

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *The unfolding of your words gives light (Psalm 119:130).*


Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

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

Call to Worship, Psalm 119:129-136

Refrain



O Lord, you have the words of life; O teach me your ways.

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

We gather together HWB 17
Sing praise to God who reigns HWB 59

Scripture Matthew 13:31-33 Ellen Kaufman

Message Pastor Brad
"The Kingdom of God Is Like...The Smallest of Seeds"

Offering (*As we continue to deal with the threat of COVID-19, 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 Pastor Brad ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-4838 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar.*)

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God* HWB 324

****Benediction**

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

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman
Ushers: Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

The Kingdom of God Is Like...The Smallest of Seeds
Matthew 13:31-33

Theme

Watch for God's kingdom in unexpected places.

Key Verse

(Matthew 13:31) The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

Notes

A Question

How do the world's metrics keep you from seeing God's kingdom?

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

Camp Sunday, August 2, 2020 (on front lawn)

9:30 AM: No Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service (outside)

Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Carolyn Schmidt

Greeter(s): Will & Ellen Kaufman

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

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: STEPMC 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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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. **Please text Pastor Brad at 620-386-4838 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. **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.

4. **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.

5. 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.

6. **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. Bring your favorite lawn chair. We will also have folding chairs available.

7. 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!

General Announcements

8. **If you ordered pulled pork or ribs** from Pine Village, remember to pick them up on August 1 from 9-11 AM at the West Zion Church. Please use the west doors to the basement for pick up.

9. **MCC is hosting virtual alumni gatherings** for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe & Middle East and Africa. And you are invited! Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Find out specific dates, times and register at mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings. Questions? Please contact heidihuber@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720.

10. The **Western District Women in Mission Executive Council** have nine open positions including: vice president, secretary, treasurer, one position on the Women and Girls Retreat Committee, two positions on the Communications Team, and three positions on the Nominating Committee. You can help ensure the future of WDWM programming by volunteering for one of these positions. Email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com if interested.

11. **The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum**, Goessel, KS, will have a benefit Bierock Carry-out Meal. Saturday, August 1, 11 am to 1 pm (while supplies last). The meal is a free-will donation or \$10 suggested donation. New Year’s Cookies will also be available by the half dozen and dozen. Suggested donations: \$5 and \$10, respectively. Look for the arrows to direct traffic past the museum's Prep School, 200 N. Poplar, Goessel. No reservation needed.

12. **MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely.** 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). Consider also giving financially by going to 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.



Pray for Mennonite Mission Network, working in more than 50 countries, that it would continue to equip and encourage people to share the gospel of Christ's reconciliation and peace.

West Zion Joys and Concerns

The Kaufman family at the passing of Marge Kaufman.

Richard and Glenda's daughter Sammi relocating to Hutch.

Terry going in to have his pacemaker battery replaced.

Dwight "Swede" Nelson, an employee of Will's, dealing with leukemia.

Kathy Hayes' uncle Darrell Fike, now on hospice, and his wife, Carol

The family of Milford Wedel, WZ member, who died on July 19

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower and guide WDC's online gathering for Annual Assembly next weekend, as we engage the theme "Living in Exile."

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

July 31 is Stanley W. Green's last day as Mennonite Mission Network's executive director after 27 years of faithful service. Pray for Stanley and his wife, Ursula, as they settle in California where Stanley will work as conference minister for the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference. Ask God's wisdom for Michael J. Sherrill as he becomes executive director on August 1.

Mosaic Directory in pews

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We wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to:

July 27: Mike Kaufman

July 30: Phil Lohrenz

August 1: Quinn Hill

We wish a "**Happy Anniversary**" to:

August 1: Jerry & Wynona Becker