

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

Vol. LV                      February 23, 2020                      No. 8

Words for silent meditation: *You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. (Psalm 145:16).*

Prelude                      *Lord's Prayer*                      Bill Froese (CD)

Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
God is kind and gracious / **He heals his people in mercy.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song**                      Donna Stucky  
*Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*                      HWB 50

Scripture                      Psalm 2                      Bonnie Kaufman  
*Don't be afraid*                      STJ 105

Scripture                      2 Peter 1:16-21

Message                      "Do Not Be Afraid"                      Pastor Kurt Horst

### Response:

Holy God, mighty and immortal,  
you are beyond our knowing,  
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,  
Transform us into a people of the love of Jesus  
so that we may share his love with all people and all creation;  
The same love you share with us in Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns forever with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering & Coins Count                      *Amazing Grace*                      Bill Froese (CD)  
*You are invited to bring coins/cash to the front to place in the  
MCC Coins Count jug. All money collected in the jug goes to the  
MCC Sale.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**                      *The Lord lift you up*                      STJ 73

**\*\*Benediction**  
**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Royce and Sandy Jantz  
Ushers: Mel Becker, Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

*Welcome to Kurt Horst! Pastor Kurt comes to us from Yoder, KS, having recently retired and moved there from Hesston where he was pastor of the Whitestone Mennonite Church for nine years. Kurt has also been a pastor and served as a Conference Minister in Pennsylvania. Kurt and his wife Elaine have three children and eight grandchildren, three of whom live in Moundridge (their daughter is Becky King, married to Derek King who is pastor at Eden Mennonite Church).*

*Thank you to Geneva Wedel for providing recordings of Bill Froese singing "Lord's Prayer" and "Amazing Grace" for our special music this morning.*

**Services are livestreamed on the West Zion  
Mennonite Facebook page.  
Sermons are online @ [westzionmc.org](http://westzionmc.org)**

## **Lent 1 Sunday, March 1, 2020**

**9:30 AM: Sunday School**      **10:30 AM: Worship Service**  
**Message:** Pastor Brad Roth      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Jim Stucky  
**Greeter(s):** Dale Jantzen  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

### **Coming Events**

Feb. 26:      Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM at AG360  
                 MYM and Tator tot casserole 6:00 PM  
                 Ash Wednesday 7-7:30 PM  
March 4:      Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM at AG360  
                 MYM and pancake/sausage meal 6:00 PM  
                 Lent gathering 7-7:30 PM  
March 11:     Last Men's Bible Study  
                 Last MYM and chicken casserole meal 6:00 PM  
                 Lent gathering 7-7:30 PM  
March 18:     Lent gathering **6:30-7 PM (note change of time)**  
                 Church Council 7 PM  
March 25:     Lent gathering 7-7:30 PM  
April 5:       Palm Sunday/Children's Sunday  
                 Holy Week Service  
April 9:       Maundy Thursday service  
April 12:      Easter Sunday  
April 17-18:   MCC Sale

**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

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838

Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

**Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:** Thurs. 9-11, 1-4 PM

Church: 620-345-8143

Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: [secretary@westzionmc.org](mailto:secretary@westzionmc.org)

Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

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

1. Join us on February 26 from 7:00-7:30 PM in the sanctuary for an **Ash Wednesday** service. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when we seek to come to God with renewed repentance and journey with Jesus on the way of the cross.

2.. **During the season of Lent** (beginning next week, March 1), Mission Team will be gathering at the front of the sanctuary for prayer following worship. Join us as we pray for the mission of our church and needs of our community!

3. Are you interested in **setting aside some time** during Lent to walk with Jesus? All are invited to gather on four Wednesdays in March from 7:00-7:30 (March 18 will be 6:30-7 PM) for simple conversation and reflection on Jesus and His journey to the cross. The first gathering is Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 pm which will be led by Carla Stucky.

4. **Thanks** for the prayers, hugs and many acts of kindness shown to our family during Bob's passing. We felt so loved. - Sharon, Rodney, Rhonda and Shawn, Zach and Connor

5. **West Zion is going live!** We are now livestreaming our entire service to the church Facebook page. This is a way to reach out to homebound individuals, the Pine Village community, and others who may wish to connect to West Zion but can't be present in service. Note that the camera will be kept focused on the stage. Please use discretion during sharing time, particularly when sharing involves medical information about another person. The sermon will also continue to be available in audio and video format on the website ([westzionmc.org](http://westzionmc.org)), usually by Tuesday afternoon. We are continuing to formulate our policy and are adding new technology. If you have question or concerns, please address those to Leon Guhr.

6. The **Moundridge Food Pantry** is looking for an individual to become its Director as they serve those families and individuals in need in our community. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Rick Krehbiel at 620-386-4147.

7. Mark your calendars for the **Western District Women in Mission Spring Supper** on Thursday, March 12 at 6 pm at Faith Mennonite

Church in Newton. The meal starts at 6 pm with the program at 7 pm. Our guest speaker, Patty Shelly, Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College, will present "My Journey through Scripture." Reservations are required by calling Darlene @ 316-323-9762 or emailing [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com). Cost is \$10 and payable at the door.

8. **For all puzzle enthusiasts!** Enjoy putting together a puzzle on a table in the foyer. The congregational puzzle put together by all of us is now on display in the foyer.

9. **Christian Homemakers** are continuing with the project of saving all greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Bring complete card and put into the box on the church foyer shelf.

## General Announcements

10. **Mennonite Mission Network** has an immediate opening for a Donor Relations Representative who will help ensure the continued financial growth and stability of the agency by expanding the donor base through a program of database phone calling and follow up. Job description at [www.MennoniteMission.net/employment](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/employment) . Send a resume to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

11. First Mennonite Church, 427 W 4th in Halstead invites everyone to their **annual verenike supper** on February 29 from 4:30-7 PM. Cost is by donation, proceeds go to service trips and projects.

12. **Hesston College Music and Theatre** will present six performances of the musical Tuck Everlasting in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. Show times are 7 p.m. March 4 - 7, with an extra 2 p.m. show on March 7, as well as a 2 p.m. showing on March 8. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students. Seating is limited so advanced ticket purchase is encouraged at [hesston.edu/bookstore](http://hesston.edu/bookstore) or by calling 620-327-8105. Tuck Everlasting is family-friendly and rated G, but due to length is recommended for ages 7 and up.

13. **You invited to join the fun at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual MCC Comforter Blitz** on March 2, 3 and 4 at Journey Mennonite Church at the Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Kansas. Blitz times are Monday and Tuesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Wednesday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC, an organization that supports the work of MCC. For more information check out [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz).

14. **Dr. James Juhnke** will be the speaker at the March 8 annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association held at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite in N. Newton. Dr. Juhnke will talk on "Mennonite Museum in Uzbekistan" and the history of the Mennonite community that lived for fifty years near the city of Khiva. The Handbell Choir of the church will provide music. Election of SMCHA officers for 2020 will be held. Refreshments will be served.

## MCC CORNER

MCC Sale on April 17 and 18  
[www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

How do I support Mennonite Central Committee?

1. Bring **loose change** each Sunday and drop in the coin collection jug during offering.
2. Place a **check** in the offering plate (written to West Zion, with MCC in memo line)
3. Participate in the **Run for Relief** (which also has a lot of walk-ers!) by signing up online or filling out a registration form in the foyer by April 1.
4. **Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)** and click on Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.
5. **Attend** BC Concert Choir and Hesston College Bel Canto Singers for joint concert Sunday Feb. 23 at 7 PM at Alexanderwohl Mennonite near Goessel. An offering will go towards MCC.
6. Join MCC for an **evening of celebration** on Feb. 29 at 7:30 pm at Tabor College in Hillsboro. Bid on silent auction items and enjoy a program celebrating MCC's past 100 years.
7. **Sign up** for monthly highlights from MCC's 100 stories for 100 years! Explore images and stories from MCC's work by going to [mcc.org/centennial/100-stories/email](http://mcc.org/centennial/100-stories/email) to sign up.
8. **Make something** to donate to the MCC Sale! And be sure to attend on April 17 and 18!

### West Zion Joys and Concerns

Wynona and Jerry Becker will be moving to Pine Village

Gene Bachman on the death of his sister, Carolyn Voran, and his recent successful surgery for a blocked artery

### Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for church planters and emerging congregations in WDC, that God would bring growth to the seeds of faithful witness in their communities.

### Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo live out the good news of Jesus Christ in Cambodia, a Buddhist country. Pray for them as they teach at all levels, from informal classes for children to the university level, and as they help provide leadership for a multicultural congregation.

### Mission Mosaic

Mark and Stephanie Bartsch in Kobe, Japan, pg 6



We wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to:  
February 24: Kirk Stucky  
February 27: Richard Huxman

***We're calling 2020 the Year of Celebration!** It's a time to reflect on God's blessing and mercy in our individual lives and life together as the church – and celebrate!*