemetery. The Trustees would greatly appreciate your help.

BUDGET SUMMARY 5/1/2016	Budget	Sunday School	Other
Receipts - last Sunday	\$3,185.00	0.00	0.00
Receipts - year-to-date	55,431.35	0.00	6,525.01
 2016 Budget	 \$154,520.00		
Less: expended to date	(44,407.45)		
Less: cash balance	<u>(23,301.64)</u>		
Receipts needed to meet budget	86,810.91		
 Avg. offering needed per Sunday to meet budget	 \$2,553		

General Announcements

6. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is again offering scholarships in the amount of \$500 to students who are preparing for the ministry or other full-time Christian service. Part-

time students may be awarded \$250 scholarships. More information about the scholarships are posted on the bulletin board.

7. Sun., May 8, Masterworks Concert, 3 PM., featuring *Te Deum* by Bruckner and *Choral Fantasy* by Beethoven, along with presentation of the second Goering Music Award, *Memorial Hall* at Bethel College; tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, or at the door
8. Weds., May 11, Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, 8 PM., featuring Jazz Ensembles I and II (rain/storm location: Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center)
9. Sat., May 14, Kauffman Museum bird walk (moved to second Saturday for May). Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen at 6:30 AM in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. (For help locating Kauffman Museum, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)
10. Sat. May 14, Woven concert, 7 PM., Memorial Hall at Bethel College
11. Sun., May 15, Open Road concert, 7 PM., Memorial Hall at Bethel College
12. Thurs., May 18 starting at 9:30 AM is the Moundridge Senior Center Bake Sale. This is a benefit for the Center. We will accept any baked items you want to contribute. Center doors open at 7 AM to drop off items. Please come and buy items as well and help support the local Senior Center.
13. Sept. 9-11, is Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by South Central and Western District Conferences. This year's featured speaker is Katherine Goerzen on the topic "Beloved, Blessed, and Beautiful." Registration forms will come to churches in July.
14. Holy Land Tour. You are invited to participate in the next Bethel College tour of the Holy Land, Jan. 3-24, 2017. The tour is a joint endeavor with Tabor College and includes: a study of the history and geography of the region with connections to Biblical texts; the present Palestinian-Israeli conflict; the religions and cultures of the region; and time for worship and reflection. Some of the locations included are Jerusalem, Gethsemane, Mt. Nebo, Petra, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, and the Sea of Galilee. Contact Peter Goerzen at pgoerzen@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5356 if interested.

~ Wish **“Happy Birthday”** this week

May 13: Mason Jones

~ Wish **“Happy Anniversary”** this week

May 14: Kirk & Carla Stucky

Joys and Concerns

Sharon Gehring’s uncle and aunt, Ivan and Lola Kauffmann, as Ivan struggles with fluid buildup on the lungs

Prayer Requests from our Mission Partners, the Larsons

- Guidance as they shift emphasis with the ministry in the Gulf so local people can create the content and take leadership roles
- God’s blessing for the May 7-13 filming and the later impact of the program series “I Believe But . . .” (The series has potential for much spiritual opposition.)
- Protection and guidance for Wayne as he prepares to return to the Gulf in a month
- God’s providence for housing and healing for Jeannie who isn’t going to the gulf for a variety of reasons, including health issues.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

MMN partners with the new Centre for Anabaptist Studies in Bristol, United Kingdom, that has grown out of the ministry of the (now closed) London Mennonite Centre. Pray for the students from many denominations as they learn about mission, theology, and Bible interpretation from an Anabaptist perspective.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for new WDC Associate Conference Minister (TX-based) Byron Pellecer as he and his wife Hilda move this week to Dallas, TX, where he begins his work May 15.

Mission Mosaic

Anne & Daniel Kompaore, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso Pg 9 MVS
Stefan Baumgartner, Jacob Kraybill, Seth Miller, Audra Miller & Hilary Garman, San Francisco California Pg 54

Attendance: Sunday School: 17 Worship: 63

Sunday, May 15, 2016

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Brad Roth

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr

Greeter: Geneva Wedel

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Becky Pohl

Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Coming Events

- May 11: Salad Supper 6:30 PM Christian Homemakers
May 11, 18, 25: FEWZ will meet at WZ in the basement during the month of May. On May 11, they will meet and eat in the youth room.
- May 15: Pentecost –Communion Celebration
May 17: Mission Team Meeting
May 18: 7PM Church Council
May 21: 8:30 AM Cemetery work day, 9 AM SPACE, High School Graduation
- May 22: 2 PM Pre-School Graduation, Bethel College Graduation
- June 4: Black Kettle Festival-Chalupa Meal at West Zion.
June 12: Potluck meal, meeting following to discuss Chapel Space
June 15: VBS Training in the Fellowship Hall