

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart (Psalm 119:34).*

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. Please give your announcements to him before the service.*)

Call to Worship, Psalm 119:33-40
Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.

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

A wonderful Savior is Jesus HWB 598
Jesus lover of my soul HWB 618

Scripture 1 Peter 5:6-11 Wynona Becker

Message "Time to Pick Up" (Letters to a Weary Church) 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*)

Prayers for teachers, staff, and students

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 by texting 620-386-4838 or commenting on Facebook.*)

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *In the bulb there is a flower* HWB 614

**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): Ken Stucky
Ushers: Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

"Time to Pick Up"
1 Peter 5:6-11

Theme

Put your life together in Christ.

Key Verse

(1 Peter 5:7) "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Notes

A Question

What do your fears reveal about you? What do they reveal about your understanding of God?

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

Sunday, September 13, 2020

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Sharon Gehring
Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Coming Events

Today: Sunday School begins!
Sept. 8: Christian Homemakers planning mtg 7:00 PM at WZ
Sept. 9: Online study on book "How to Pray"; invite in
 announcements
Sept. 16: Online study on "How to Pray" 8-9 AM

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. **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. 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. **As our prayer series wraps up**, are you interested in going deeper? Join us starting September 9, 8:00-9:00 AM for conversations following Pete Greig’s book *How to Pray*. We’ll meet for 8 weeks 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>
3. **Sunday School for all ages has begun!** K-6 will meet in the ramp room or outside as weather allows. Grades 7-12 will meet in the youth room. The adult class will be taught by Pastor Brad and will spread out in the fellowship hall and also be available online.
4. Pastor Brad is calling our fall adult Sunday School: **“Letters to a Weary Church.”** We’ll look at passages from the New Testament letters that deal with the complex emotions (weariness, fear, anxiety, and many more) a lot of us are going through right now. What are the letters God is writing to his contemporary weary church? What letter is He writing to you? Join us online at: <https://meet.google.com/jkq-gdbw-hyk>
5. **The Associated Ministries of Moundridge** has sent their financial statements as well as Annual Report to West Zion. Copies are on the foyer bulletin board.

General Announcements

6. **If you can tie a knot you can help MCC!** There are lots of comforters at MCC in North Newton that need to be tied and we’re looking for volunteers! If you would be interested in borrowing a set of sticks/stands from the MCC Workroom to set up and tie comforters at home, please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org or call 316-804-8432.

7. **The 9th Annual Benefit Day Bierock** sale is back! Fresh, homemade bierocks sold by the half dozen are available for pre-order. Orders can be made online at www.pinevillageks.org, or by returning an order form to Pine Village. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY September 15th.** Pick up will be Friday, September 25 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. and September 26 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Eden Church. Please use the back entrance for pick up. All the bierocks are cooked perfectly and packaged, ready to eat or ready to freeze so you can enjoy delicious bierocks anytime! There will not be a sit-down supper.

8. **Bethel College Women’s Association** has worked to raise money for Bethel for many years. In August we opened our first online store, www.bcwamarketonline.com. We invite you to check out this online market for crafts, jewelry, and more. If circumstances allow, we will accept orders for baked goods to be picked up at Fall Fest October 1-3. Please check the website for updated information.

9. **Everence will host** its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, Sept. 15 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 our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com. **Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.*

10. **Wurst Fundraiser Ever:** You're invited to a German-themed drive-through carryout meal fundraiser to benefit Mennonite Central Committee Sept. 26 held at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, Kan. Tim and Heidi Huber's family will be offering bratwurst, sides, dessert and drinks, with an RSVP deadline of Sept. 19 or 300 reservations at <https://forms.gle/ASndjK9AQP3BLRS7>.

11. **WDC/SCC Women’s Retreat 2020:** The Retreat Committee has decided not to meet in person at Camp Mennoscah this year **but will gather virtually on Saturday, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM** via Zoom for a worship service. Susan Jantzen (interim pastor of Worship/Visitation at First Mennonite in Newton) will lead us on “Reflections on God as Keeper.” Bethany Martin from Faith and Life Bookstore will review a few books and there will be singing and communion. For free registration or questions, send your email to Tammy Duvanel Unruh at 2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com by September 10.

12. **KIPCOR** (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) at Bethel College, will kick off its annual film series *virtually* on September 13. KIPCOR will host a Zoom call, starting at 2 p.m., featuring *Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot*, the story of a group of Alabama students and teachers who nonviolently resisted in a segregationist state. Included is a talk-back session with Larry Burks Sr., president of the Wichita branch of the NAACP. You must register to participate at <http://kipcor.org/>

13. **Now at Kauffman Museum (through Nov. 29)** – “Sorting Out Race: Examining Racial Identity and Stereotypes in Thrift Store Donations.” Regular hours are Tues.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 1:30-4:30 p.m., closed Mondays and major holidays, but with ever-changing COVID-19 protocols, you are advised to check the museum website, kauffmanmuseum.org, or Facebook page or call 316-283-1612 before planning a visit.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 1,724.00	\$ 1,459.00
Receipts – year to date	\$ 86,659.97	\$ 98,942.71
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(92,554.25)	(103,508.91)
Less: cash balance	<u>(18,587.25)</u>	<u>(13,570.40)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 52,329.50	\$ 45,472.69
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,078.	\$ 2,675.

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Glenda, recovering after having a pacemaker installed

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for Gabriel Pennington as he is installed today as pastor at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, a WDC congregation in Topeka, KS.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network’s Service Adventure participants began their assignments in the Jackson, Mississippi, unit this week. Pray that God will provide wisdom for Debbie and Rick Lee, new unit leaders, and for all as they transition into community living and learning.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Odessa Theological Seminary in Ukraine, pg 31



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
 September 6: Lexi Koehn
 September 10: Richard Golden