

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles. (Psalm 145:5)*

Prelude    Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle                      Lexi Heslop

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, *from* Psalm 145  
I will praise you, my God and King,  
**and bless your name forever and ever.**  
I will bless you every day,  
**and praise you forever.**  
The LORD is kind and merciful,  
**slow to get angry, full of unfailing love.**  
The LORD is good to everyone.  
**He showers compassion on all his creation.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song**  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (on screen or HWB # 37)  
Great is the Lord (on screen or HWB # 87)

Scripture                      Revelation 3:14-22 (The Message)                      Crysta Guhr

Message                      "A door in the dark"                      Pastor Brad

**Song of Response** Jesus, be the center (on screen or STS # 31)

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song** The Lord lift you up (on screen or STJ # 73)

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*please stand if able**  
*Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral*

Greeters: Dorothy Toews and Gerry Major  
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

### Sermon Notes

A door in the dark  
Revelation 3:14-22

Theme  
Jesus opens doors.

Key Verse  
(Revelation 3:20) Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I'll come right in and sit down to supper with you.

### Notes

A Prayer  
Lord Jesus, you know where we're stuck. Open the door to your possibilities, your grace, your good and abundant life.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org  
Find us on Facebook!*

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**  
***World Communion Sunday***

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad  
**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Message:** Pastor Brad  
**Greeters:** Geneva Wedel  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Candle Lighter:** Kaleigh Guhr  
**Music:** Praise Team

**Coming Events**

Today: Come & See Sunday, catered fried chicken meal after church  
Sept. 27: Chancel Choir 7 PM  
October 1: Fall church picnic, 5:00 PM at the Lohrenz farm  
Oct. 22: 7 PM Fall West Zion Concert  
November 5: Mission Sunday **AT EDEN**. Worship 9:30 AM; Sunday School 10:30 AM, followed by youth fundraiser meal

**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

**Pastor's Office hours:** Tues. and Wed. 10 am -12:30 pm  
Thurs. 1-4 pm

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Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

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

Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. Next week, October 1, is World Communion Sunday. Let's prepare our hearts to come with joy to meet our Lord at His table.
2. We are grateful for the expressions of sympathy through cards, flowers, memorials, prayers, and the words of encouragement during the passing of our brother, Marlo. May the Lord bless each one of you. Bob and Sharon Gehring
3. Crack open the book of Revelation and you'll find a lamb with seven horns and seven eyes, a crimson dragon with seven heads, and a city shaped like a giant cube. What does it all mean, and why does it matter for our Christian walk? Join Pastor Brad as he leads a study of Revelation in the fall adult Sunday School class. Everyone is welcome, especially if you've never been a part of Sunday School before!
4. 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.
- 4b. FALL CHURCH PICNIC – CDT is planning a fall church picnic on Sunday evening October 1. The picnic will be located 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

5. Great Day of Singing Events - The Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, working under the name Resonate Team, has invited

area congregations to hold a "Great Day of Singing" this fall and has scheduled a series of regional hymn sings. In WDC, on Sunday, November 19 (time TBD), Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton will host a hymn sing led by project director and general editor Bradley Kauffman.

6. The Offender Victim Ministries is implementing a community-based intervention program for youth offenders. A free training will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9:00-noon at 122 W Marlin, down the ramp from the Country Attorney's office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Volunteers and interested community members will learn basic restorative principles and how a Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB) holds the young person accountable while supporting his/her development as a positive citizen. The trainers will be Leslie Frye, Gary Flory, and Kathy Neufeld Dunn, McPherson County residents experienced with mediation and this program. For more information, contact Karen Loganbill at 620-386-4779.

7. The Pine Village Benefit Day Sloppy Joe Lunch & Bake Sale is Sept. 29 from 11 AM-6 PM. Lunch begins at 11 AM in the Wellness Center and will wrap up at 1 PM. Take home boxes will be available. In addition to this year's bake sale, we will now offer Pie by the Slice for \$2.25. Other upcoming Benefit Day events: October 19 – Benefit Day Dinner & Auction

8. The first concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring St. Louis musician Pokey LaFarge, will be on Sunday, October 1st at 7 PM at the McPherson Opera House. Tickets cost \$27 to \$33 including taxes and fees, order through the McPherson Opera House box office, [www.mcphersonoperahouse.org](http://www.mcphersonoperahouse.org) or [620-241-1952](tel:620-241-1952). The concert is hosted by the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston.

9. **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).

10. MCC responds to Hurricane Irma damage in Cuba and Haiti. In both countries, crops, gardens, livestock and lives were destroyed.

Your gift to Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover. You can donate online at [donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response](https://donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response). Contributions can also be made by calling [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676) or sending a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

11. Everence® Financial will present informational seminars this fall. Retirement income strategy will be discussed on Oct. 2 and Dec. 4 at 6:30 PM. An overview of Medicare will go over what's covered (and what's not) and other information on Nov. 6. More information can be found on the bulletin board. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:877-467-7294) or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

12. 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.

13. Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to Work & Play Camp from Sept. 29 to Oct.3! We'll be working on projects and making camp shiny from head to toe. On Oct. 1, we will hold a worship service and the annual meeting. Come for a day or for the full camp. NO COST for this retreat! Please let us know you're coming by registering online at [campmennoscah.org](https://campmennoscah.org) or calling [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).

14. Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting is October 1 at 5:30pm in the Camp Mennoscah dining hall. Everyone is invited! Please RSVP by registering online at [campmennoscah.org](https://campmennoscah.org) or calling 620-297-3290. The meeting will include a Live Auction Fundraiser with meals for 6-10 people up for bid, hosted by board members and supporters of Camp Mennoscah. Meals include "Mic Drop" Lasagna and Cheesecake, an Old-fashioned Sunday Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at Bluestem, and a German Sausage Tasting. The agenda also includes recognition of Kelly Stucky's 19 years as the Senior High Camp program director, updates on the dining hall and kitchen renovations, and stories from campers about Camp Mennoscah's impact in life and faith.

15. Camp Mennoscah offers two Scrapbook & Crafts Retreats this fall on Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 15-17. These long weekends are great for taking a break from what you do and spending some time crafting, creating, and cropping. Be as productive as you want or spend some time meandering across the camp ground. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](https://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290.

Wish "Happy Birthday" to

September 25: Sandy Jantz, Lici Roth

September 26: Jerry Becker, Dana Loganbill, Milford Wedel

September 30: Tim Hill

Wish "Happy Anniversary" to

September 26: Harvey & Lois Thiessen

September 28: Ken & Denise Becker

### **Prayer Concerns**

Carl Duffman's brother Jim, recovering after a stroke

Those impacted by recent earthquakes in Mexico

Those impacted by hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean

Thanks for Luke Loganbill finding a teaching position in Elkhart!

Becky Pohl as she recovers at home

### **Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network**

Staff from DOOR, a Mennonite Mission Network partner that provides service opportunities, are traveling to Austin, Texas for a gathering that starts tomorrow. Pray for them as they fellowship, share best practices, and prepare for the future.

### **Prayer Requests from Western District Conference**

Pray for WDC's Executive Board meeting this week to further WDC's mission of empowering congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.

Attendance: Worship Service: 67