

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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### COME AND SEE SUNDAY

*During the prelude we invite you to prepare your heart for worship by meditating on the words for silent meditation which are taken from the psalm for the day.*

Words for silent meditation: *Oh, the joys of those who...delight in doing everything the LORD wants (Psalm 1:1-2, NLT).*

Prelude    Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, *from* Psalm 1 (NLT) -- On screen

Greeting in Christ's peace

Special Music                      *Sing Alleluia to the Lord*                      Children's Choir  
*Sing, Shout, Clap*

### \*\*Celebrating in song

*Come we that love the Lord*                      HWB # 14  
*To God be the glory*                      HWB # 102

Scripture                      Joshua 22:1-6                      Connie Graber

Message                      "Why Am I Here?"                      Pastor Brad

**Song of Response**                      *My life flows on*                      HWB # 580

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

\*\*Sending Song                      *Praise God from whom*                      HWB # 118

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

*\*\*please stand if able*

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

Hearing assistance devices are available on request at sound desk.

Greeter(s): Frances Neufeld  
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

### Sermon Notes

Why Am I Here?  
Joshua 22:1-6

### Theme

God calls us to seek, know, and love him.

### Key Verse

Joshua 22:5 Be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul.

### Notes

### A Prayer

God who calls us into the true and abundant life through the cross of your Son, grant that we might perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name.

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

## **Sunday, September 30, 2018**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Pastor Brad Roth      **Scripture:** Donna Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Greeter(s):** Dan Pohl  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman  
**Music:** Gene, Amy, Bo Bachman chose hymns

### **Coming Events**

Today:      Come and See Sunday, join us after worship for a fried chicken meal  
Sept. 26:      MYM, Meal 6-6:30 PM, Chancel Choir 7-8 PM  
Sept. 30:      Safe Sanctuary and Circles of Grace workshop following worship, pizza lunch served  
Oct. 7:      Communion in worship, West Zion Concert at 7 PM  
Oct. 11:      Christian Homemaker work night  
Oct. 14:      West Zion picnic 5:00 PM at Lohrenz farm  
Oct. 20:      SPACE meets at 9:00 AM  
Oct. 26:      MCC Meat Canning event  
Oct. 26-27:      Dallas, TX: WDC Year of Evangelism event: "Telling the Jesus Story"  
Nov. 11:      Noon meal and Budget meeting, Deacon vote  
Nov. 25:      Mission Sunday at Eden Mennonite, speaker Byron Pellecer

**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

Thurs. 1-4 pm

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838

Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

**Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:** Thurs. 9-11, 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. We **extend a special welcome** to everyone joining us this morning! As we celebrate 130 years of God's faithfulness, we invite you to come and see what's next. Be sure to join us after worship for a fried chicken meal.
2. At the beginning of the gospels, Jesus asked "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38). Join us over the coming weeks as we look at five big questions of human life: Why am I here? Can I know God? (9/30) Why do bad things happen to good people? (10/7) Where is the world headed? (10/14) What happens when we die? (10/28) We'll explore how Jesus' life and teaching shed light on our deepest questions. **What are you looking for?**
3. We are deeply grateful for the affirmation to call Brad for a third term as pastor! We're looking forward to continuing to grow together as God leads us in these next three years. "We always thank God for you...for we are thankful that your faith is flourishing and you are all growing in love for each other" (2 Thes. 1:2) - Pastor Brad and Lici
4. Thank you to all of you who remembered me with calls, visits, prayers, cards and gifts of food during my recent surgery. Thank you to Pastor Brad for his visit. It's good to be a part of such a caring congregation. - Sandy Jantz
5. **Wednesday evening activities begin!** Moundridge Youth Ministries and meals will start this Wednesday, September 26 at West Zion. Kids K-4th will eat at 5:45 and adults are served from 6-6:30. Chancel Choir practices from 7-8 PM.
6. **Ways to join in at WZ!** Christian Homemakers (women who serve and fellowship) meet once a month; SPACE (women who meet to fellowship and pray) meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Men's Bible Study will begin in October; Church picnic in October; come check it out!
7. Calling all guys! Join us for a fall men's Bible study, starting **October 3, 6:30-7:30 AM @ Ag360** in their Conference Room (101 S. Main downtown). We'll be diving into the practical faith of the Letter of James. Questions? Talk to Pastor Brad

8. Join us on **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM, for our annual church picnic at Phil and Lorene's!** We'll provide hot dogs, buns, smores, and drinks. Bring table service for your family, a lawn chair, roasting sticks (if you have some), side dish OR chips. Talk to Pastor Brad if you need a ride.
9. Christian Homemakers' project is **collecting all kinds of used greeting cards**. Please include the entire card and the useable parts will be cut for use. They will be sent to the St. Jude's Children's Ranch to be used for certain projects. There is a box on the shelf in the lobby.
10. The desk from the secretary's office is available to take home for a donation to the church. It is now sitting in the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested in this desk, talk to one of the Trustees.
11. Comforter Mini-Blitz will be held Oct 12 & 13 at MCC Center in North Newton. More details coming.
12. Christian Homemakers are sponsoring the **collection of items for relief kits for MCC** during the month of October. A list of items for the kit is an insert in the bulletin. You may bring items or a monetary donation anytime during the month of October. Homemakers will purchase items to complete the kits with the monetary donations. On November 8<sup>th</sup> we will be putting the relief kits together at the MCC center in North Newton. With the floods and typhoons around the world this is a great need for MCC at this time.
13. The **Moundridge Food Pantry** (located at the NW door of the Moundridge Senior Center - 100 North Schmidt) requests your help for those less fortunate. A list of items needed can be found by the labeled box in the foyer. We also accept checks (to the Moundridge Food Bank) and those can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for helping our community! - Lory Fisher
14. Join us on September 30 immediately following worship for a **Safe Sanctuary and Circles of Grace workshop** led by Kathy Neufeld Dunn, our WDC Conference Minister. This workshop is mandatory for anyone who teaches children's Sunday School or works with children at West Zion. (Talk to Pastor Brad if you need to make alternate arrangements). Pizza lunch will be provided.

## General Announcements

15. "Anabaptist History: Trachselwald Castle and Other Events in the Emmental" is the topic at the next Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) fall banquet on Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 PM by speakers Don and Joanne Hess Siegrist. Dinner is \$20 per plate and will be held at Bethel College. RSVP by phone or text to Barbara Stucky at 620-386-0186 before Friday, October 12. The Siegrists will speak the next day, Friday, October 19 at 11:00 at Krehbiel Auditorium on "Building a Bridge Back to Switzerland." Free and open to all students and the public.

16. The worst monsoon flooding in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. MCC is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at [mcc.org/india-flooding](http://mcc.org/india-flooding); by phone 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

17. Everence® will offer its popular retirement workshop, Your Medicare options, on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, Kansas. Refreshments will be served. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (877) 467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

18. Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a director to provide leadership and oversight to the Donor Relations department. This collaborative leader will participate in Mennonite Mission Network organizational leadership by guiding fundraising efforts through cultivating healthy relationships with constituents, alumni and expanding our network of partners. Anticipated start date is late October 2018. View position at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net) or email [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net)

19. The Kansas Poor People's Campaign will host a Kansas People's Hearing on Monday, October 8, 6:30 pm at the WSU Metroplex (5015 E 29th St N., Wichita). This event will be another opportunity to further lift up voices in our State that typically do not get heard. National Co-Chairs Revs. William Barber & Liz Theoharis will be present and

supporting the continued work of combating poverty, racism, war spending, etc. Visit the Kansas People's Hearing Facebook Event.

20. Hesston and Bethel Colleges have begun school again! Their announcements can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

### **Prayers for Joys and Concerns**

Gerry Major's brother Alf, dealing with cancer

Norman Funk's brother Linferd who fell into a grain bin

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

Pray for WDC's Immigration Task Force, as they network congregations and provide resources for faithful responses to immigration concerns.

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

Martine Audéoud, Gary Wittig, and their son, Samuel, have made their home in France to care for Martine's father. Pray for Gary and Samuel as they adjust to a new culture, and for Martine as she serves with Mennonite Mission Network as a seminary teacher in Ivory Coast.

### **Mission Mosaic in the pew**

Hannah Woodson with DOOR in Miami; Darby Teander, Alexis Moore, Sydney Reid, Libby Tabarlet with DOOR in Denver, pg 47-48



We wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to:

Sept. 23: Craig Becker

Sept. 25: Sandy Jantz, Lici Roth

Sept. 26: Jerry Becker, Dana Loganbill, Sheri Miller  
Angie Thompson

We wish a "**Happy Anniversary**" to:

Sept. 26: Harvey & Lois Thiessen

Sept. 28: Ken & Denise Becker