

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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During the prelude we invite you to prepare your heart for worship by meditating on the words for silent meditation which are taken from the psalm for the day.

Words for silent meditation: *I love the LORD, for he heard my voice (Psalm 116:1).*

Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 116:1-9
 I will walk before the Lord / **in the land of the living.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**
 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB # 37
 Immortal, invisible God only wise HWB # 70

Special Music *Don't laugh at me* Mike Flavin
 The touch of the Master's Hand
 (musical setting by Mike Flavin)

Scripture Esther 4 Karen Loganbill

Message "Right Here, Right Now" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *Be thou my vision* HWB # 545

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *We will follow* STS # 40

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

****please stand if able**
Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, S&R-green hardbound

Hearing assistance devices are available on request at sound desk.

Greeter(s): Larry and Karen Loganbill
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Sermon Notes

Right Here, Right Now
Esther 4

Theme
God speaks to us through our circumstances.

Key Verse
(Esther 4:14) And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?

Notes

A Prayer

Lord of time and space, who brings new possibilities into being out of the turns of human life, grant us to respond to your leading wherever we find ourselves

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

Come and See Sunday, September 23, 2018

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad Roth **Scripture:** Connie Graber
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeter(s): Frances Neufeld **Music:** Children's Choir
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler
Noon lunch

Coming Events

Today: Congregational vote on new term for Pastor Brad
Evangelism workshop 6:30-7:30 PM
Sept. 19: Children's choir practice 6:30-7 PM
Sept. 23: Come and See Sunday, 130-year celebration of WZ
Children's Choir sings, meal, bring side or dessert
Sept. 26: MYM, Meal 6-6:30 PM, Chancel Choir 7-8 PM
Sept. 30: Safe Sanctuary and Circles of Grace workshop
following worship, pizza lunch served
Oct. 7: West Zion Concert at 7 PM
Oct. 26: MCC Meat Canning event
Oct. 26-27: Dallas, TX: WDC Year of Evangelism event: "Telling
the Jesus Story"
Nov. 11: Noon meal and Budget meeting, Deacon vote
Nov. 25: Mission Sunday at Eden Mennonite, speaker Byron
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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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West Zion Announcements

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

1. Chancel Choir will begin practicing again on Wednesday, September 26 from 7-8 PM. All voices are invited to join! The choir typically sings the 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings during worship.
2. The desk in the Visual Arts room will be moved to the secretary's office and the current desk in the secretary's office will be available for a donation to the church. If you are interested in this desk, talk to one of the Trustees.
3. A short note as well as a new mailing address can be found from former pastors John and Marcia Yoder-Schrock on the foyer bulletin board.
4. Moundridge Youth Ministries and meals will begin again at West Zion on Wednesday, September 26. If you are interested in helping with meals, please talk to Connie Kaufman.
5. The Moundridge Food Pantry (located at the NW door of the Moundridge Senior Center - 100 North Schmidt) requests your help for those less fortunate. Please consider providing the following items: Canned meat (tuna, chicken, turkey), cans of fruit, vegetables, soups, pork & beans as well as other canned beans, instant potatoes, cereal, dry milk, saltine crackers, peanut butter, macaroni, other pasta, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. A labeled box is in the foyer for these donations as well as a list of items needed. We also accept checks (to the Moundridge Food Bank) and those can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for helping our community! Lory Fisher
6. Gifts Discernment Team will collect nominations for deacon on September 16. Karen Loganbill is leaving the Deacon Team and is not currently eligible for another term. Be in prayer about who our next deacon should be. The vote for deacon will be held on November 11.
7. Join us this evening for an evangelism workshop 6:30-7:30 PM. Let's hone our skills for sharing our faith as we prepare for Come and See Sunday!

8. "Come and See Sunday" is next Sunday. Invite friends and new people in your neighborhood to "come and see" how we spread the word of Gods' love. **Bring a side dish OR dessert to share** at the noon fried chicken and mashed potatoes meal. We will also be celebrating 130 years of God's faithfulness that Sunday and you are invited to use the invitations by the mailboxes to mail or give to West Zion alumni. Please be in prayer for this event.

9. Join us on September 30 immediately following worship for a Safe Sanctuary and Circles of Grace workshop led by Kathy Neufeld Dunn, our WDC Conference Minister. This workshop is mandatory for anyone who teaches children's Sunday School or works with children at West Zion. (Talk to Pastor Brad if you need to make alternate arrangements). We will review our Safe Sanctuary policy and redo reference and background checks. Pizza lunch will be provided.

General Announcements

10. Everence, alongside 14 sponsoring agencies, will host a workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6:30-8:30 PM. Topics will include the spiritual call to generosity and intentional planning, tax and estate planning tools, and insights into planning a move to a life plan community. Speakers include Michele Hershberger, attorney Cynthia Wiens, Arlan Yoder CPA, and reps from Bluestem communities. This workshop will take place at The Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct, Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Sandy Popp at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or sandy.popp@everence.com
11. A sloppy joe lunch and bake sale will be at Pine Village Friday, September 21 from 11-6 p.m. Lunch will be served 11 AM to 1 PM in the Wellness Center. Take home boxes will be available and pie-by-the-slice will now be offered (\$2.25 per slice). A small item garage sale will also be featured from 11-6 PM in the Wellness Center. All proceeds from all Benefit Day events go towards a total kitchen renovation. Your continued support is always greatly appreciated!
12. The worst monsoon flooding in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. MCC is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at mcc.org/india-flooding; by phone 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

13. See the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play in Bavaria, Germany in 2020. Join tour host Pastor Weldon Martens of Grace Hill Mennonite Church on a ten-day tour to Germany, France, and Switzerland August 15-25, 2020. The Passion Play first held in 1634 is held every ten years. We will see the Swiss Alps, the Black Forest, German Castles, and enjoy a Rhine River Cruise. Daily devotions led by Pastor Weldon. The tour is limited to 25 travelers. See the tour brochure and register at www.travelwithweldon.com or contact Pastor Weldon at weldon.martens@gmail.com or 402-202-9276.

14. Tonight the Moundridge United Methodist Church will be having a fundraiser for Ginger and Allen Seeber's grandson, Savian. This is their daughter RaKelle's little boy. He has a rare genetic disorder which will require doctor's care for the rest of his life. A meal will begin at 5:00 PM. A family friendly Christian movie begins at 6:00 PM. All proceeds will be given to Savian and his family.

15. M-2 Prison Visitation Volunteers: At Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be on Monday, Sept. 17 at 12:00pm at HCF or Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm at Bethel College Mennonite. For questions, contact Ben Kreider at ben@offendervictimministries.org or 316-281-5244.

16. Hesston and Bethel Colleges have begun school again! Their announcements can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

Prayers for Joys and Concerns

Carl's cousin Ron undergoing hip replacement.

Elda, struggling with some pain as she continues cancer treatment.

Donna's friends the Craig Andres family at the death of their son Isaiah.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for church planters in WDC, as they seek to nurture the seeds of new communities of faith.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Brian and Noelia Fox and their daughters, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are beginning another school year in Spain. Pray for the girls as they relate to classmates, and for Brian and Noelia as they work with parents and students in the English school they established.

Mission Mosaic in the pew

Elena Buckwalter, Bryli & Aaron Steckly with Journey International in Peru, pg 45



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

September 16: Brett Koehn, Kelly Jantz

September 17: Jaime Hollingsworth

September 18: Will Kaufman

September 21: Rod Gehring, John D. Toews

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:

Sept. 20: Rhonda & Jon James