

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *O my God, in you I trust (Psalm 25:1).*

Prelude    Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome

The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship and Confession (on screen)

Greeting in Christ's peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song** (words on the screen)

*I Will Exalt Your Name*

*Blessed Assurance*

*You've got a place*

Scripture Mark 4:1-20 (video on screen)

Message                      "Becoming good soil"                      Pastor Brad

**Response**                      Apostles Creed                      HWB # 712

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

*The Lord be with you*

*Holy, holy, holy (vss.1-2)*

HWB # 660

HWB # 75

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*\*Sending Song                      *Sent forth by God's blessing*                      HWB # 478**

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*please stand if able**

**Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral**

Greeter: Geneva Wedel

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld

### **Sermon Notes**

Becoming good soil, Mark 4:1-20 (video on screen)

#### **Theme**

Hear Jesus' word, accept it, and bear fruit.

#### **Key Verse**

(Mark 4:20 NRSV) These are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

#### **Notes**

#### **A Prayer**

Work your life into us, O Lord, that we might become rich soil for your word.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org*

Find us on Facebook!

## Sunday, October 8, 2017

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Music:** Chancel Choir      **Greeters:** Mel and Kathi Becker  
**Message:** Pastor Brad  
**Ushers:** Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

## Coming Events

Tonight: Fall church picnic, 5:00 PM at the Lohrenz farm  
October 4: MYM, tator tot casserole meal at 6 PM, Choir at 7 PM  
October 8: Choir sings, names collected for Deacon nomination  
October 11: MYM, pancakes/sausage meal at 6 PM, Choir at 7 PM  
October 18: MYM, sloppy joes meal at 6 PM, Choir at 7, Church Council at 8 PM  
October 22: Choir sings, 7 PM Fall West Zion Concert  
Nov. 5: Mission Sunday **AT EDEN**. Worship 9:30 AM; Sunday School 10:30 AM, followed by youth fundraiser meal  
Nov. 12: Annual Budget Meeting following a noon meal

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

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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. Today is World Communion Sunday, a day when Christians around the globe gather to celebrate at the Lord's table. At West Zion, we've taken World Communion Sunday to highlight the plight of the church in places where it is persecuted around the world. This year, we focus on North Korea. Open Doors USA labels North Korea as "the worst place on earth for Christians."
2. On Sunday, October 8 during the worship service, the Gifts Discernment Committee will be asking each church member to write down a person's name as a Deacon nominee. A vote for a new Deacon will take place at a later date. Please be in prayer for this nomination.
3. Christian Homemakers will have a work night on October 12 starting at 4:30. We will be tying fleece blankets for McPherson County SRS. Soup supper will be provided. Business meeting will immediately follow supper. Come at a time that works for you.
4. Please bring items for MCC Relief Kits during the month of October. A list of items that are needed can be picked up in foyer. Christian Homemakers will see that all items are taken to MCC center early November. Any moneys donated will be used to purchase needed items. Relief kits are urgently needed by MCC due to the many natural disasters recently.
5. The Adult Sunday School class continues to study the book of Revelation taught by Pastor Brad and all are welcome. It was decided that this study will continue through December. Pick up a study guide available in the classroom and come join the lively discussions!
6. Do you have a heart for working with youth? FEWZ, our combined high school youth group with First and Eden, still needs a youth sponsor or two from West Zion. We're also looking for a sponsor for a new junior high youth group that we're hoping to launch. Contact Pastor Brad if interested.
7. Our annual fall church picnic will be held tonight at the cabin of Phil & Lorene Lohrenz beginning at 5:00 pm. A hayrack ride will take place

at 5:15 p.m. Hot dogs, buns, smores, and drink will be provided. Bring table service for your family, a lawn chair, roasting sticks (if you have some), side dish OR chips. We look forward to a beautiful fall evening of fellowship and fun! Anyone needing a ride should contact Connie Kaufman. Directions to the Lohrenz's: From the four way stop in Moundridge: Go 4 miles south to Dutch Ave. Turn West (right) go 3 miles to North Golden Prairie Rd. Turn South (left) on sand road go 2 1/2 miles. Their driveway will be to your right. DeKalb Seed Sign at the end of driveway.

## General Announcements

8. The Bethel College Philharmonica Orchestra concert will take place October 8 at 3 PM at Memorial Hall, featuring music by von Weber, Debussy and Sibelius.
9. Menno Simons Lectures with Lutheran scholar Timothy J. Wengert on the overall theme "Remembering 500 Years of Reformation Together" will be at these times; "Martin Luther, the 95 Theses and the Mennonites," Sun. Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.; 2nd lecture, "What Makes Martin Luther a 'Father of the Faith'?", Mon. Oct. 8 at 11 a.m.; 3rd lecture, "What Can Christians Do When Their Leaders Err?," Mon. Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. All will be held in Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College.
10. Kauffman Museum's monthly bird walk has moved to October 14 to coincide with Bethel College's Fall Festival; 7:45 AM is the start time in the museum parking lot.
11. Fall Festival at Bethel College – Oct. 12-15 with most events Sat., Oct. 14; see [www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/](http://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/) for details.
12. Bethel College Music and Theater present *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak as the Fall Festival musical – Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 15, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or a minimum of one hour before showtime in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.
13. The Bethel College Women's Association is asking for donations of baked goods for Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 14. Baked goods of any kind may be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center Friday, Oct.

13, 3-5 PM or Saturday morning. Pies can be dropped off at Schultz Student Center, Seminar Room A near the cafeteria entrance, Friday, Oct. 13, 4 - 6:30 PM or Saturday morning at the Pie by the Slice booth. The request is for 9" pies; no cream pies. Please use an aluminum pie tin. Questions: email Cindy Erb, [cindy.l.erb@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.l.erb@gmail.com).

14. On Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 3-5 PM, Kimberly Schmidt, author of *Magpie's Blanket*, an historical novel about two women who survived the massacres of Plains Indians, will lead a workshop on "Book Crafting and Research Methods" at MCC Center, North Newton. Cost \$20 can be sent to Barb Orsi, [7217 E. Oxford St., Wichita KS 67226](mailto:7217.E.Oxford.St.,Wichita.KS.67226) or [PayPal.me/barborsi](https://www.paypal.com/paytoee/barborsi) or \$25 at the door. Sponsored by StoryTellers of the Great Plains. Contact Kathy Goering for more information at [kjgo@mtelco.net](mailto:kjgo@mtelco.net). All are welcome.

15. The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 12-6 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Call [1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the word Moundridge to schedule an appointment. If you have any questions please call [620-345-3833](tel:620-345-3833) or e-mail [akaufman@mtelco.net](mailto:akaufman@mtelco.net).

16. Announcing Great Day of Singing Events - Area congregations are invited to regional hymn sings - The Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, working under the name Resonate Team, has invited congregations to hold a "Great Day of Singing" this fall and has scheduled a series of regional hymn sings. In WDC, on Sunday, **December 3 at 6:30 pm** (*not November 19 as was originally announced*), Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kansas, will host a hymn sing led by project director and general editor Bradley Kauffman.

17. **Urgent!** MCC Mobile Meat Cannery Volunteer Needed! MCC urgently seeks a volunteer that is at least 21 years old to work with the meat canner! Truck driving skills are ideal, but MCC is willing to provide training as well. The meat canning season starts up in October, please help MCC fill this vital need. For more information, please contact John Hillegass at [johnhillegass@mcc.org](mailto:johnhillegass@mcc.org) or [\(717\) 859-1151](tel:717-859-1151).

18. Registration is now open for the Nov. 18, 4th Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," with special guest presenter and resource person

Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz's performance of "Slightly Left of Normal," Fri., Nov. 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). The Worship Team will cover costs for those who wish to attend. Go to [bethelks.edu/worshiparts](http://bethelks.edu/worshiparts) for a schedule. Talk to Pastor Brad or Gerry Major to register.

19. The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet Tuesday, October 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Erin Carpenter, Certified RSB Instructor from Wichita, will present information on Rock Steady Boxing, a program that serves those with Parkinson's of all ages and ability levels. Using boxing as a base, these classes are structured to focus on stretching, strength training, balance, and a lot of non-contact boxing.

Wish "Happy Birthday" to:

October 3: Randy Kessler, Kathryn Hayes

October 6: J.B. Huxman

### Prayer Concerns

Becky Pohl as she recovers at home

### Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder request prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. May those who have chosen terror as a means to justice encounter God's love and renounce violence.

### Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Give thanks and pray for WDC pastors and chaplains who offer leadership in congregations and other institutions across WDC.

Attendance: Worship Service: 90

**Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)**

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz;)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper(good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages(minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count **thin** maxi)
- NO toothpaste as MCC needs to manage expiration dates