

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *I will praise you with an upright heart!*
(Psalm 119:7).

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Sharon Gehring

The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are those whose way is blameless, / **who walk in the law of the LORD.**

Happy are those who keep his decrees, / **who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.**

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, / **having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart, / **when I learn your righteous ordinances.**

I will observe your statutes; / **do not utterly forsake me.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song** *Wonderful grace of Jesus* HWB 150

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Ellen Kaufman

Longing for light STJ 54

Scripture Ephesians 5:1-13

Message "Longing for Light" Pastor Kurt Horst

Response

Perfect Light of revelation,
as you shone in the life of Jesus,
whose kingdom we celebrate,
so shine in us and through us,
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen

Offering and Coins Count Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Blessed assurance* HWB 332

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Pastor Kurt comes to us from Yoder, KS, having recently retired and moved there from Hesston where he was pastor of the Whitestone Mennonite Church for nine years. Kurt has also been a pastor and served as a Conference Minister in Pennsylvania. Kurt and his wife Elaine have three children and eight grandchildren, three of whom live in Moundridge (their daughter is Becky King, married to Derek King who is pastor at Eden Mennonite Church).

Thank you to Dave and Zettie Wedel for picking their favorite hymns "Wonderful grace of Jesus" and "Blessed Assurance."

**Services are live-streamed on the West Zion Mennonite Facebook page.
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org**

Sunday, February 23, 2020

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM: Worship Service**
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman **Scripture:** Bonnie Kaufman
Greeter(s): Royce and Sandy Jantz
Ushers: Mel Becker, Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Feb. 19: No Men's Bible Study
 MYM and taco meal (meal change) 6:00 PM (with
 FEWZ youth)

Feb. 26: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM at AG360
 MYM and Tator tot casserole 6:00 PM
 Ash Wednesday 7-7:30 PM

March 4: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM at AG360
 MYM and pancake/sausage meal 6:00 PM

March 11: Last Men's Bible Study
 Last MYM and chicken casserole meal 6:00 PM

April 9: Maundy Thursday service

April 12: Easter Sunday

April 17-18: MCC Sale

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

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

- 1. West Zion is going live!** We are now live streaming our entire service to the church Facebook page. This is a way to reach out to homebound individuals, the Pine Village community, and others who may wish to connect to West Zion but can't be present in service. Note that the camera will be kept focused on the stage. Please use discretion during sharing time, particularly when sharing involves medical information about another person. The sermon will also continue to be available in audio and video format on the website (westzionmc.org), usually by Tuesday afternoon. We are continuing to formulate our policy and are adding new technology. If you have question or concerns, please address those to Leon Guhr.
- 2. We're collecting coins** for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) through the Coins Count offering. MCC works in 57 countries to do relief, development, and peace-building. Our kids will collect coins during the offering to deposit in a special tub, so check under your sofa cushions and bring out the jar of spare change. Our coins help make MCC's vital work possible!
- 3. Mark your calendars for the Western District Women in Mission Spring Supper** on Thursday, March 12 at 6 pm at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. Our Special Guest Speaker will be Patty Shelly, Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. Additional information coming soon!
- 4. Please note** our missionary partners (the Larsons) letter and prayer requests on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- 5. The FEWZ youth group** will be serving a meal at the Hutchinson Christian Soup Ministry on February 22, and they need our help! A sign-up sheet listing food items is on the table in the foyer.
- 6. A Paint Party Fundraiser** will be held for Braxton Church (grandson of Rosanne Hayes) on Saturday, Feb. 29 at Asbury Park in Newton. All proceeds raised will go towards the cost of medical travel expenses to and from Boston for care at Boston Children's Hospital. More information on the paint party is on the board; go to fb.me/BraxtonMChurch for details on Braxton and his medical condition.

7. For all puzzle enthusiasts! Enjoy putting together a puzzle on a table in the foyer. The congregational puzzle put together by all of us is now on display in the foyer.

8. Christian Homemakers are continuing with the project of saving all greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Bring complete card and put into the box on the church foyer shelf.

General Announcements

- 9. First Mennonite Church, 427 W 4th in Halstead, KS, invites everyone to their annual verenike supper** on February 29 from 4:30-7 pm. Cost is by donation, proceeds go to church service trips and service projects.
- 10. Sign up for monthly highlights** from MCC's 100 stories for 100 years! Explore images and stories from the breadth of MCC's work – from a graphic story on the 1920 trip that began MCC's ministry to accounts of women peacemakers now. Go to mcc.org/centennial/100-stories/email to sign up for monthly emails highlighting stories from the project.
- 11. You invited to join the fun at the 13th annual MCC Comforter Blitz** on March 2, 3 and 4 at Journey Mennonite Church at the Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Kansas. Blitz times are Monday and Tuesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Wednesday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC, an organization that supports the work of MCC. For more information check out mcc.org/comforter-blitz.
- 12. The Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Feb. 21 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112 or email hdstucky@mtelco.net.
- 13. Dr. James Juhnke will** be the speaker at the March 8 annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association held at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite in N. Newton. Dr. Juhnke will talk on "Mennonite Museum in Uzbekistan" and the history of the Mennonite community that lived for fifty years near the city of Khiva. He will address why the Mennonites moved to a Muslim area and why the Muslims there created a museum that remembers the

Mennonites. The Handbell Choir of the Bethel College Mennonite Church will provide music. Election of SMCHA officers for 2020 will be held. Refreshments will be served. No reservations are needed.

14. **MDS Volunteers are needed** in Eureka, KS to help complete repairs from the July 2018 tornado. Workdays are Friday, February 21st & Saturday, February 22 and 29. Transportation will be available from Newton/Hutchinson/Wichita area each day. Lodging is available if you would like to stay overnight. Meals & tools will all be provided. Groups of 5 are need to each day to complete window & door replacement, exterior siding & trim repair, drywall and sub floor repairs. Please contact Jordan Miller to reserve your spot today at 316-217-4570, jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

15. The **Bethel College Concert Choir and the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** will unite for a joint concert, "How Firm a Foundation," on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church near Goessel. Admission to the concert is free. An offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

16. Join an **MCC learning tour** to Palestine and Israel, June 4-14, 2020. This deeply impactful and informative trip is open for 14 people to sign up for. Visit mcc.org/events for more information.

17. **Everence® Financial** will host a workshop, *Maximizing giving through donor advised funds*, in North Newton on Thursday, Feb. 20. The event will be at 10 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about donor advised fund, ways to increase your impact on causes you care about, and more. To register, contact Darlene Buller at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or Darlene.buller@everence.com.

18. **MCC centennial celebration, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m.** You're invited to join MCC for an evening of centennial celebration and giving, *We've Come This Far by Faith* at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. Bid on silent auction items, grab a reproduction Mennonite Feeding Station sign from our limited supply and join us for a program celebrating MCC's past 100 years, present and future! Find out more at mcc.org/events.

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Tracy, learning the ropes at her new job.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Praise God for the many ways that WDC congregations are involved with Mennonite Central Committee, as MCC celebrates its centennial this year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Anne Garber Kompaoré travels around the world as a Bible translation consultant. She is based in Burkina Faso, where she and her husband, Daniel, provide leadership for congregations and schools. Pray for them as they prepare the next generation of church leaders and biblical scholars.

Mission Mosaic

Bethlehem Bible College in Nazareth, pg 14



We wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to:
February 16: Elijah Roth
February 22: Terry Kessler

We're calling 2020 the Year of Celebration! *It's a time to reflect on God's blessing and mercy in our individual lives and life together as the church – and celebrate!*