West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship Vol. LV May 3, 2020 No. 18

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we will not be meeting for worship. Instead, worship services will be online on our West Zion Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/westzion/).

Words for silent meditation: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want (Psalm 23:1).

Prelude For the beauty of the earth (HWB 89) Donna Stucky

Welcome

Call to Worship, Psalm 23 (unison)

Prayer

Celebrating in Song Lorene Lohrenz & Marlene Wiens

Take my life (HWB 389)

Scripture: Leviticus 23:9-14; James 1:16-18

Meditation "You're the Sheaf" Pastor Brad

Song for meditation Donna Stucky

Come, ye thankful people come (HWB 94)

Offering

(Please remember to continue supporting the church during this time. You can give online through PayPal or mail a check. See announcements for more information).

Prayers of the People

(Joys and concerns can be shared in the "comment" bar on the Facebook live stream)

Blessing and Sending

Sermon Notes

You're the Sheaf Leviticus 23:9-14: James 1:16-18

Theme

Our lives are the firstfruits of the gospel.

Key Verse

(James 1:18) He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

<u>Notes</u>

A Question

Where have you seen the gospel bearing fruit in your life recently?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Mennonite Facebook page Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org Streaming license # 20084674

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Worship Service online at West Zion Facebook page

9:30 AM: Sunday School (Connect via Google Hangouts by clicking this link: https://meet.google.com/wif-iwce-xnw or join by phone, dial

+1 657- 529-0830 and enter this PIN: 634 591 635# **10:30 AM**: *Worship Service* (live on WZ Facebook page)

Message: Pastor Brad Roth

Coming Events

May 6: Morning Prayer 8:00-8:30 AM via Google Hangouts

using *Take Our Moments and Our Days* prayer app. To join, click https://meet.google.com/fdn-akqy-usw. To join by phone, dial +1 484-800-1904 and enter this PIN:

753 415 347#

May 13: Morning Prayer 8-8:30 AM via Google Hangouts

Church Council (Zoom mtg) 7:00 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

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838 Pastor Brad's email:bradroth@westzionmc.org

Secretary Carla Stucky's hours: Limited at the church

Church: 620-345-8143 Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: secretary@westzionmc.org Website: www.westzionmc.org

West Zion Announcements

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

- 1. Church Council decided that **West Zion will not be meeting for worship through May 24**. We will revisit this decision and reopen sooner if conditions allow. The secretary will continue to work limited office hours, and all leadership teams and committees will continue to meet by phone and online as we live our mission as the church. Bulletins will still be available each week in the church foyer by Thursday evening and can also be found on the West Zion website.
- 2. **Christian Homemakers** decided to cancel the salad supper that was to have been held on May 13.
- 3. **Address change**: Here is the correct address to use for sending notes to **Sherry Wedel**: Progressive Recovery Academy, Schowalter Villa. 200 W Cedar St. Hesston. KS 67062.
- 4. **Join us for morning prayer!** Wednesdays, 8:00-8:30 AM via Google Hangouts, starting April 8. We'll follow the *Take Our Moments and Our Days* prayer app created by AMBS. You will need to download the app to your device ahead of time. To join the video meeting, click this link: https://meet.google.com/fdn-akqy-usw. Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 484-800-1904 and enter this PIN: 753 415 347#
- 5. Please remember to continue supporting the church during this time with your tithes and offerings. You can give online through the "donate" PayPal link on our church website or mail checks to: West Zion Mennonite Church, PO Box 758, Moundridge, KS 67107.
- 6. **Feeling isolated?** Have a prayer concern you don't feel comfortable sharing online? Call the church office or pastor's cell phone. Let's support one another so that with God's strength, we can make it through this pandemic together.

General Announcements

7. After much prayer and conversation, we have made the difficult decision to **cancel 2020 summer youth camps** at Camp Mennoscah. We as camp staff and camp board have spent much time considering the challenges and risks of moving forward with summer camp as usual, as well as thinking about creative ways to still have camp in

- person. However, because the safety of campers and staff is our top priority, we could not envision a way to safely and responsibly continue in-person summer camps at Camp Mennoscah in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic. Camp Mennoscah is committed to connecting with you despite the cancellation of in-person camps for the summer, and we are already dreaming of ideas to share the camp community in some form this summer. Your creative ideas are welcomed. This decision is incredibly saddening to us, and we will miss the laughter, joy, spiritual encounters, and new friendships that happen during summer youth camps. As our society continues to learn about this virus and develop new safety procedures and guidelines, we are hopeful that camp will be the vibrant place of community and faith formation again soon, and we will keep you updated about possibilities for being at camp. We are so grateful for your support during this time. - Camp Mennoscah Staff and Board of Directors
- 8. **STEPMC** was fortunate in receiving the Payroll Protection Plan funding to assist with our salaries. However, we had to postpone our Petty Cash Concert fundraiser. This fundraiser was expected add substantially to our funding needs. If you would like to help support STEPMC during this time, we would greatly appreciate it. Your donation can be sent to STEPMC, 1200 E. Kansas, McPherson or you can go online to our website to make a donation with your credit/debit card. Just click on the DONATE BUTTON at https://www.stepmc.org/
- 9. **Everence** will host its popular workshop, Make Medicare an easy step, as a webinar on Monday, May 11 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. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting Darlene Buller at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or <u>darlene.buller@everence.com</u>.

MCC SALE NEWS

(The sale was cancelled but fundraising efforts still continue!)

Almonds: SOLD OUT

MCC Sale/Centennial caps. Red in color with Yellow wording. Mesh back. ½ of front of the cap is Sale logo and other ½ centennial logo. \$20/cap; 40 available

Yardsticks: Not varnished with Red lettering. \$7.00/yardstick -- 75 available One side – 52nd Anniversary Kansas MCC Relief Sale – April 17-18, 2020 Other side - Celebrating 100 Years of MCC Serving People "In the Name of Christ".

To order and arrange pick up/delivery, contact: Jim Robb – 620-747-0186 <u>jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com</u> Barb BJ Reeves – 620-543-6863; bj.reeves@live.com

Meal Fundraiser: The meal graciously provided by Keith Banman of Keith's Foods in Goessel this past weekend brought in \$19,207 as of Sunday evening. Thank you to Keith and all volunteers!

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Patience, faith, and trust in God as we continue to wait.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for generous contributions to be given to the WDC Hope Fund, to enable support for congregations facing financial hardship due to the impact of coronavirus.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network administrators request prayer for wisdom in continuing God's ministries of healing and hope in ways that do not expose personnel and partners to undue risks of exposure to COVID-19. All travel and in-person public gatherings have been canceled or postponed. Ministry continues through online connections.

Mission Mosaic

Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barron in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, pg 35



We wish a "Happy Birthday" to:

May 3: Tracy Duffman May 4: Dan Pohl May 6: Ray Klein

We wish a "Happy Anniversary" to:

May 6: Leon & Virginia Guhr

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 162.00
Receipts – year to date	\$ 53,460.82	\$ 62,897.56
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(45,218.93)	(46,974.59)
Less: cash balance	(18,836.35)	(33,626.54)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 99,415.72	\$ 81,950.87
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,840.	\$ 2,341.