# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 am: Morning Worship No 36 Vol. LII Sept. 3, 2017 Words for silent meditation: Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind... (Psalm 26:2) Donna Stucky Prelude Welcome Karen Loganbill The Lord be with you / and also with you. Announcements Call to Worship Psalm 26:1-8 Greeting in Christ's peace \*\*Celebrating in Song Holy, Holy, Holy! HWB 120 To God Be The Glory HWB 102 Scripture Jonah 3:1 - 4:11 Connie Graber Pg 917 **Special Music** "I"ll Fly Away" Taylor & Chase Stucky "The Mystery of Divine Compassion" Message Pastor Eric Song of Response There's A Wideness In God's Mercy HWB 145 Offering and Offertory Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People \*\* Sending Song The Lord Lift You Up STJ 73 \*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

Greeters: Kirk & Carla Stucky

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld

### Sermon Notes

"The Mystery of Divine Compassion" Jonah 3:1 - 4:11

### Theme

We affirm that a God has a deep compassion for all people and animals, while also feeling Jonah's anguish in an unfair world.

### Key Verse

"He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity." (4:2) Notes

## A Praver

Dear God, I give thanks for your mercy and love for this world. Help me to also hear the cry for justice. Amen.

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

# Sunday, September 10, 2017

9:30 am: Sunday School10:30 am: Worship ServiceScripture: Daniel KaufmanWorship Leader: Pastor BradMessage: Pastor BradAccompanist: Donna StuckyGreeters: Harvey & Lois Thiessen Music: Family & Friends QuartetUshers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

# **Coming Events**

- Sept. 6: Chancel Choir 7 PM
- Sept. 10: Sunday School begins
- Sept. 10: "Celebrate West Zion"
- Sept. 10: Music Concert 2 PM benefit concert for MDS
- Sept. 13: Chancel Choir 7 PM
- Sept. 14: Christian Homemakers 7 PM
- Sept. 17: Evangelism Workshop 6:30-7:30 PM
- Sept. 20: Chancel Choir 7 PM
- Sept. 24: Come & See Sunday
- Sept. 27: Chancel Choir 7 PM

**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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### West Zion Announcements

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

1. As a church family we celebrate the birth of Logan Marie, born on Aug. 24 to Tiffany & Justin Regier. Her grandparents are Mike and Connie's Kaufman. Congratulations.

2. Join us for a come and go reception on **Today**, September 3 from 2-4 PM at Pine Village Wellness Center to help Ken Stucky celebrate his 80th birthday.

3. The fall Sunday School quarter starts Sept. 10. K-6th will meet in the Sunday School rooms located in the NE and SE classrooms. 7th-12th students will combine with First Mennonite meeting at First Mennonite for the fall quarter.

4. Crack open the book of Revelation and you'll find a lamb with seven horns and seven eyes, a crimson dragon with seven heads, and a city shaped like a giant cube. What does it all mean, and why does it matter for our Christian walk? Join Pastor Brad as he leads a study of Revelation in the fall adult Sunday School class, beginning September 10 at 9:30. Everyone's welcome, especially if you've never been a part of Sunday School before!

5. West Zion Mennonite Church, will host a benefit concert for Mennonite Disaster Service in relation to Hurricane Harvey's damage to parts of Texas and Louisiana. The concert is at 2 PM on Sunday afternoon, September 10, 2017 and will feature a vocal quartet called Family & Friends.

The quartet's members are Doug Huxman, Steve & Amy Sherbenou, & Jan Gilmore, accompanied by Donna Stucky. The group sings an eclectic mix of music and this concert will include sacred music in styles ranging from traditional to gospel/jazz to upbeat modern tempos.

No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be received which will be given in its entirety to Mennonite Disaster Service to aid in recovery efforts in the aftermath of the devastating storms and flooding in Texas & Louisiana.

6. Do you need help around the house with odd jobs or errands? Anthony Toro is seeking to earn some extra money and is willing to help as needed. Please give him a call at 620-386-0610.

7. Chancel Choir begins practice on Wednesday, Sept. 6

from 7-8 PM. Following this practice, a watermelon social will be held in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join!

8. Plan to attend the carry-in lunch after worship service next Sunday, Sept.10, as a time to celebrate West Zion. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert.

9. Sept 14, Christian Homemakers will met at 7PM to plan for upcoming year. Bring ideas!! All women are invited to join us.

10. Sept 17 we're having an evangelism workshop from 6:30-7:30 to help teach people how to better spread the word.

11. Our next "Come and See Sunday" is Sept 24. Invite friends, new people in our communities that you've met to "Come and See" how we spread the word of Gods' love. Meal following right after morning service.

12. Sept 29 & 30 (TBA) – Mini Comforter Blitz at MCC Center in North Newton. You can come and go as desire. If you have never learned to tie a comforter we can teach you!! Come and enjoy fellowship with women across center Kansas.

#### **General Announcements**

13. PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP - The Parkinson's Support Group will meet at Kidron Bethel Tues., Sept. 5, at 2 PM. All are invited to hear Jim Schrag share his journey with Parkinson's Disease.

14. Everence® Financial will present informational seminars this fall to help you make informed decisions. An overview of Medicare will go over what's covered (and what's not), enrollment deadlines and plans that supplement Medicare on Sept. 11 at 6:30 PM and Nov. 6 Retirement income strategy will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks than can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement on Oct. 2 and Dec. 4 at 6:30 PM. All seminars are at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800,15. <u>(877) 467-7294</u> or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

15. The annual Benefit Day Variety Show is Sun., Sept.17 at 6 PM in the Wellness Center. Performances include by Ellen Durst on piano, The Beckham sister's string trio, The Pine Village Players comedy skit, Sam Shultz on the guitar and many more! The free will donation collected go towards our Benefit Day Project – a new kitchen remodel!

Mark your calendars for other upcoming Benefit Day events: September 21 – Walk-A-Thon September 29 – Bake Sale & Sloppy Joe Lunch October 19 – Benefit Day Dinner & Auction

16. The FloraKansas Fall Native Plant Sale is Sept. 8 to 10 at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Memberships to the Arboretum can be obtained on the day of the sale. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales and may participate in the members only pre-sale on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 8 AM - 7 PM For more information, call <u>620-327-8127</u> or visit <u>www.dyckarboretum.org</u>.

17. The MCC Flatlander Bike Ride is Sat., Sept. 16. The ride begins at 8AM with registration beginning at 7 AM at the MCC Center, Highway 15& 30<sup>th</sup> St. in N. Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in India. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride are planned. The brochure is available at mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Both bikers and contributors are needed.

18. Registration is now open for: Sat., Nov. 18, 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," with special guest presenter and resource person Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz's performance of "Slightly Left of Normal," Fri., Nov. 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). Registration discount for groups of 3 or more from a single congregation – for a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts.

19. Sun., Sept. 10, Rachel Waltner Goossen, professor of history at Washburn University, will speak on "The Great War and Legacies of Peace Witness," to introduce the special exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," 3 PM. at *Kauffman Museum*. Opening reception for the exhibit is at 4 PM.

20. Tues., Sept. 12, KIPCOR 30th-anniversary celebration continues with Leonard Pitts Jr., 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall at Bethel College (note change of venue from previous announcements and some printed material)*. Pitts will speak on "What Now? America in the Age of Trump," and sign copies of his books.

21. Thurs., Sept. 14, Outdoor concert, Cherokee Maidens with Sycamore Swing, 6 PM, *Kauffman Museum on the Bethel College campus (corner of Main and 27th, North Newton)*. Bring your own chairs; suggested donation: \$10 single/couple/family.

22. Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 is Mon., Sept. 18 at 12 PM at Hutch Correctional Facility or Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Contact Ben Kreider for more information at (316) 281- 5244 or ben@offendervictimministries.org

Wish "Happy Birthday" to September 6: Alexis Heslop September 9: Charles Loganbill

**Prayer Concerns** 

Pray for:

Jan Dyck: healing for her lower back

Zettie Wedel

Melissa Clarkson (Lorene Lohrenz's neice): diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.

### **Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network** Janie and Neal Blough of MMN have committed most of their adult lives to ministry in France. Pray for them as they continue to share the good news of Jesus through lectures, workshops, and in worshiping with their multicultural congregation, a visible witness to the "healing of the nations."

**Prayer Requests from Western District Conference** Pray for WDC congregations in Texas, as they cope with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, and for all who are responding with assistance and support for flood victims.

Attendance: Worship Service: 78

## **Mission Mosaic**

Those serving Service Adventure in Anchorage, Alaska, Pg 60