

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *The LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. (Psalm 1:6)*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle Lexi Heslop

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

Announcements

Call to Worship
Blessed are those who love God's word! / **They're like trees
planted by streams of water.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**

Let the whole creation cry HWB # 51
Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing HWB # 81

Scripture, Matthew 21:33-46 (video on screen)

Special music *Fairest Lord Jesus* Ellen Kaufman

Message "Kingdom Fruit" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *As rain from the clouds* STJ # 40

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song* STJ # 14
(vss.1-2 in English)

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

****please stand if able**

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

Greeters: Bob and Sharon Gehring

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

Sermon Notes

Kingdom Fruit

Matthew 21:33-46 (video on screen)

Theme

Bear fruit for God's kingdom.

Key Verse

Matthew 21:43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

Notes

A Prayer

Faithful God, who calls us to life in your kingdom, empower us with your living Spirit to bear fruit for you.

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

Sunday, November 5, 2017

MISSION SUNDAY at EDEN MENNONITE

9:30 AM: Worship, message by Pastor Brad

10:30 AM: Sunday School

Noon: Lunch served by FEWZ youth as a fundraiser

There will be no church activities at West Zion on November 5

Coming Events

- Nov. 1: MYM, Tater tot casserole at 6 PM, Choir at 7 PM
Nov. 3: Baby shower for Holly and Brett 7:00 PM, basement
MCC Meat Canning event, sign-up in foyer
Nov. 5: Mission Sunday **AT EDEN**. Worship 9:30 AM; Sunday
School 10:30 AM, followed by youth fundraiser meal
Nov. 8: *LAST MYM AND MEAL*, Pancake/sausage at 6 PM,
Choir at 7 PM
Nov. 12: Annual Budget Meeting following a noon meal
Nov. 26: Hanging of the Greens 5:30, followed by Tasting Bee

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

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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 will be Mission Sunday at **Eden Mennonite Church** with West Zion, Eden and First Mennonite participating. Pastor Brad will bring the message. Worship begins at 9:30 AM and all are invited to Sunday School at 10:30 AM. The FEWZ youth group will serve a noon meal at Eden; free will donations will be accepted for the meal.

2. Interested in learning more about what our church believes, or becoming a member of West Zion? Pastor Brad is planning to lead a study of the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective* this winter. Talk to him for more information.

3. Diaper Shower for Brett and Holly on Friday, Nov. 3rd at 7PM in the WZ church basement. Join us as we reveal baby's gender and enjoy some snacks together! You can bring diapers or wipes. Please RSVP to Lici at [620-386-4194](tel:620-386-4194).

4. The budget meeting will be Sunday, November 12. A potluck meal will be held immediately after morning worship followed by the Annual Budget meeting. For households with only one person, a single dish for the potluck meal is fine.

5. The gifts discernment surveys have been distributed and are in your church mailbox. Please return to Pastor Brad or the secretary's mailbox by October 29.

6. 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 money donated will be used to purchase needed items. Relief kits are urgently needed by MCC due to the many natural disasters recently.

General Announcements

7. Halstead First Mennonite (427 W. 4th St) is hosting their mission supper on Saturday, November 11 from 5-7 PM. Donations go to Halstead Neighbors Store and missionaries Dan and Kathryn Smith-Derksen and Juanita and Francisco Machado.

8. The third concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Molly Venter and Goodnight Moonshine, will be on Friday, November 10th at 7 PM at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

9. Bethel College announcements: 1) A lecture by Brad Born on Pat Barker's novel *Regeneration* will be given today at 3 PM at Kauffman Museum. Born is professor of English at Bethel College, and the novel is set during World War I; 2) The next Bird Walk at Kauffman Museum will be Saturday, Nov. 4 at 8 AM. Meet in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1-1 ½ hours; 3) The Bethel College Wind Ensemble will play music by Morten Lauridsen, Derek Jenkins, Peter Meechan and William Schuman will play Nov. 4 at 7:30 PM in Memorial Hall; 4) On Sunday, Nov. 5, Bethel College Sings, featuring the Women's Chorus and the Men's Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, and Concert Choir will take place at 3 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

10. Everence® Financial will present *An overview of Medicare* which will go over what's covered (and what's not), enrollment deadlines and plans that supplement Medicare. This will take place at 6:30 PM on Nov. 6. *Retirement income strategy* will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. It will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 2 and Dec. 4. All seminars will be at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at [316 283-3800](tel:3162833800), [877 467-7294](tel:8774677294) or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

11. Many families face the high cost of long-term care at some point, and most of the costs are not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. Everence® is presenting a seminar, *Current strategies for long-term care*, at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Court, Newton. Information will focus on handling costs of long-term care without wiping out your life savings. Coffee and desserts will be served. Please RSVP by Nov. 9 to Sandy Popp at [620 662-7900](tel:6206627900) or sandy.popp@everence.com.

12. Ten Thousand Village/Fair Trade International Gift Festival is coming to Newton November 24-25 and December 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 from 10 AM-5 PM at Prairie Harvest in Newton. On Sundays December 3, 10 and 17, hours will be from 1-4 PM.

13. You're invited to Lunch & Learn at MCC on Thursday, November 9 and hear host Doug Hostetter, director of the MCC United Nations office, and Thien Phoc, an intern from Vietnam, speak on the Vietnam War. They will speak on "Living Peace in Time of War: Reflections on MCC service in the war zone during the Vietnam War", sharing about MCC's work in post-war Vietnam. Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. Please RSVP by Nov. 6 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316-283-2720. Go to mcc.org/lunch-learn for more information.

14. The Worship and Arts Symposium presents the weekend activities entitled "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," which will feature special guest presenter Ted Swartz. It will take place November 18 and 19 at Bethel College and features Swartz's performance of "Slightly Left of Normal", a Festival choir for all interested singers, and the Kansas premier production of "Discovery: A Comic Lament" produced by Ted & Co. Theaterworks on Sunday, November 19 at Faith Mennonite Church. All interested singers may join the evening worship celebration Nov. 18 in Memorial Hall with a rehearsal from 5-6:30 PM and supper provided. The service begins at 7:30. Please contact Dr. William Eash at weash@bethelks.edu to reserve your place in the choir. For more information about the Worship and the Arts Symposium, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts. The Worship Team will cover costs for those who wish to attend, contact Pastor Brad or Gerry Major to register.

Attendance: Worship Service: 81
Attendance at West Zion Concert: 191

Prayer Concerns

Family and friends of Aletha Dugan, who passed away last Sunday.

Mason Dyck, Jan's grandson, recovering after shoulder surgery after sustaining a football injury.

Melanie Krehbiel and her husband, Jason, at the death of their son.

Jamie and family--people Karen connected to through CarePortal

Becky Pohl, who is back at Wesley Hospital undergoing further treatment for gastrointestinal issues.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Country School, an English-language academy in Spain founded by Brian and Noelia Fox, is starting its fifth year of classes this month. Pray for the Fox family, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they help their students grow in faith as well as intellectually.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations supporting immigrants in their communities and families, and for those who offer immigration-related training and resources.

Wish "**Happy Birthday**" to:

October 29: Waylon Hayes, Carl Duffman

November 1: Eric Loganbill

November 2: Aline Bachman, Byron Schrag