

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *You are my help and my deliverer. (Psalm 70:5)*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle Mateo Roth

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

Announcements

Choral call to worship *Thanks Be to God* Chancel Choir

Call to Worship Psalm 70
Hasten O God, to save me / **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song** *A mighty fortress is our God* HWB # 165

Scripture Ezra 7:1-10 Sharon Gehring

Choral anthem *Thanks and Blessings Flow* Chancel Choir

Message "A Heart for God's Word" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *Had God brought us out* STS # 96

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *I want to walk as a child of the light* STJ #95

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

***please stand if able*

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

Greeters: Dale and Elda Jantzen

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

Sermon Notes

A Heart for God's Word
Ezra 7:1-10

Theme

God's word forms us to be God's people.

Key Verse

(Ezra 7:10) Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.

Notes

A Prayer

God who speaks, grant us hunger and excitement and diligence for your word.

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

Sunday, November 19, 2017

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Greeters: Leon & Virginia Guhr **Scripture:** Wynona Becker
Message: Pastor Brad **Candle lighter:** Elijah Roth
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Today: Annual Budget Meeting following a noon meal
Nov. 18: Choir 7 PM, Church Council 8 PM
Nov. 19: Deacon election, potluck and sharing by Jennifer Kaufman on MCC experiences
Nov. 26: Hanging of the Greens 5:30, followed by Tasting Bee
Dec 17: Game night in WZ basement, 6-8 pm

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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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.
Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. The Annual Budget meeting will be this afternoon following a potluck meal.
2. Deacon election is scheduled for November 19 during morning worship.
3. Join us on November 19 for a potluck and time to hear from Jennifer Kaufman about her year-long mission assignment in Bolivia with Mennonite Central Committee.
4. Join us on December 17 for a game night from 6-8 PM in the West Zion basement.
5. The Associated Ministries of Moundridge will be selling coffee this Christmas season to help support the seven ministries within our organization. The specialty coffee was raised in Honduras on a farm owned by the family of Moundridge native Julia Niehage Williams. Both whole bean and ground coffee will be available in a booth at the Craft Fair of the Christmas Open House in Greer Auditorium on November 18. Order forms will be available for purchases after that event.
6. As we approach the holidays this season it is time to think about those who are struggling with needs of all kinds. The Moundridge Food Pantry gives out boxes of food twice a month to those in need. In the last quarter (July, August, and September) we served 237 people. In 2016 during this same time we served 173 people. This is up 37%. This increase in clients is a strain on our budget and presents a possible shortage of food in the next year. Our community has been very generous in the past and we hope we can count on you to continue with your support of food items and monetary donations. For more information, contact Marge Goering at 620-345-2444.

General Announcements

7. Offender Victim Ministries will present "Issues of Adolescence: Understanding, Communicating and Connecting" by Roxanne Emmert Davis, Parent/Adolescent Mediator & Trainer. This workshop will be Saturday, November 18 in McPherson and will benefit

Offender/Victim Ministry volunteers, potential volunteers, and all adults who want to improve communication with teens. Flyers with more information are in the foyer.

8. All area churches are invited to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk, focusing on the theme "The Prairie Sleeps" at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on November 24 & 25, and December 1 & 2. Admission to the event is \$6 for Adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 15, or advanced tickets can be purchased at dyckarboretum.org or at the Arboretum office for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3 to 12. Performances by local groups will include children's author Jane Kurtz reading her new book, "Planet Jupiter" at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 24, Angel Feet Dance Studio at 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 25, and the Newton Community Children's Choir at 6 and 7 p.m. Friday, December 1. December 2nd will be FAMILY NIGHT, with free admission for accompanied children 12 and under, face painting, crafts, storytelling and hay rack rides. Volunteers are also still needed! Call 620-327-8127 or visit previous email for more information.
9. First Mennonite Church in McPherson will be hosting a German Supper December 2nd, 2017 from 4:30-7 PM. This will be a free will donation dinner. We will be serving venison with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, bohne beroggi, zweiback, and cherry moos. In addition to the dinner, we will be having a bake sale of poppy seed rolls, peppernuts, and a variety of other goodies. The church is at 1161 E Ave A (corner of Maxwell and Ave A).
10. Plan now to attend the 39th annual Christmas Carol-Along on Thursday, December 7, 2017, 6-8pm at the McPherson Opera House. This is an informal, come-and-go event for the whole family. Enjoy singing songs of the Season with your friends and neighbors without standing out in the cold weather! There will be brief appearances by local groups, including the McPherson Community Brass Choir, Elyria Christian High School Choir, Soderstrom Elementary School-1st & 2nd Grade, and Handbells by Kendra Flory. Enjoy some refreshments and a visit from Santa. No admission is charged.
11. Sexual Abuse Prevention Training at the MCC Center will be held on November 16, at 6:30 PM entitled "Offenders in the Church: Who

They Are and How They Operate.” Charissa Sloan Dvorak, attorney and investigator for GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in Christian Environments) will give a presentation based on her experience prosecuting abuse cases and her extensive knowledge of sexual offenders. For information about the workshop or to register call 316-587-7244 or email kathywiens59@gmail.com. This training is free and open to the public. Registration is helpful, but don’t let that stop you from coming.

12. Ten Thousand Village/Fair Trade International Gift Festival is coming to Newton November 24-25 and December 1-2, 8-9, and 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. Bethel College announcements can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

Prayer Concerns

The Pohl family, at Becky’s passing

Larson prayer requests: 1) For the right person to provide leadership for a new social media outreach ministry that is much needed; 2) for their time in the Gulf and Egypt with their primary ministry teams; 3) for Wayne to learn how to pace himself during intensive trips; 4) and to praise God for creative team that has produced 52 new short videos.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

For the past months, Connie and Dennis Byler have been visiting congregations in the United States. Pray for them as they return to Spain for the final weeks of their 45-year ministry through Mennonite Mission Network and as they continue to share the gospel in “retirement” in Spain.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as they meet next week, and in their support of church planters and emerging congregations in WDC.

Wish “**Happy Birthday**” to:

November 14: Boyd Bachman

November 15: Janelle Brunner

November 16: Ryan Dyck

Wish “**Happy Anniversary**” to:

November 16: Clark & Connie Graber