

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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*Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we will not be meeting for worship.
In-person worship begins next Sunday, June 14.*

Words for silent meditation: *O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:9)*

Prelude - "O Day of Peace" HWB 408 Donna Stucky

Welcome Carla Stucky

Call to Worship, Psalm 8
Almighty God, we glorify your name!

Prayer

Celebrating in Song - HWB 110 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

Scripture, Matthew 5:1-12

Meditation "Peace, Now?" (video sermon) Pastor Brad

Song for meditation - "International Peace Medley" by Donna Stucky

Offering
(Please remember to continue supporting the church during this time)

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

Blessing and Sending

Sermon Notes

Peace, Now?
Matthew 5:1-12

Theme
Christ calls us to pray, act, and learn for peace.

Key Verse
(Matthew 5:9 NRSV) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Notes

A Question
Where is God opening your eyes to the possibilities around you to work for peace?

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

Sunday, June 14, 2020
IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT WEST ZION

9:30 AM: No Sunday School
Message: Pastor Brad Roth
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad
Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman
Ushers: Mel Becker, Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Scripture: Geneva Wedel

Coming Events

June 14: In-person worship starts 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

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. We're planning to reopen for in-person worship on June 14! We're excited to get back together, but we know things will look a little different. As always, church council will carefully monitor updates from federal, state, and county officials and make changes to our opening date and plan as necessary.

What will church look like on reopening?

- We will greet you at the door with hand sanitizer.
- We will seat people front-to-back and dismiss back-to-front.
- Seating will be spaced out in the sanctuary.
- The ushers will help seat you. We ask that you practice social distancing inside the church and not congregate at the back. The best place to catch up is outside, where we can spread out and avoid bottlenecks!
- There will be less singing and no special music to minimize aerial spread of the virus.
- We encourage everyone to wear a mask (some masks will be available at the door, for those who don't have one).
- We will not pass the offering plate and sharing and announcements will be done by Pastor Brad to avoid passing the microphone (you can text him or let him know of your prayer concerns/announcements ahead of time).
- Basement door will be locked, and we ask everyone to use the front door.
- Blowers will be turned off so as not to re-circulate air. Ceiling fans will not be used.
- In case of an outbreak, names and contact information of everyone in attendance will be shared with the McPherson County Health Department to do follow up contact tracing. We will also communicate directly with the congregation to let you know that there has been a positive case.
- We will continue to livestream our services, so we encourage vulnerable individuals to stay home and catch worship online.
- Of course, if you are feeling sick, please stay home.

This is not what we're used to. It might feel a little awkward or annoying. Remember that our goal is to keep everyone healthy so we can worship together. Keep the words of the apostle Paul in mind: "In humility value others above yourselves." (Philippians 2:3).

2. There will be **no Sunday School** held for adults or children this summer.

General Announcements

3. **Thank you** for your overwhelming support of Amani Community Church through the Freezer Meal Fundraiser this past weekend. We prepared 170 meals and raised just over \$3,000 for Amani Community Church! We are so thankful for the community's support, engagement, and generosity in fostering this new outreach with our Swahili-speaking brothers and sisters in Wichita. We were excited to share our delicious meals with you, and for each of you to continue cultivating relationships with your neighbors, both near and far!

4. The June/July/August issue of **WDC Garden** (WDC's quarterly newsletter) is now available! However, since many WDC churches are not meeting in person during this time of pandemic, it will not be sent in bulk to churches for distribution. It is available online at: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-garden-june-july-august-2020/>.

5. **Everence** will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free. Register soon by contacting Darlene Buller at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Marge Kaufman, at Wesley Hospital

Bryan Otte, after suffering a stroke

Beginning in-person worship on June 14!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Executive Board as it meets this week to offer vision and leadership to the conference in the midst of challenging times.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Juliet Kilpin and Peaceful Borders, an Anabaptist organization in the United Kingdom that advocates for refugees. Pray for resources for refugee-led support groups (Hopetowns) that bear witness to suffering and injustice.

Mission Mosaic

Mary Hurst in South Bowenfels, Australia, pg 17



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
June 10: Crysta Guhr, Myles Dillman