## **West Zion Mennonite Church**

9:30 am: Sunday School 10:30 am: Morning Worship Vol. LI September 25, 2016 No 39

Words for silent meditation: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. (Psalm 146:3)

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ Candle Mateo Roth

Welcome Connie Kaufman

The Lord be with you / and also with you

**Announcements** 

Gospel Gold Trio: "Just a closer walk with thee"

"I'm using my Bible for a road map"

Members of Trio are Errol Koehn & Milton and Shirly Smith

Call to Worship, Psalm 146 (HWB 825)

Greeting in Christ's peace

\*\*Celebrating in Song

Come, let us all unite to sing HWB 12 Come we that love the Lord HWB 14

Scripture 1 Kings 18:20-40 Pastor Brad

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Children dismissed to Little Flock (for ages toddler - 1st grade)

Message "Who is God in Israel?" Pastor Brad

Gospel Gold Trio: "Between here and sunset"

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*\*Sending Song Now go in peace STJ 74

(2x)

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

Greeter: Geneva Wedel

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

## **Sermon Notes**

Who is God in Israel? 1 Kings 18:20-40

Theme

God calls us to stake our lives on him.

Key Verse

(1 Kings 18:37) Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

<u>Notes</u>

A Prayer

God who answered Elijah in fire, ignite our hearts with love for you.

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

- 18. Fall Festival at Bethel College, Sept. 29-Oct. 2; for a complete schedule, see <a href="https://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest">www.bethelks.edu/fallfest</a>
- 19. Fri., Sept. 30, Opening reception for "Revelations in Wood: The Sculpture of John Gaeddert, 1950-2015," 6-8 PM, *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College* through Oct. 28; hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 AM-5 PM, Sun., 2-4 PM, no admission charge. Special Fall Festival hours Sat., Oct. 1, 9 AM-5 PM.
- 20. Sat., Oct. 1, Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at 7:30 AM in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep. see <a href="https://www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/">www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/</a>). For help locating Kauffman Museum,
- 21. Sat., Oct. 1, Book signing with Kimberly D. Schmidt, of Hyattsville, Maryland at 3 PM, *Kauffman Museum*, author of the 2016 young adult novel *Magpie's Blanket*; (part of Fall Festival). Kimberly will also speak at the Moundridge Senior Center on Sept. 30 at 12:30 & 7 PM.

**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

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#### **West Zion Announcements**

<u>Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.</u> Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

- 1. Thanks to all who gave us support through prayers, cards, and kind words. The passing of my mom was made easier because of you. Karen Loganbill
- 2. Next Sunday Oct. 2 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Let's prepare our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord at his table! We will also be joined by the Moundridge Golden Opportunity 4-H club for 4-H Sunday. Let's give our local 4-h'ers a warm welcome.
- 3. West Zion Concert Series continues on Sun. evening, Oct.9 at 7PM. Scheduled performers include Ken Rodgers, Organ; Open Road (which includes our own Chase Stucky!), a men's ensemble from Bethel College, and the McPherson Brass Quintet.
- 4. October 9 Congregational Photo (NOTE: this is a date change)
- 5. FALL CHURCH PICNIC CDT is planning a fall church picnic **This evening**. The picnic is at the cabin of Phil & Lorene Lohrenz beginning at 5 PM. A hayrack ride will take place at 5:15 PM Hot dogs, buns, s'mores, and drink is provided. Bring table service for your family, lawn chairs, roasting sticks (if you have some), side dish OR chips. We look forward to a beautiful fall evening of fellowship and fun! Anyone needing a ride should contact Connie Kaufman. **Directions to the Lohrenz's**: From the four way stop in Moundridge: Go 4 miles south to Dutch Ave. Turn West (right) go 3 miles to North Golden Prairie Rd. Turn South (left) on sand road go 2 1/2 miles. Their driveway is on your right. DeKalb Seed Sign at the end of driveway.
- 6. Why do you love West Zion? One person writes, "The congregation responds to needs by serving and contributing for special projects such as White Christmas, refugee needs, or Mennonite Central Committee."
- 7. It will soon be time to order poinsettias as memorials and decorations for Advent and Christmas. Carla Stucky has decided to step down from coordinating this and is looking for anyone who might be interested in this task. It mostly involves taking orders for poinsettias, ordering them, picking up and watering them for 4-5 weeks, and preparing a bulletin insert for memorial poinsettias.

Taking orders would need to start around the middle to end of October. If interested or have questions, please talk to Carla or call/text at 620-386-0414.

#### **General Announcements**

- 8. No Life Enrichment at Bethel College, September 28
- 9. Bethel College Fall Fest is just around the corner and BCWA Council is hosting a Pie by the Slice Booth, due to popular demand as part of our fundraising efforts that benefits our beloved college. Our goal is to get 100 delicious pies for this booth. Are you willing to contribute pies for this endeavor? We are asking for 9" pies, in disposable containers, no cream pies. Bring pies to the Student Center on Fri. evening, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> or Sat. morning, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 10. Market on the Green is moving in to the Luyken Fine Arts Center and will become Market in the Round. If you are not a pie baker and would like to contribute other baked goodies, BCWA will gladly accept donations. Thank you always for your ongoing support of Bethel College!
- 11. Everence<sup>®</sup> encourages young adults to join Darryl Dahlheimer, Program Director for LSS Financial Counseling, for a live chat designed to help people think about how their faith affects their financial decisions. *Conquering your debt: the overlooked key to faith and finances* is at 8 PM (EDT) Sept. 28. For more information or to register. Visit <a href="https://stewardshipresources.org/compass-live-chats">https://stewardshipresources.org/compass-live-chats</a>
- 12. SMCHA will sponsor the Schweitzer Dialect Program from 10-11 AM in the Fine Arts Center in Krehbiel Auditorium during Bethel Fall Fest in N. Newton, Sat., Oct. 1. Local individuals will give the program in the schweitzer dialect. The program is free and open to the public.
- 13. The Moundridge blood drive is Friday, October 7 from1:30-6 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-26677) or visit online at redcrossblood.org and enter Moundridge to schedule an appointment.
- 14. Hesston College, Hesston High School and the larger community will celebrate "Home Sweet Hesston" homecoming this week. See the talent of our high school and college students as well as dual alumni of HHS and HC during the Promise of Living Gala at 8 p.m., Sat. Oct. 1, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. This is a free event for everyone to enjoy. For a full weekend schedule, visit hesston.edu/homecoming.

- 15. The Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church annual Mission Supper is Sat., Oct. 15 from 5-7 PM. Benefits support Mobility Worldwide providers of Personal Energy Transportation Carts. Menu is German Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Creamed Peas, Applesauce, Zwieback and Pie. Questions: call 620-585-6733 or visit Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church on Facebook.
- 16. The Gospel Echoes Team will perform at the Annual Ks Banquet on Tues. Oct. 4, at 6:30 PM. More information is on the bulletin board.
- 17. The IBA Benefit dinner is Fri. Oct. 14 at 6:30 PM at the First Menn. Church of Newton. More information is on the bulletin board.
- ~ Wish "Happy Birthday" to~

September 25: Sandy Jantz & Lici Roth

September 26: Dana Loganbill, Jerry Becker, Sheri Miller,

Milford Wedel, & Angie Thompson

September 30: Tim Hill

## ~Wish "Happy Anniversary" to~

September 26: Harvey & Lois Thiessen September 28: Ken & Denise Becker

#### **Joys and Concerns**

Dorothy Toews, recovering after hip surgery

Gerry's friend Rose and her daughter Phyllis as Rose is moved to Pine Village.

## **Urgent Prayer Request from Mission Partners**

Miriam, a Christian from another Arabian Peninsula country, seeking refuge with the team.

Masoud's upcoming marriage with his wife who is a believer—he is not, yet.

Guidance as they seek direction for the ministry in the upcoming 12 to 18 months.

New staff and long term workers who are leaving.

Impact of the "I Believe" series on the hearts of the needy.

## **Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network**

Pray for Jonathan Brenneman of MMN as he begins a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment helping implement the Israel-Palestine Partners in Peacemaking resolution adopted by Mennonite Church USA delegates at the Kansas City convention.

#### **Prayer Requests from Western District Conference**

Pray for WDC pastor peer groups who meet regularly for sharing, counsel, encouragement and prayer together.

#### **Mission Mosaic**

Mark, Stephanie, Jonathan, Isaiah, Bartsch, Kobe, Japan Pg 26

Attendance: Sunday School: 16 Worship: 63

# Sunday, October 2, 2016 Communion and 4-H Sunday

9:30 am: Sunday School 10:30 am: Worship Service Candle Lighter: Elijah Roth Scripture: Leon Guhr

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Message: Pastor Brad Greeters: Mel & Kathi Becker

Nov. 9:

Nov. 13:

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

**Budget Meeting** 

# **Coming Events**

Church Picnic 5PM @ Phil & Lorene Lohrenz			
5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)			
Menu Sloppy Joes, Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM			
4-H Sunday, and World Communion Sunday			
WZ Concert 7 PM			
Deacons 4 PM, 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper,			
(Adults eat at 6 PM) Menu Pancakes,			
Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM			
Note date change, Congregational Photo after church			
5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)			
Menu Tater Tot Cass., Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM			
5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)			
Menu Tacos, Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM,			
Council Meeting 8 PM			
5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)			
Menu Sloppy Joes, Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM			
5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)			
Menu Pancakes, Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM			

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