

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart! (Psalm 138:1a).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements *(Pastor Brad will make announcements from the pulpit. If you have an announcement, please get it to him before the service.)*

Call to Worship

****Celebrating in song** *(We encourage you to wear a mask while singing to avoid potential virus broadcast.)*

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness STS 1
Jesus, be the center STS 31*

Scripture Matthew 6:9-13, CEV

Message "This Is My Daily Bread" (Ask) Pastor Brad

Offering *(As we continue to deal with the threat of COVID-19, offering will be received in the basket on the back table to avoid passing the offering plates.)*

Song for Meditation "Breathe" by Michael W Smith
(words on the screen)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns *(During this time, we will not be passing the mic. Please communicate joys and concerns to Pastor Brad ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-4838 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar).*

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *Somebody prayed for me* (vss.1-3) STS 120

**Benediction

**Postlude *(Please exit back-to-front and practice social distancing. We encourage you to go outside and spread out if you would like to connect and chat.)*

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Dan Pohl
Ushers: Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

"This Is My Daily Bread" (Ask)
Matthew 6:9-13, CEV

Theme

When we pray, we ask God for what we need.

Key Verse

(Matthew 6:11) Give us our food for today.

Notes

A Question

Are there things that hold you back from believing God answers prayer? What are they?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
Streaming license # 20084674

Christian Discipleship Sunday, August 30, 2020

9:30 AM: Breakfast served

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Message: Pastor Brad

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Scripture: Connie Graber

Greeter(s): Jim & Joanne Stucky

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Coming Events

- Aug. 29: Aug. 30 bulletin will be completed & printed
Aug. 30: CDT Sunday, breakfast served outside at 9:30 AM
Sept. 6: Sunday School begins!
Sept. 8: Christian Homemakers planning mtg 7:00 PM at WZ

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

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Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Our “Return to Worship” plan** to keep everyone safe as we gather can be found on the West Zion website. As always, church council will carefully monitor updates from federal, state, and county officials and make changes as necessary. Masks are available at the front door if you forget yours. **Please text Pastor Brad at 620-386-4838 if you have a joy, concern, or announcement you would like shared during worship.**

2. **Join us for CDT Breakfast, August 30 at 9:30 AM!** We'll share cinnamon rolls and egg casserole. In order to keep everyone safe, we'll sit outside the front of the church and spread out. Come to celebrate growing as disciples of Jesus and hear about fall Sunday School plans!

3. **Sunday School for all ages begins September 6!** K-6 will meet in the ramp room or outside as weather allows. Grades 7-12 will meet in the youth room. The adult class will be taught by Pastor Brad and will spread out in the fellowship hall and also be available online.

4. Pastor Brad is calling our fall adult Sunday School: **“Letters to a Weary Church.”** We'll look at passages from the New Testament letters that deal with the complex emotions (weariness, fear, anxiety, and many more) a lot of us are going through right now. What are the letters God is writing to his contemporary weary church? What letter is He writing to you?

5. **Pastor Brad will be out** after church this afternoon (8/23) through Wednesday afternoon for a quick family getaway to Colorado. Contact Sharon Gehring (620-386-0379) for any care needs during that time. Carla Stucky will be on vacation Aug. 23-28. The Aug. 30 bulletin will be completed and printed on Saturday, Aug. 29.

General Announcements

6. **The Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for August 28 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at a new location, the **West Zion Mennonite Church**. Please enter through the west doors only. For an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your

support and for questions, call Denise at 620-386-0112 or email hdstucky@mtelco.net.

7. **Women's Retreat 2020:** And now for something completely different! After much discussion and prayer, the Retreat Committee has decided not to meet in person at Camp Mennoscah this year. We will miss all of you and the energy and joy you bring to camp. However, **we WILL gather virtually on Saturday night, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom for a worship service.** Our goal is to connect to and encourage each other through Christ and His love for us. Susan Jantzen (interim pastor of Worship/Visitation at First Mennonite in Newton) will lead us on “Reflections on God as Keeper.” Bethany Martin from Faith and Life Bookstore will review a few books. Annelie Claassen (Retreat Committee Chair) will lead singing, and Karen Mascho (Pastor and Retreat Committee) will lead communion together. No masks required! For free registration or questions, send your email to Tammy Duvanel Unruh by September 10 at 2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com Save the date and we look forward to seeing your whole face!

8. **Bethel College:** The 2020 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's online journal, is live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Alain Epp Weaver, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Ben Woodward-Breckbill, Cheryl Denise, Christopher Reed, Emma Beachy, Jason Schmidt, Joanne Lehman, Joyce Zuercher, Julia Kasdorf, Keith Sprunger, Lisa Schirch, Marc Gopin, Melanie Zuercher and Raylene Hinz-Penner.

9. For the health and safety of participants and the wider community, **Life Enrichment at Bethel College** is canceled for the fall 2020 semester. The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is now online! See bcwamarketonline.com

10. **Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations** for Lebanon. A massive explosion on Aug. 4 destroyed the country's main port and silos filled with grain and worsened an existing economic crisis. You can donate online at mcc.org/beirut-response, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for “Beirut response” to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., Akron PA 17501.

11. **MCC is in need of school kits to fulfill requests from our partners around the world!** Complete kits and/or supplies (find a full list of items at mcc.org/kits) can be shipped to MCC Central States

(121 E. 30th St. North Newton) or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room at MCC. If you would like help unloading, please contact Kate at (katemast@mcc.org, (316) 804-8432) to schedule a drop off time. Thank you for your continued support of MCC!

12. **This October, MCC invites** churches to join together to mark 100 years of shared ministry and celebrate the dedication of churches like yours that have touched so many lives through the decades. Consider giving to MCC a celebration donation and join us on Saturday, October 17 during Celebration 2020: MCC at 100, a national livestreamed celebration.



Pray for students preparing to return to school, that with the health and logistical challenges brought on by COVID-19 they would be able to navigate the new year and learn successfully. This is our

last prayer garden for the summer, but there are still many reasons to pray!

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 4,195.00
Receipts – year to date	\$ 82,670.97	\$ 94,216.71
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(86,207.64)	(88,660.03)
Less: cash balance	<u>(20,944.86)</u>	<u>(23,686.57)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 56,318.50	\$ 50,205.40

Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,964.	\$ 2,642.
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West Zion Joys and Concerns

Geneva and her sister-in-law Helen Nachtigal and family at the passing of Geneva’s brother Frank

Bethel College students testing positive for COVID-19 at the beginning of classes. Pray for Daniel, who is in quarantine after his roommate tested positive.

Darrin and Carolyn Schmidt

Jodi and Dustin Hirsh, friends of Leon and Virginia, after Jodi was diagnosed with leukemia

Carl’s grandson, Maverick, who is having minor surgery on Aug. 31

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission as they meet this week, tending to the financial health of the conference, and promoting generosity and sharing of resources to further the mission of WDC.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

This is a month of change for Mennonite Mission Network’s Mennonite Voluntary Service participants. Pray for those who are transitioning from their completed assignments to study or work. Pray also for those who are beginning to learn and serve in Alamosa (Colorado), San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Paris Mennonite Center in France, pg 31



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
August 28: Marlene Wiens