

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *O LORD, make haste to help me! (Psalm 70:1)*

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 70
Almighty God, deliver me!

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

God of our strength HWB 36
All hail the power of Jesus' name HWB 285

Scripture Philippians 2:1-11 Curtis Guhr

Message "Jesus for President" 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 Will you come and follow me STS 39

**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): Norman Funk
Ushers: Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

Jesus for President
Philippians 2:1-11

Theme

Our ultimate allegiance is to Jesus.

Key Verse

(Philippians 2:10-11) at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Notes

A Question

Where are you at risk for placing your allegiance above Jesus? What does it mean to you to pledge your ultimate allegiance to Jesus?

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

Sunday, November 8, 2020

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

Coming Events

Today: Adult SS topic: Experiencing healing
Nov. 3: Election Night Prayer 6:30-7:30 PM
 Election Night Communion 7:30 PM at WZ
Nov. 4: MYM 6-7 PM, no meal
Nov. 8: Adult SS topic: Knowing God's love
Nov. 11: MYM 6-7 PM, no meal
Nov. 12: Christian Homemakers 4 PM at West Zion
Nov. 18: MYM 6-7 PM, no meal, Church Council 7 PM
Nov. 15: Mission Sunday followed by Budget meeting,
 Deacon nomination
Nov 29: First Sunday of Advent

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. 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. **We will again be ordering poinsettias** as decoration for the Christmas season and as memorials. If you would like to order a poinsettia as a memorial for a loved one, please fill out the order forms in the foyer and put in Carla Stucky’s mailbox or call/text Carla at 620-386-0414. The 6 ½ inch red poinsettias will be ordered from Stone Creek Nursery and the price is \$12.50 each. A list of memorials will be printed in the Nov. 29 bulletin, the first Sunday of Advent. The deadline for ordering is Nov. 8.
3. Need a new **West Zion bumper magnet**? Pick one up in the foyer!
4. **Election Night Prayer** from 6:30-7:30PM on November 3, outside on the northeast corner of Cole and Washington in front of West Zion. For those who desire a place of quiet prayer, come light a candle and offer prayers for our community, nation, and world.
5. Join us on November 3 at 7:30 PM for a community service of **Election Night Communion!** We’ll gather at West Zion to celebrate communion after the polls have closed. It’s a time to come together, renew our trust in God, and remember our unity in Christ.
6. At our November 15 Mission Sunday we’ll be taking an offering in support of the Larsons, our **mission partners in the Middle East.**
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 9:30 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. **MCC meat canning** will be held on Monday Nov.9. You can donate by making checks out to West Zion with “MCC Meat Canning” in the memo and placing in the offering basket. Social distancing measures will be implemented if you sign up to help; the sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Please see Mike Kaufman for the details. Let’s help MCC make a difference. Yes we “can!”
10. **Christian Homemakers** will be meeting on Nov. 12 at 4:00 PM at West Zion to tie quilts. Jan Dyck will lead in devotions and there will be pizza for refreshments. All women are invited!
11. **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.
12. 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 felt right now. A list of topics can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

General Announcements

13. The **KIPCOR Peace Lecture series** presents best-selling author Sarah Smarsh, in a free online format on Nov. 5 at 7 PM. Smarsh is the author of two books on poverty and class in America, *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* and, just released, *She Come By It Natural: Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs*. To register, go to kipcor.org, click on the event and scroll down to the “Register Now” button.
14. **Mask ask!** MCC is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines:
 - Adult sized
 - Use at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred)
 - Elastic ear loops
 - Nose wire/filter pockets optional

Please bring purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) at 121 East 30th Street, North Newton or drop off in the 24 hour donation room at MCC by November 15th. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org.

15. **Bethel College** events can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

West Zion Celebrations and Concerns

Amy, daughter of a friend of Gerry Major’s who lives in Pennsylvania. Amy is a nurse suffering from symptoms that the doctors cannot figure out.

Chet Koehn, struggling with pneumonia at Moundridge Mercy Hospital

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for God’s strength for chaplains and others in WDC caring for those facing pain, illness and death in the midst of the pandemic.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Tuesday is election day in the United States. Join MMN in prayer for the vote to take place without violence and that leaders will be elected who will lead the country in ways of justice and peace.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Mennonite Voluntary Service participants in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, pg 51



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
November 2: Aline Bachman

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – last week	\$ 770.00	\$ 1,074.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 106,886.78	\$ 113,716.96
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(128,076.63)	(129,197.05)
Less: cash balance	<u>(8,154.67)</u>	<u>(2,685.55)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 27,239.70	\$ 30,669.40
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,027	\$ 3,408
MCC Meat Canning	\$ 750	