

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths (Psalm 25:4).*

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 25:1-9
Remember your mercies, O Lord.

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

When the morning stars together HWB 34
Be thou my vision HWB 545

Scripture James 4:13-17 Joanne Stucky

Message "Big Plans?" Pastor Brad

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** He leadeth me HWB 599

****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): Dave & Zettie Wedel
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Sermon Notes

Big Plans?
James 4:13-17

Theme
Be humble and seek God's will.

Key Verse
(James 4:15) You ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

Notes

A Question
Have you ever experienced your plans changing in light of God's guidance? What was that like?

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

World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Melvin Graber
Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel
Ushers: Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler
Church meeting and Deacon Nomination: Immediately following service

Coming Events

Today: Adult SS topic: Uncertainty/dealing with unknowns
Sept. 30: Online study on "How to Pray" 8-9 AM
Oct. 4: Adult SS topic: Discerning risks,
 World Communion Sunday
 Names for Deacon nomination given after church
 Special Business Meeting after church
Oct. 7: Online study on "How to Pray" 8-9 AM
Oct. 21: Church Council 7 PM
Oct. 23: Bloodmobile at West Zion
Nov. 15: Mission Sunday followed by Budget meeting

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

Church: 620-345-8143
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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. Church Council will carefully monitor updates from federal, state, and county officials and make changes as necessary. **Please text Pastor Brad at 620-386-4838 if you have a joy, concern, or announcement you would like shared during worship.**

2. During the month of September, **Christian Homemakers will be collecting items for school kits for MCC.** There will be a black tub in the foyer of the church where you can drop off your school items. You can pick up a list of the new items needed from the table in the foyer. Here is a list of the **NEW** items requested by MCC:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate **30 cm**; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

Monetary contributions can also be given and Homemakers will purchase items with the donations. If you have questions, contact Connie Graber or any Christian Homemaker.

3. Next week (Oct.4), we’re celebrating **World Communion Sunday!** Let’s prepare our hearts and mend relationships so we can come with joy to meet our Lord at his table.

4. There will **be a short business meeting on Sunday, October 4** right after church to approve a Trustee project to replace broken concrete in the drive on our east parking lot entrance. For questions, please contact Leon Guhr at 620-386-0363.

5. **Next week (Oct.4), we will hold deacon nominations** immediately following the worship service. Carl Duffman will be ending his 3rd year and is requesting that he NOT be considered for another term due to health concerns. The other two Deacons are Carla Stucky and Sharon Gehring. This is a 3-year term and will commence in January. Please prayerfully consider who you would like

to nominate. If you have any questions, the Gift Discernment team is Mike Kaufman, Lorene Lohrenz, and Carolyn Schmidt.

6. **Connie Kaufman has volunteered** to help line up meals for STEPNC (an anti-poverty program) in Moundridge, which will kick off October 12. She is looking for people to sign up for one meal to serve 15-20 people. Find a friend and make the meal together to help the STEPNC program get off to a good start. Please see Connie for more information and details about how to get signed up.

7. November 15 we will hold a **semi-virtual Mission Sunday** with First Mennonite and Eden. Joe Manickam, president of Hesston College, will be our speaker. Dr. Manickam will be livestreamed to our three churches, and we will incorporate virtual elements from each of the churches. Dr. Manickam will also share virtually during the SS hour.

8. November 15, immediately following worship, we will hold our **annual budget meeting.** Because of COVID-19, we will not have a meal this year. If you prefer to attend virtually, follow this Google Hangouts link: <https://meet.google.com/zob-jxdj-qkt>.

9. **Christian Homemakers** are accepting all used greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude’s Children Ranch. Please put the entire card into the box on the shelf in the lobby.

10. **Are you interested in going deeper in your life of prayer?** Join us online Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00 AM for conversations following Pete Greig’s book *How to Pray*. We will meet online to discuss the book--and to put into practice what we’re learning by spending time together in prayer. Follow this Google Hangouts/Meet link to join: <https://meet.google.com/kep-rbkm-erb>.

11. Our **fall adult Sunday School class** is entitled “Letters to a Weary Church.” Pastor Brad will discuss passages from the New Testament letters that deal with different emotions that a lot of us are going through right now. Join us online at: <https://meet.google.com/jkg-gdbw-hyk>. A list of upcoming topics can be found on the bulletin board. **Our topic for next Sunday, Oct. 4 is “Discerning risks” II Tim. 4:1-8**

General Announcements

12. **Can you help?** On Saturday, October 17 an Outreach Meal Packaging Event will happen and we need 150 volunteers. Our goal is to package 50,000 meals between 9am - 2pm (in two shifts). All of the meals will be donated to domestic food banks, with 5,000 meals donated within Reno County. The event will be at the Sand Hills Event Center in Hutchinson. We will provide masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. The event is co-sponsored by Buhler Mennonite Church and IdeaTek. For more information and to sign-up, please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545AEAD2EA1F58-100000> or call 620.899.2733.

13. A **Quilter's Corner Fall Sale** will take place at the MCC Materials Resource Center in North Newton. Items that would have been sold at the Relief Sale will be available for purchase. Times will be Friday October 2 from 9 am – 5 pm, and October 3 from 9 am – 3 pm. Come support the relief work of MCC! Health protocols for Harvey County will be observed. Questions?? Contact Rose Wiebe Haury at 316-288-0079 or haury@juno.com.

14. **The Pine Village Benefit Day Auction** is coming up and will be fully online this year. We are still taking Benefit Day items and are hoping to get photos of all the items entered and launch our auction preview within the next week. Contact Julie Brochtrup at 345-2901 or email Julie.brochtrup@pinevillageks.org with questions.

15. **Fall Festival at Bethel College will look different this year.** While there won't be a "Fall Festival fair" on campus Oct. 3, there will be a homecoming football game, an art exhibit by David Long, and a virtual play written by Karen Robu, among other events. The Bethel College Women's Association is taking orders for baked goods at www.bcwamarketonline.com/shop/preorderforfallfest/9 (ordering deadline: Sept. 30). See www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival for a detailed schedule.

16. **Mt. Hope Sanctuary**, a non-profit Christian ministry for single women and children, invites all to Taco Tuesday on September 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson. The taco truck will be at the church from 11am-1 and 5-7pm and will offer your choice of beef or chicken burrito and sides. You can pre-order online for carry out or delivery at www.mthopesanctuary.org. All free will donations will go to Mt. Hope, cash or check preferred.

West Zion Celebrations and Concerns

Dorothy Toews, at St. Francis Hospital after falling.

Harvey and Lois Thiessen. Lois has not been eating and drinking adequately.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission and church planters as they listen for the Holy Spirit's leading for church development in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Matthew and Toni Krabill, serving with MMN at the Paris Mennonite Center in France, help Anabaptist Christians to engage with issues of injustice and conflict. Pray that they would draw on God's words to guide their ministry and help others to be faithful to Jesus.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Jaden Hostetter in Quito, Ecuador, pg 34



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:
October 3: Randy Kessler, Kathryn Hayes

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 710.00	\$ 2,599.00
Receipts – year to date	\$ 95,119.20	\$ 104,650.71
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(110,906.93)	(112,666.00)
Less: cash balance	<u>(8,695.72)</u>	<u>(5,472.32)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 43,868.35	\$ 44,413.68
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,133	\$ 3,172