

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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LENT 3

Words for silent meditation: *O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! (Psalm 95:6)*

Prelude Carla Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 95

If today you hear God's voice / **harden not your hearts.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

Reminder: As illness season continues, no one should feel obligated to shake hands. A friendly "The peace of Christ be with you!" suffices!

****Celebrating in song**

Come now is the time to worship STJ 9

Who has known the mind of Jesus? STJ 58

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Sandy Jantz

Message "The Cross is Wisdom" Pastor Brad

Extinguishing the cross candle

Each week we will extinguish a candle on the altar cross to mark our journey with Christ toward the darkness of the crucifixion. The final candle will be extinguished at our Maundy Thursday service on April 9.

Song of Response *When I survey the wondrous cross* HWB 259

Offering and Coins Count Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *Jesus, keep me near the cross*

HWB 617

**Benediction

**Postlude

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Will & Ellen Kaufman

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Sermon Notes

The Cross Is Wisdom

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Theme

True wisdom begins with the cross.

Key Verse

(1 Corinthians 1:21) For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

Notes

A Question

Where do you get your knowledge of who God is? How does that line up with the cross?

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

Lent 4 Sunday, March 22, 2020

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM: Worship Service**
Message: Pastor Brad Roth **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Jeremiah Hayes
Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler
Ushers: Mel Becker, Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

March 18: Lent gathering **6:30-7 PM (note change of time)**
 Church Council 7 PM

March 25: Lent gathering 7-7:30 PM

April 5: Palm Sunday/Children's Sunday
 Holy Week Service 6 PM Passover Seder meal &
 Communion (at First Mennonite)

April 6: Holy Week Service 7 PM (at First Mennonite)

April 9: Maundy Thursday service (at West Zion) 6 PM

April 10: Good Friday Prayer Stations 6-7 PM at First (come & go)
 Good Friday Svc 7 PM at Eden

April 12: Easter Sunrise Svc 6:45-7:15 AM @ Nadine Wedel
 13904 W Dutch Ave, Moundridge
 Breakfast at West Zion 7:30 AM
 Easter Sunday

April 16: MCC bake day at West Zion

April 17-18: MCC Sale

May 13: Women's Salad Supper at West Zion

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

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. Join us for **community Holy Week Services** at First Mennonite Church of Christian! April 5 at 6:00 PM, we will celebrate a Passover Seder meal, highlighting the ways that Jesus adapted the Passover meal to point to his death and resurrection. As part of the meal, we will celebrate communion. On April 6 at 7:00 PM, worship will include several local pastors preaching on the meaning of Passover and Jesus' sacrifice, and we will be joined by *Woven*, the Bethel College women's ensemble.
2. Join us on April 9 at 6:00 PM for a service of **Maundy Thursday**. We'll share a simple soup and bread meal together, then celebrate communion and wash one another's feet following Jesus' instructions in John 13. The meal and service will be held in the fellowship hall.
3. **Yearbooks are done** and in your church mailboxes. You are welcome to put your old yearbooks in the box on the floor by the mailboxes; we can reuse the spiral binders and recycle the pages.
4. **During Lent**, the Mission Team will be gathering at the front of the sanctuary for prayer following worship and you are invited to join us. If you have a prayer request, feel free to let a Mission team member know.
5. **Sickness is everywhere**, but we can take precautions to stay healthy. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer (on audio/visual desk). During the Greeting in Christ's Peace, don't feel obligated to shake hands. After church, feel free to forgo shaking the pastor's hand as well. (You won't hurt his feelings!) And if you're feeling sick, you can stay home and catch the service live on our church Facebook page!
6. Due to the concerned spread of COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus), **Pine Village** is asking that you limit your visits. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recommended a variety of steps that we are implementing to help reduce the potential for the virus to enter our building, and one of those is limiting & screening visitors. If it is necessary that you visit, you will need to enter the main door to complete a brief health screening. However, if you have any flu like symptoms such as cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose and/or shortness of breath, please do not visit. While we understand

that connecting with family members and friends is incredibly important, we recommend that you connect virtually (through Skype, Facebook, text, and telephone) with visitors who present with symptoms. Staff can assist with technology questions you may have for this purpose. Please help prevent the spread of disease by washing your hands & if you need additional information on best practices, please visit the CDC's coronavirus disease information page. – Shelby Shaw, Administrator

7. **Braxton Church**, Rosanne Hayes's grandson, has a medical condition that requires his family to travel for treatment. Several weeks ago, they held a fundraiser to help cover travel expenses. If you were unable to attend but still wanted to make a donation, an account has been established at The Citizens State Bank under "Church Family Medical Travel Fund - Braxton, Kelcey, and/or Amanda Church." If you would like more information about Braxton, go to his Facebook page Braxton's Warrior Club.
8. The next **Lent gathering** will meet from **6:30-7:00 PM** due to the Council meeting at 7:00 PM. We will meet downstairs in the adult Sunday School room for simple conversation and reflection on Jesus and His journey to the cross.

General Announcements

9. Come hear some great music and **support STEP**MC at the same time! Local grassroots rock n' roll band Petty Cash is coming to the McPherson Opera House on Friday, April 24 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds go to support STEP to help stop poverty in our communities. Tickets are available online at McPherson Opera House.
10. A new Victory in the Valley **Cancer Support Group** is being started in McPherson County. The group will meet the 4th Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30 at the McPherson Library. The first meeting is Monday, March 23 and speaker is Vickie Settle, oncology nurse from Cancer Center of KS. Survivors, caregivers, family, etc. are welcome to attend and learn what is new in cancer treatments.
11. **Elaine McAllister**, author from Hillsboro KS, will be the speaker at the Women's Salad Supper at 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson, on Thursday, March 26. She will speak on "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and generational storytelling as well as give testimony to God's leading through sometimes traumatic experiences. She is the

author of “Celebrate Grandparenting,” “Harvest of Joy,” and “The Road to Explode” and is currently writing another book. The invitation is open to all women. The church is located at 1161 E. Avenue A. Phone Dayle Toews at 620-245-5336 if you need further information.

12. **Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** will perform their spring break concert, "Lift Our Voices Together," on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert features a cappella and accompanied works from Renaissance through contemporary composers. The concert is free and open to the public; an offering will be received for tour expenses.

13. The 7th Annual **Benefit Day Pulled Pork and Baby Back Ribs Dinner** will be March 28 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Pine Village Wellness Center. Come enjoy tender, smoked pulled pork and fall off the bone baby back ribs. Baby back ribs by the rack and pulled pork by the pound are also available for pre-order. All pre-orders are due by March 18th and all orders can be picked up the day of the BBQ. Pre-order forms are available online at www.pinevillageks.org.

MCC CORNER

MCC Relief Sale -- April 17 & 18 -- KS State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Like the Facebook page Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale or visit www.kansas.mccsale.org

How do I support Mennonite Central Committee?

1. Bring **loose change** each Sunday and drop in the coin collection jug during offering.
2. Place a **check** in the offering plate (written to West Zion, with MCC in memo line). MCC is looking for 1,000 people to donate \$1,000 to celebrate 100 years!
3. Participate in the **Run for Relief** by signing up online or filling out a registration form in the foyer by April 1.
4. **Shop at smile.amazon.com** and click on Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.
5. **Make something to donate** to the sale! Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. If you have pictures of items you are donating, send to photos@kansas.mccsale.org to advertise.

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Jan's sister Elva recovering after a heart attack

Jerry and Wynona, preparing to move to Pine Village

Carolyn's sister-in-law, recovering after eye surgery

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations in Dallas, TX, as they gather this coming Saturday for a joint worship service and fellowship.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

The first professors and administrative personnel to serve Benin Bible Institute when it opened its doors in 1994 are nearing retirement age. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the next generation of teachers and administrators to respond to God's call, and the resources to train them.

Mission Mosaic

Yuliana and Petrus Handoyo in Cambodia, pg 17



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

March 15: Margie Huxman

March 16: Bentley Isaac

March 18: Maleya White

March 20: Lory Fisher

March 21: Alexia Hayes