

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Sing a new song to the LORD, for he has done wonderful deeds. (Psalm 98:1)*

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 98:1-6

Sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has done wonderful deeds.

He has won a mighty victory by his power and holiness. The LORD
has announced his victory

and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!

He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The
whole earth has seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the LORD, all
the earth;

break out in praise and sing for joy!

Sing your praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and
melodious song...

Make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King!

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song** (words on screen) Praise Team
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Peace Like a River
Joys are flowing like a river
We will feast in the house of Zion

Scripture John 15:1-11 Crysta Guhr

Special music *Joy is like the rain* Jan Dyck, Carla Stucky
Pastor Brad

Message "Bundle of Joy" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *I heard the voice of Jesus say* HWB 493

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *You shall go out with joy* HWB 427

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Connie & Clark Graber
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Sermon Notes

Bundle of Joy
John 15:1-11

Theme

The way of Jesus is the way of joy.

Key Verse

(John 15:11) I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that
your joy may be complete.

Notes

A Prayer

God who created us for yourself, grant that we might experience the
joy of living and walking with you.

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

Sunday, September 22, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM: Worship Service**
Message: Pastor Brad Roth **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Daniel Kaufman
Greeter(s): Bob & Sharon Gehring
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Today: Come and See Sunday, chicken fried meal following
Sept. 18: Moundridge Youth Ministries (MYM) and meals begin,
MYM 5:45, chicken casserole meal 6-6:30 PM
Sept. 25: MYM 5:45, taco meal 6-6:30 PM
Sept. 29: Church Picnic at the Lohrenz farm 5-8 PM
Oct. 2: MYM 5:45, pancake meal 6-6:30 PM
Oct. 27: West Zion Concert 7 PM
Oct. 30: Chancel Choir begins 7 PM
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.

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.

1. **Welcome to worship!** We are glad that you're here and invite you to join us after worship for a fried chicken meal!
2. Join us for food and fellowship at our **annual church picnic** at the Lohrenz farm, September 29, 5:00-8:00 PM! The Christian Discipleship Team will provide hotdogs and chips. Bring a side or dessert to share, as well as your table service (we'll have some extra on hand, just in case). If you have yard games, bring those along too! Address: 5321 N. Golden Prairie Rd., Burrton.
3. Join **Pastor Brad for discussion on "Faith Questions"** in the adult Sunday School class 9:30-10:15 AM through November. We'll dive into some of the big questions that we all carry about the Bible, God, and life. Questions for September are:
Sept. 22 – Are angels and demons real?
Sept. 29 – Where did the Bible come from? Is the Bible reliable?
A list of all the questions can be found on the foyer bulletin board and by the Sunday School door.
4. All women are invited to **fellowship together at SPACE** (Sisters Praying and Casting Encouragement) on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9-10 AM at the church. A light breakfast is provided.
5. **Chancel Choir** will begin later in the year and the first practice will be Wednesday, October 30 from 7-8 pm. We will sing in November and December. If you enjoy singing but don't want a long commitment, this is your chance to come join us!

General Announcements

6. Pine Village's **Benefit Day Walk-a-Thon** will be Thursday, Sept. 19 from 2 – 3 PM. The community is invited to attend; the walk will kick-off at the Wellness Center. For questions contact Jenna Lehrman at 620-345-2901. There are many ways to donate, including check or cash brought into Pine Village, or online with a credit card at www.pinevillageks.org. Also, be sure to mark your calendars for the other upcoming Benefit Day events:
September 29 – Benefit Day Variety Show
October 1-24 – Benefit Day Online Auction
October 24 – Benefit Day Dinner & Live Auction

All proceeds will go toward the updating of the Gathering Place and the original Assisted Living! Your continued support is always greatly appreciated!

7. 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.
8. Everyone is invited to the 4th Annual **Community Hog Roast** on Sunday, September 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Enjoy an evening of outdoor fellowship with food, yard games and music by the Flannel Folks (Flannelbacks with wives!). A free will donation will be accepted to support Newton, Whitewater, and Potwin food banks. Grace Hill is located at 10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater. For more information, contact Pastor Weldon Martens at 402-202-9276.
9. The **Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum** will hold its Fall 2019 Lecture on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 9:30 AM. Come hear stories of bringing cattle and tractors to a starving and war-torn Europe in the 1940's. Information is on the board.
10. All singers are invited to sing in the annual **Hesston College Masterworks** performance on Saturday, November 16. This year's performance will be Song of Wisdom. Rehearsals begin October 7. For more information, go to hesston.edu/masterworks or contact Russell Adrian at russell.adrian@hesston.edu or 620-327-8143.
11. **Constitution Week** will be celebrated September 17-23 commemorating the US Constitution. The Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights. More information can be found on the bulletin board.
12. 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!

13. Looking for a way to serve as the hands and feet of God? Mennonite Central Committee has vacancies that could be just right for you! **MCC Representative(s) for Northeast Asia:** This position maintains relationships with MCC partners in Democratic People Republic of Korea and South Korea and represents MCC to churches, agencies, community groups and their leaders, and the government. **MCC Representative(s) for Ukraine:** This position provides leadership and programmatic direction to the Ukraine program. MCC Ukraine currently works in the areas of Material Resources, Education, Health, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Peace. For more information about these opportunities -- and more! -- visit serve.mcc.org!

14. **Comforter Mini Blitz 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.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 1,937.00	\$ 3,828.00
Receipts – year to date	\$100,879.71	\$108,095.47
Budget	\$162,552.00	\$158,987.00
Less: expended to date	(103,615.77)	(94,062.74)
Less: cash balance	<u>(15,400.54)</u>	<u>(34,762.11)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 43,535.69	\$ 30,162.15
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,721.00	\$ 1,885.00

West Zion Joys & Concerns

Braxton and family, Rosanne Hayes' grandson, traveling to Boston for medical treatment this weekend

Rosanne Hayes, recovering after a heart cath procedure.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for interim and transitional pastors in WDC as they provide leadership for congregations in the midst of change.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón serve the Bolivia Mennonite Church in many capacities through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they work with young congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral care, and train church leaders.

Mission Mosaic

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 18: Will Kaufman
- September 21: Rod Gehring, John D. Toews

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:

- Sept. 20: Jon & Rhonda James