

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: *The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes (Psalm 19:8).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 19 (HWB # 813)

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**

God is here among us HWB # 16
O Power of Love HWB # 593

Scripture Philippians 1:3-11 Donna Stucky

Message "Can I Know God?" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *Who has known the mind of Jesus?* STJ # 58

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Great is thy faithfulness* HWB # 327

****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): Dan Pohl
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Thank you to Gene, Amy, and Bo Bachman for choosing two of their favorite hymns for this morning: Great is thy faithfulness and O Power of Love.

Sermon Notes

Can I Know God?
Philippians 1:3-11

Theme

We know God through Jesus.

Key Verse

(Philippians 1:9) And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.

Notes

A Prayer

Almighty and infinite God who reaches down to be with your people, lead us daily into depth of life with you.

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

World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018

9:30 AM: Sunday School
Message: Pastor Brad Roth
Worship Leader: Geneva Wedel
Greeter(s): Ken Stucky
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Scripture: Harvey Thiessen
Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

Today: Safe Sanctuary and Circles of Grace workshop following worship, pizza lunch served
Oct. 3: Men's Bible Study at AG360 6:30-7:30 AM, MYM, Pancake meal 6-6:30, Choir 7:00
Oct. 7: Communion in worship, West Zion Concert at 7 PM
Oct. 10: Men's Bible Study at AG360 6:30-7:30 AM, MYM, Chicken casserole meal, 6-6:30, Choir 7:00
Oct. 11: Christian Homemaker work night
Oct. 14: West Zion picnic 5:00 PM at Lohrenz farm
Oct. 17: Men's Bible Study at AG360 6:30-7:30 AM, MYM, Tator tot casserole 6-6:30, Choir 7:00
Oct. 20: SPACE meets at 9:00 AM
Oct. 24: MYM, Taco meal 6-6:30, Choir 7:00
Oct. 26-27: Dallas, TX: WDC Year of Evangelism event: "Telling the Jesus Story"
Oct. 29: MCC Meat Canning event
Nov. 11: Noon meal and Budget meeting, Deacon vote
Nov. 25: Mission Sunday at Eden Mennonite, speaker Byron Pellecer

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. Next Sunday, we'll be celebrating communion. Let's prepare our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord at his table.
2. Join us immediately following worship for a Safe Sanctuary and Circles of Grace workshop led by Kathy Neufeld Dunn. This workshop is mandatory for anyone who teaches children's Sunday School or works with children at West Zion. A pizza lunch is provided.
3. The West Zion Concert Series continues next Sunday, October 7 at 7 PM. Featured performers are: Josué & Diego Dick, violinists; Open Road, Bethel College men's ensemble; Sunflower Trio, Matthew Schloneger, tenor, Rebecca Schloneger, violin, Ken Rodgers, keyboard; Ken Rodgers, organ; and Donna Stucky, piano. A free-will offering will be received and refreshments will be served.
4. Many thanks to everyone who helped make Come and See Sunday and our 130-Year Anniversary celebration a success! It takes the whole congregation to cook, invite neighbors, plan, serve, and pray as we do God's work together. - The Mission Team (Carl, Crysta, Geneva, Brad)
5. A note from Christine Waltner to West Zion can be found on the bulletin board.
6. At the beginning of the gospels, Jesus asked "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38). Join us over the coming weeks as we look at five big questions of human life: Why do bad things happen to good people? (10/7) Where is the world headed? (10/14) What happens when we die? (10/28) We'll explore how Jesus' life and teaching shed light on our deepest questions. **What are you looking for?**
7. **Wednesday evening activities have begun!** Moundridge Youth Ministries serves K-4th at 5:45 and adults are served from 6-6:30 pm at West Zion. The meal to be served will be listed in Coming Events in the bulletin. Chancel Choir practices from 7-8 PM.
8. Join us for a fall men's Bible study, starting **October 3, 6:30-7:30 AM @ Ag360** in their Conference Room (101 N Christian downtown).

We'll be diving into the practical faith of the Letter of James.
Questions? Talk to Pastor Brad.

9. Join us on October 14th, 5:00 PM, for our **annual church picnic at Phil and Lorene's!** We'll provide hot dogs, buns, smores, and drinks. Bring table service for your family, a lawn chair, roasting sticks (if you have some), side dish OR chips. Talk to Pastor Brad if you need a ride. **Directions to the Lohrenz farm:** 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.
10. Christian Homemakers' project is **collecting all kinds of used greeting cards.** Please include the entire card and the useable parts will be cut for use. They will be sent to the St. Jude's Children's Ranch to be used for certain projects. There is a box on the shelf in the lobby.
11. The desk from the secretary's office is available to take home for a donation to the church. It is now sitting in the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested in this desk, talk to one of the Trustees.
12. Christian Homemakers are sponsoring the **collection of items for relief kits for MCC** during the month of October. A list of items can be found in the foyer. You may bring items or a monetary donation anytime during the month of October. Homemakers will purchase items to complete the kits with the monetary donations. On November 8th we will be putting the relief kits together at the MCC center in North Newton. This is a great need for MCC at this time.
13. The **Moundridge Food Pantry** (located at the NW door of the Moundridge Senior Center - 100 North Schmidt) requests your help for those less fortunate. A list of items needed can be found by the labeled box in the foyer. 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

General Announcements

14. Comforter Mini Blitz **October 12 and 13:** If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter! Join in the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event at MCC in North Newton. Bring your friends and family, all ages are welcome. Friday, October 12, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, October 13, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Before you know it, you'll have helped to spread

warmth and love around the world! Check out mcc.org/comforter-mini-blitz for more details or contact katemast@mcc.org.

15. MennoMedia needs your help to make the new Voices Together hymnal a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and MCC U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that Voices Together will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Give at VoicesTogetherHymnal.org.

16. Join MCC and Bethel College in the Loss of Turtle Island as an alternative way to recognize Columbus Day on Monday, October 8 at 7 p.m. to 8:30 PM at Bethel College's Memorial Hall in North Newton, Kansas. This event is free and open to the public. Questions, contact karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org.

17. The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, October 2, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. The program, "Caregivers Carousel," will focus on the ups and downs of care giving and care receiving, sometimes referred to as partnering. Presenters include Susie Wickiser, member, Debra Voth, MSW, and Wanda Black from the Department of Aging.

18. "Anabaptist History: Trachselwald Castle and Other Events in the Emmental" is the topic at the next Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) fall banquet on Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 PM by speakers Don and Joanne Hess Siegrist. Dinner is \$20 per plate and will be held at Bethel College. RSVP by phone or text to Barbara Stucky at 620-386-0186 before Friday, October 12.

19. Everence® will offer its popular retirement workshop, Your Medicare options, on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, Kansas. Refreshments will be served. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

20. Hesston and Bethel College announcements can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

Prayers for Joys and Concerns

Mary Graber, dealing with pneumonia.

Clark Graber, recovering after a surgery.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, and pray that it would be a source of inspiration, growth and learning throughout the conference.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, is made up of Brayden Thomas, Jasmin Tente, Jessica Porr, Max Janzen, and leader Monica Miller. Pray for them as they help expand the ministry of Prince of Peace Mennonite Church.

Mission Mosaic in the pew

Hannah Donoghue, Molly Heusinkveld, Mary Chamblee, Madison Neimer, & Luke Harmon with DOOR in Chicago, pg 49



We wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to:

September 30: Tim Hill

October 3: Randy Kessler, Kathryn Hayes

October 6: Kay Vieyra, J.B. Huxman