

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *O LORD...give me an undivided heart to revere your name (Psalm 86:11).*

Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Ellen Kaufman
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements (*Ellen will make announcements from the pulpit. If you have an announcement, please get it to her before the service.*)

Call to Worship, Psalm 86:11-17
Lord, you are good and forgiving.

****Celebrating in song** (*We encourage you to wear a mask while singing to avoid potential virus broadcast.*)

The love of God STJ 44
Jesus, help us live in peace STJ 52

Scripture Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:1-6 Jim Stucky

Message "A Declaration of Dependence" Pastor Tim Schrag

Offering
(*The offering will be received in the basket on the back table to avoid passing the offering plates.*)

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
(*During this time, we will not be passing the mic. Please communicate joys and concerns to Ellen ahead of time. You can text them to 620-386-0952 or write in the Facebook comment bar if you are watching online.*)

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *You are salt for the earth* HWB 226

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

(*Please exit back-to-front and practice social distancing. We encourage you to go outside if you would like to connect and chat.*)

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Dale Jantzen
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

We welcome Pastor Tim Schrag as he preaches the word today! Tim grew up near Moundridge. He recently retired from 34 years of pastoral ministry at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, Nebraska (11 years) and Mennonite Church of Normal, Illinois (23 years). He and wife Sue live part-time in Goessel and hope to spend part of their time traveling, accepting service assignments and hiking and biking. Tim spends time fishing, and Sue devotes a lot of time to making comforters for distribution to refugees through MCC. Tim was a summer pastoral intern at West Zion/First Mennonite Church of Christian in the summer of 1984!

Sermon Notes

A Declaration of Dependence
Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:1-6

Notes

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

Sunday, July 26, 2020

9:30 AM: No Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Ellen Kaufman
Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman
Ushers: Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Aug. 1: Kid's Mini-camp at Will & Ellen Kaufman's 6-9 PM
Aug. 2: Camp Sunday, worship 10:30 AM on church lawn
Aug. 1-2: WDC Annual Assembly online
Aug. 17: STEP MC informational meeting at WZ 6:00 PM
Sept. 8: Christian Homemakers planning mtg 7:00 PM at WZ

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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Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Our “Return to Worship” plan** to keep everyone safe as we gather can be found on the West Zion website. As always, church council will carefully monitor updates from federal, state, and county officials and make changes as necessary. Masks are available at the front door if you forget yours. For this Sunday, July 19, **please contact/text Ellen Kaufman at 620-386-0952 if you have a joy, concern, or announcement you would like shared during worship.**
2. **Yearbook change:** Royce and Sandy Jantz no longer use their home telephone number (620-327-2976). You can reach them by text messaging or by calling their cell phones at 620-951-4199 (Royce) and 620-951-4198 (Sandy).
3. **Congratulations to Daniel Kaufman** on his graduation from Moundridge High School! The graduating class was finally able to walk on Saturday.
4. **The phones in the church are not working at this time** and will have to be replaced. The Trustees are working on that project. A corded phone has been hooked up in the secretary office (on top of the file cabinet) which can be used for receiving and making calls if needed. This also means you will not be able to use the church’s fax machine until the phones are replaced.
5. During this time of pandemic, **let’s bless and thank our local medical workers!** Mission Team is sponsoring a gift of cookies and cards for Mercy Hospital, Partners in Family Care, Moundridge Pharmacy, and EMTs. **We need 35 dozen cookies to cover everybody.** Can you help? Deliver cookies by July 26 to the church kitchen. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
6. **Steps to End Poverty of McPherson County (STEPMC)** is thrilled to be coming to Moundridge this summer! If you are looking for a way to help people in need, come on over to West Zion Mennonite on Monday, August 17 at 6:00 PM to learn more about STEPMC and how to get involved! If you have any questions, contact Austin Regier at 316-218-7763 (call or text), or by email at director@stepmc.org. If you are struggling to make ends meet and could use a hand, text or call Jamie at 620-217-0398. We look forward to joining your

community and offering an additional avenue for hope and support for families who are struggling.

7. **Pastor Brad** will be out July 10-19. Please contact deacons Sharon Gehring or Carla Stucky for any care needs.
8. Hey kids--missing summer camp this year? **Join us for mini-camp, August 1, 6:00-9:00 PM** at Will and Ellen Kaufman’s (2635 Cheyenne Rd)! We’ll play games, do a craft, sing camp songs, and roast marshmallows and hotdogs--all while practicing social distancing outside. Mini-camp is a time to get out into nature for an evening and connect with God.
9. **Join us August 2 for Camp Sunday!** We are planning to worship outside on the front lawn of the church, sing camp songs, and share camp memories.
10. During this time, **we ask you not to congregate and form bottlenecks** at the back of the sanctuary before service, but rather to proceed directly to the pews. Thanks for helping us work together to keep everyone safe in worship!
11. The **Western District Conference (WDC)** Assembly will be held online August 1-2 and will use Scripture themes from Jeremiah 29:4ff and I Peter 2:11-12. All webinars are one hour long. Non-delegates may attend without registering and **there is no registration fee** so this is a great opportunity to check out the Annual Assembly! See more information at <https://mennowdc.org/2020-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

General Announcements

12. The 7th **Annual Benefit Day Pulled Pork** and Baby Back Ribs Fundraiser is back! Pulled pork by the pound and baby back ribs sold by the rack are available for pre-order. Orders can be made online at www.pinevillageks.org, or by returning an order form found in the foyer to Pine Village. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY JULY 22.** Pick up will be August 1 from 9-11 AM at the West Zion Church. Please use the west doors to the basement for pick up. All the meat is cooked perfectly and packaged, ready to eat or ready to freeze so you can enjoy delicious BBQ all summer long. Due to COVID-19 there will not be a sit-down supper.

13. Grounded in the words we read in Philippians 2: 3-4, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others,” **MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely.** The realities of COVID-19 continue to change but the dedication of MCC staff to work for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ continues. Essential workers will continue to work at MCC, but the rest of the staff will work from home. Your material resource donations (school, hygiene or relief kits and comforters, details at mcc.org/kits) are needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room towards the east end of the building (121 E. 30th North Newton, KS 67117). Despite the challenges from COVID-19, the global work of MCC continues. Your financial donations are needed to keep this work going. Give now at mcc.org/donate or by sending checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. To contact staff with questions please email us at centralstates@mcc.org or call the office 316.283.2720.



Peru Sister Church - Pray for Pastor Felix and our sister church in San Juan de Cotabambas. During the coronavirus pandemic, the community has been isolated from the nearby city of Cusco. They are unable to gather for worship, though they have been meeting in small groups in homes. Pray for the church that it will be able to recover spiritually and materially from this crisis.

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Carl Duffman’s surgery went well, and he is expected to come home this week

Ken Stucky’s brother-in-law, Roger Krehbiel, has been transferred to rehab following a stroke

Crysta Guhr’s father, Keith Hill, had successful major back surgery on Wednesday

Rosanne’s daughter Amanda and grandson Braxton came home last week after Braxton’s surgery in Boston. The lung surgery was more extensive than expected.

Kathy Hayes’ uncle, Darrell, was recently put on hospice care

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for all WDC congregations, as they discern what it means to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God in their local communities and today’s world.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network’s short-term service programs that help young people deepen their faith and broaden their cultural perspectives. Pray for program directors as they plan for the coming year with so many unknowns.

Mosaic Directory in pews

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We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
July 22: Jean Regier, Joseph Azzarito
July 25: Jeremiah Hayes, Delaney Cowden

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:
July 25: Mark & Donna Stucky