

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob (Psalm 81:1).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

"But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.

O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes. Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**

All people that on earth do dwell HWB 42
God of our strength HWB 36

Scripture Jonah 3 Carla Stucky

Message "Who Knows?" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *Safe in the arms of Jesus* Bulletin insert

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Move in our midst* HWB 418

****Benediction**

****Postlude** ****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Jan Dyck
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

"I chose for us to sing 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus' today because the song was meaningful to Elda and me when our great-granddaughter Emery Grace – born to Hannah and Kyle Preston in June 2018 – lived only two days. Emery was dearly loved; she looked perfect but was born with half a heart (Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome). Seven months later Elda joined Emery in heaven and may be rocking her now, both 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus.'" – Dale Jantzen

Sermon Notes

Who Knows?
Jonah 3

Theme - Turn to God and live.

Key Verse - Jonah 3:9 Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.

Notes

A Prayer

Merciful God who responds to repentance by turning from your fierce anger, have mercy on your people.

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

Sunday, September 8, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Vicky Kessler **Scripture:** Harvey Thiessen
Greeter(s): Norman Funk
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler
Congregational picture immediately following worship

Coming Events

Today: Sunday School begins again 9:30 AM
Sept. 4: Chancel Choir organizational meeting 7:00 PM
Sept. 8: Evangelism workshop 9:30 AM during SS hour,
 congregational picture taken after worship
Sept. 15: Come and See Sunday, meal following
Sept. 18: Moundridge Youth Ministries and meals begin, will
 be held on Wednesdays through November 6 at WZ
Sept. 29: Church Picnic at the Lohrenz farm
Nov. 10: Meal and Annual Budget Meeting
Nov. 17: Joint Mission Sunday at Eden Mennonite 9:30 AM

Our Mission: God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. Our annual **Come and See Sunday** is Sept. 15! We'll celebrate a special worship service followed by a catered fried chicken meal with all the fixin's! This is a great time to reach out and invite a friend or neighbor who doesn't have a church home to *come and see* what the good news of the gospel is all about. Pastor Brad will be starting a brand new teaching series on living a life of joy. There are special postcards in the foyer that you can use as an invitation.
2. A **congregational picture** will be taken on Sunday, September 8 immediately following church.
3. Join us on September 8, 9:30 AM (during the Sunday School hour) for an **evangelism workshop!** Let's refresh our evangelistic edge as we think about inviting friends and neighbors for Come and See Sunday on September 15.
4. This evening September 1 is the **softball game and home run derby** at Grasshopper Field in Moundridge to show support for Lorie, Lynn, Noah and Kate Eichelberger. A free will donation supper begins at 5:00 and the softball game and home run derby follow.
5. **Moundridge Youth Ministries and meals** begin again on Wednesday, September 18 and will meet on Wednesdays through Nov. 6. Please let Connie Kaufman know if you are willing to continue working with a meal group. New volunteers are always welcome!
6. The **Library Committee** (Gerry Major and Carla Stucky) is in need of another person to help manage the library. If you are interested, talk with Gerry or Carla, thanks!
7. It's not too late! You can still register for the **2019 Women & Girls' Retreat** September 6-8 at Camp Mennoscah (there will be a \$10 late fee). There are many fun things to choose from; Bible study, art, yoga, mental health and spirituality, or free time! Registration forms are available in the foyer. Tammy Duvenal Unruh will speak on the topic of Fearless!
8. On Sunday September 29 (change of date) the West Zion **Church Picnic** will be held at the Lohrenz farm. Watch this space for details!

9. **New in the library!** *A Family Torn Apart* by Justina Neufeld which is a biography on one family's flight from Soviet Ukraine in the early years of World War II; *Understanding Your Grief* which talks about the ten essential touchstones for finding hope and healing your heart by Alan Wolfelt; and *When Helping Hurts* by Corbett and Fikkert on how to alleviate poverty without hurting the poor and yourself.

General Announcements

10. The Moundridge Senior Center **Annual Benefit Fish Fry** will be Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center. The menu is fried fish, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, homemade pie/ice cream. The proceeds for the fish fry will go towards the purchase of window coverings for the entrance doors and funds to complete ongoing renovation projects. Free will donations are appreciated and everyone is welcome. Come support your local Senior Center!
11. Look for **Bethel College, KIPCOR and Kauffman Museum** announcement on the bulletin board.
12. **MDS has an urgent need** for volunteers this fall, due to a rise in natural disasters and inclement weather delays this spring. We are thankful for the many leadership volunteers who have stepped up to help this season but also need the help of our weekly volunteers in Texas, South Dakota, California and more. "As I think of the thousands of pairs of hands that respond, rebuild and restore homes after a disaster, I am grateful." Kevin King, Executive Director for MDS. For more information or to serve please visit mds.mennonite.net or call 1-800-241-8111.
13. **Everence®** will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.
14. Kidron Bethel **Parkinson's Support Group** will meet Tuesday, September 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Marwa Buser, PharmD, BCPS, will give an overview of Parkinson's Disease including medications. All are welcome.

15. The **bluegrass group Kilometer 81** in concert on Monday, September 2 at 7:30 pm at the Moundridge High School auditorium. Free admission but donations will be accepted for the Arts Council (make checks out to Moundridge Arts Council). Kilometer 81 is the Ken Regier family from Newton and includes Matt Graber who is the Moundridge music teacher.

16. The Pine Village annual **Benefit Day Auction and Dinner** will be Thursday, October 24. If you are interested in donating an item or service for the auction, please have it delivered to Pine Village by September 20. The online auction begins October 1 at www.pinevillageks.org/benefitday. Financial contributions are welcome as well and can be done online at the same website.

17. The annual **MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Nigeria. A brochure can be found on the foyer bulletin board. If you would like to contribute, make your check payable to MCC with "Flatlander Bike Ride" in the memo line. Send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

18. **Get involved with something BIG – record breaking BIG!** MCC is celebrating our 100th anniversary and attempting to collect 6,500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter on January 18, 2020 (mark your calendars now!). We are looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community. Contact Kate Mast at 316.283.2720 or katemast@mcc.org for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket – it's a message of love and compassion.

19. **Comforter Mini Blitz, September 27 & 28 at MCC in North Newton!** If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter! Come and join in the fun at this come-and-go event. Bring your friends and family! Hours for the event are Sept. 27 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 28 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find out more at mcc.org/comforter-blitz. Questions, contact katemast@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

West Zion Joys & Concerns

Gerry's nephew Kent and her sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Paul

Give thanks for the birth of Maria Cabrini Sinak, great-granddaughter of Chet Koehn and granddaughter of Lyle and Joyce Koehn!

Pray for *Come and See Sunday*, that God would use it to connect new people to the gospel and church! Because *Come and See Sunday* is 9/15, Mission Team invites you to **pause every day at 9:15 to pray for this special day of outreach.**

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for all who gather at the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, and give thanks for women and girls who lead and participate in so many creative ways in WDC congregations.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Ruben Fellmann, Carissa Mast, Delia Mielke, and Cindy Headings (unit leader) make up Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs. Pray for them as they work with people with disabilities, families in homeless situations, and affordable housing organizations.

Mission Mosaic

Peru Partners like Iglesia Cristiana Menonita, a young congregation in Iquitos, pg 44



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

September 1: Clare Galle

September 2: Ken Stucky

September 6: Alexis Koehn

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

Sept. 6: Arlen & Anne Ediger Fast