

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands (Psalm 90:17)*

Prelude Carla Stucky

**Entrance Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* HWB # 71
Lighting of the Christ candle Elijah Roth

Welcome Sharon Gehring
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 90 (HWB # 819)

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song** *Had God brought us out* STS # 96

Scripture Ezra 8:21-23 Wynona Becker

Message "The Gracious Hand of Our God" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *Jesus, lover of my soul* HWB # 618

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *Here I am, Lord* HWB # 395
(verses in small print)

**Benediction

**Postlude

***please stand if able*

Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, S&R-green hardbound

Greeters: Leon and Virginia Guhr

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

The Gracious Hand of Our God

Ezra 8:21-23

Theme

God protects his people.

Key Verse

Ezra 8:22 I was ashamed to ask the king for soldiers and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road, because we had told the king, "The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him."

Notes

A Prayer

God our protector, shelter us in your almighty hands.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
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Sunday, November 26, 2017

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Gerry Major
Greeters: Larry & Karen Loganbill **Scripture:** Pastor Brad
Message: Pastor Brad **Candle Lighter:** Lexi Heslop
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld

Coming Events

Today: Deacon election, potluck following worship, Jennifer Kaufman shares about her MCC experience
Nov. 26: Hanging of the Greens 5:30, followed by Tasting Bee
Dec. 17: Game night in WZ basement, 6-8 PM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service
Jan. 14: Potluck meal and Annual Meeting
Jan. 19: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 7-9 PM
Jan. 20: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 9 AM–3 PM
Feb. 4: Mennonite Education Sunday at 1st Mennonite Church
Feb. 15: Over 70 Dinner 5:30-6:30 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

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Thurs. 1-4 pm

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. All are invited to stay for the noon potluck meal and listen to Jennifer Kaufman talk about her year-long mission assignment in Bolivia with Mennonite Central Committee.
2. Join us on December 17 for a game night from 6:00-8:00 PM in the West Zion basement.
3. As we approach the holidays this season it is time to think about those who are struggling with needs of all kinds. The Moundridge Food Pantry gives out boxes of food twice a month to those in need. In the last quarter (July, August, and September) we served 237 people. In 2016 during this same time we served 173 people. This is up 37%. This increase in clients is a strain on our budget and presents a possible shortage of food in the next year. Our community has been very generous in the past and we hope we can count on you to continue with your support of food items and monetary donations. For more information, contact Marge Goering at 620-345-2444.
4. Western District Conference Year of Evangelism Kick-off will be January 19-20 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite in Goessel. Hone your skills in sharing faith and seeing your neighborhood through missional eyes. Cost is \$25 for four or more registrants, but Mission Team is covering the cost for all who would like to attend. Talk to Pastor Brad or Carl Duffman.
5. Wayne and Jeannie Larson, our mission partners, will join us on January 14. We will receive a special offering that day to support their mission among Muslim people on the Arabian Peninsula.
6. I will be putting together the Greeters List in the next few weeks and will be contacting those who are already greeting. If you are not currently greeting but would be interested, give me a call at 620-386-0414. – Carla Stucky
7. There is a growing accumulation of dishes, pans, containers in the kitchen by the south door. Please check to see if one of them could be yours and take home, thanks!

General Announcements

8. All area churches are invited to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk, focusing on the theme "The Prairie Sleeps" at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on November 24 & 25, and December 1 & 2. Admission to the event is \$6 for Adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 15, or advanced tickets can be purchased at dyckarboretum.org or at the Arboretum office for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3 to 12.
9. First Mennonite Church in McPherson will be hosting a German Supper December 2nd, 2017 from 4:30-7 PM. This will be a free will donation dinner. We will be serving veronika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, bohne beroggi, zweiback, and cherry moos. In addition to the dinner, we will be having a bake sale of poppy seed rolls, peppernuts, and a variety of other goodies. The church is at 1161 E Ave A (corner of Maxwell and Ave A).
10. Plan on doing your fair trade holiday shopping our Ten Thousand Village Pop-up Store. This will be held on the Prairie Harvest Mezzanine at 601 N. Main in Newton (accessible via stairs and elevator) on Friday and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov, 24-25; Dec. 1-2; Dec. 8-9; Dec. 15-16, and Sundays Dec 3, 10, 17 1 to 4 p.m.
11. Are you looking to do "something different" this holiday season? Consider opening your heart and home to an International Student! Hesston College has several students from other countries that need someplace to stay when the dorms are closed for Christmas break. Host families are needed from December 15 through January 9. Even if your family is only available part of the time, you may still be able to help. If you have any questions or are interested in being a host family please contact Carlota Ponds, Director of International Student Support, at [620-327-8210](tel:620-327-8210) or carlota.ponds@hesston.edu.
12. Plan now to attend the 39th annual Christmas Carol-Along on Thursday, December 7, 2017, 6-8pm at the McPherson Opera House. This is an informal, come-and-go event for the whole family. There will be brief appearances by local groups, including the McPherson Community Brass Choir, Elyria Christian High School Choir, Soderstrom Elementary School-1st & 2nd Grade, and Handbells by Kendra Flory. Enjoy some refreshments and a visit from Santa. No admission is charged.

Summary of items for relief buckets

	<u>Donated</u>	<u>Purchased</u>
Towels	112	60
Shampoo	18	22
Hand soap	102	58
Laundry soap	100	58
Clippers	19	21
Toothbrushes	65	95
Combs	40	38
Band-aids-box	25	15
San Napkins	16	18
(pkg of different amounts)		

\$789 was collected and that was used to purchase items listed. There was \$84 left after items purchased to have enough for 40 buckets. That money was given to MCC center. Thank you from Christian Homemakers.

Prayer Concerns

Maleya, Trianna's daughter and Carl and Tracy's granddaughter.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network has added helping Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania to her administrative and teaching load. Pray for Robin and the students as they study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience) – English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray that gratitude, wisdom and generosity would flow through WDC and its congregations, helping us to be faithful stewards of the spiritual gifts and financial resources God has entrusted to us.

Wish **"Happy Birthday"** to:

November 20: Brice Loganbill

Attendance for Sunday School: 17

Attendance for Worship: 69