



## **Sunday, August 16, 2020**

**9:30 AM:** No Sunday School      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Pastor Brad      **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Sandy Jantz  
**Greeter(s):** Frances Neufeld  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

## **Coming Events**

Aug. 15:      SPACE gathering 9:00 AM at West Zion  
Aug. 17:      STEP MC informational meeting at WZ 6:00 PM  
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.

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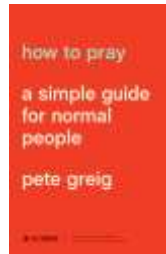
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## West Zion Announcements

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. For the month of August, **we’re going to be learning about prayer.** As background, Pastor Brad is using the book by Pete Greig, *How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People*. It’s an engaging read, with links to further prayer exercises available online. If you would like to join Brad in reading this book, pick up a copy at your favorite bookseller.



3. **All women are invited to SPACE** (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement) on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9-10 am at West Zion. No food or drink will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own and come visit together and spend a little time in prayer.

4. **A thank you card** for a recent donation our church made through CDT to Camp Mennoscah is on the bulletin board.

5. **Men and Boys Retreat has been canceled for 2020.** Men and boys (with adult supervision) and families are invited to contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 about overnight stays or day visits. We'll see you soon!

6. **Steps to End Poverty of McPherson County (STEPMC)** is thrilled to be coming to Moundridge this summer! If you are looking for a way to help people in need, come on over to West Zion Mennonite on Monday, August 17 at 6:00 PM to learn more about STEPMC and how to get involved! If you have any questions, contact Austin Regier at 316-218-7763 (call or text), or by email at [director@stepmc.org](mailto:director@stepmc.org). If you are struggling to make ends meet and could use a hand, text or call Jamie at 620-217-0398. We look forward to joining your community and offering an additional avenue for hope and support for families who are struggling.

## General Announcements

7. **Thanks to all who attended WDC's 2020 online assembly last weekend!** At Saturday morning's business session, delegates heard the conference minister's state-of-the-conference reflections and a financial update, approved the budget for 2021 and elected leaders for the coming year. Comments and questions addressed topics such as WDC's application for a CARES Act Payroll Protection Program loan, equipping existing congregations in conjunction with church planting initiatives, and affirmation for Camp Mennoscah's ongoing mission in these challenging times. The session concluded with a resolution of thanks for all involved in making Assembly possible, and recognition of outgoing moderator Ray Reimer and transition to new moderator Lois Barrett. If you were not able to attend Assembly events, you may go to "WDC Assembly 2020" on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzYrfAucccOFYYd\\_M5](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzYrfAucccOFYYd_M5) and watch the videos.

8. **Support MCC and celebrate MCC's centennial with a new shirt, hoodie, tea towel, bag or hat!** Check out this online store set up by the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to place your order today (it's never too early to start Christmas shopping!). Visit [wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/](http://wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/) and start shopping to support MCC!

9. **Everence** will host a Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

10. **MCC is hosting virtual alumni gatherings** for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe & Middle East and Africa. And you are invited! Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Find out specific dates, times and register at [mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings](http://mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings). Questions? Please contact [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) or call 316.283.2720.

11. **MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely.** Essential workers will continue to work at MCC, but the rest of the staff will work from home. Your material resource donations (school, hygiene or relief kits and comforters, details at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits)) are needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room towards the east end of the building (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> North Newton). Consider also giving financially by going to [mcc.org/donate](http://mcc.org/donate) or by sending checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. To contact staff with questions please email us at [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) or call the office 316.283.2720.



Pray for the Mission Team (Carl Duffman, Crysta Guhr, and Geneva Wedel) and the mission of West Zion as we seek fresh ways to proclaim the gospel both locally and nationally. This summer, Mission Team led an outreach giving cookies and an encouraging note to local medical workers. Mission Team also received a grant to provide every teacher and staff person of USD423 with a \$10 Amazon gift card and note thanking them during this stressful time.

### **West Zion Joys and Concerns**

Pastor Brad talked to our mission partners, the Larsons, last week. Pray for the Larsons as they prepare to travel to the Middle East in August. They are excited about a project online (in person before COVID-19) their organization sponsors to engage abused women and women going through divorce. They are grateful for the unity God has given their international team as they continue to rethink and restructure. They ask for prayer for their team in the Gulf seeking new team members to join their mission.

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for children and youth in WDC congregations, and for their families, teachers and mentors, as preparations for a new school year unfold in the face of challenging circumstances.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for Ecuador where COVID-19 cases continue to rise and the economic situation worsens. Pray for Quito Mennonite Church as the congregation inaugurates a seed grant initiative this month to help people get back on their feet.

### **Mosaic Directory in pews**

Toni and Matthew Krabill in Paris, France, pg 27



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:  
August 11: Daniel Kaufman

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:  
August 12: Will & Ellen Kaufman,  
Lici & Brad Roth  
August 13: Melvin & Jan Graber