

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, for the time being worship services will be online on our West Zion Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/westzion/>).

Words for silent meditation: *He is our God and we are the people in His pasture, the flock under His care. Psalm 95:7*

Prelude (HWB 412 We shall walk through the valley) Donna Stucky

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth

Call to Worship, Psalm 95:1-7a
Come, let us sing to God our rock!

Celebrating in Song
Oh for a thousand tongues to sing HWB 110

Scripture Romans 13

Meditation "Peace for the Powerful" Pastor Brad

Song for meditation - Make me a channel of your peace (Lloyd Larson)

Offering (*Please remember to continue supporting the church during this time.*)

Prayers of the People (*Joys and concerns can be shared in the "comment" bar on the Facebook live stream*)

Sending Song *We are people of God's peace* HWB 407

Blessing and Sending

Postlude - O day of peace (HWB 408)

For those of you who can, please join together at 11:45 AM for our online budget meeting and deacon affirmation via Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ziv-kmuz-xih>).

Sermon Notes

Peace for the Powerful
Romans 13

Theme

Christian citizenship is love deployed for the common good.

Key Verse

(Romans 13:10) Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Notes

A Question

How have you understood Christian faith and citizenship? What does it mean for you to live out your faith for the common good?

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

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020
Worship Service online at West Zion Facebook page

9:30 AM: Sunday School (Join us online at <https://meet.google.com/jkg-gdbw-hyk>) or by phone dial (US) +1 413-369-1389 PIN: 399 549 130#

10:30 AM: Worship Service (live on WZ Facebook page)

Message: Pastor Brad

Coming Events

Today: Budget meeting and Deacon vote 11:45 AM (online via Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ziv-kmuz-xih>))
Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 18: Red Cross Bloodmobile

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. Due to the sharp rise in COVID-19 cases, **Church Council has decided to return to online-only worship.** Bulletins will still be printed, and you can pick one up in the foyer or find it on the West Zion website. If you would like one mailed to you instead, please contact Carla Stucky. Join us on our Facebook Live page each Sunday morning for worship.

2. **The budget meeting and deacon affirmation** will take place this morning at 11:45 AM and will be online via Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ziv-kmuz-xih>). The link can also be found on our West Zion website. Ballots to approve the budget and affirm Will Kaufman as deacon have been sent out by email and by regular mail. If you have questions, or are a member and did not get a ballot but would like one, please contact Connie Kaufman. Voting needs to take place by Wednesday, Nov. 25.

3. **Sunday School update:**

1) Our adult Sunday School Class, *Letters to a Weary Church* will continue online 11/22 and 11/29. Follow this link or dial in to join the conversation! <https://meet.google.com/jkq-gdbw-hyk> , Dial-in: (US) +1 413-369-1389 PIN: 399 549 130#.

2) Jr./Sr. High Sunday School will not meet on 11/22. We are exploring the possibility of continuing online in the future. Watch this space for updates!

3) K-5 Sunday School is paused for the time being due to Covid.

4. **November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent!** Each week of Advent, we'll learn more about one of the people closest to Jesus' birth (Zechariah, John the Baptist, Joseph, and Mary--as well as Simeon and Anna after Christmas). Mission Team will lead us in praying for different aspects of our church's mission.

5. **Mission Team** invites you to make a special gift in support of the Larsons, our mission partners in the Middle East. The Larsons work with teams that create media that shares the message of Jesus with Muslims in countries where it would be difficult or impossible to share their faith openly. *A recent update from the Larsons can be found on the bulletin board.*

6. **Moundridge Angel Tree** is preparing for another year of service. Due to COVID-19 there are both no-contact and limited-contact options. If you or someone you know needs assistance or if you would like to adopt an Angel, please contact Angela Azzarito at 316-712-9849 or by email at moundridgeangeltree@gmail.com

7. Please remember to **continue supporting** the church during this time. You can give online through PayPal or mail a check.

General Announcements

8. **Have yourself a honkin' good holiday at MCC in North Newton!**

This drive-thru event on Dec. 11 from 4-6 p.m. is a unique way to safely enjoy some delicious Christmas cheer while supporting the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee. Each charcuterie box is composed of seasonal artisan meats and cheeses, olives, fruit, mixed nuts and seasonal treats with crackers served on the side. A box serves two generous appetizer portions. **RSVP by 5 p.m. on December 4** to reserve yours! Suggested donation per box is \$25. Email centralstates@mcc.org to reserve your charcuterie box today! Find more information and photos at mcc.org/honkin-holiday.

9. **MCC asks for support for Central American hurricane recovery.**

Not one, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organization to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online mcc.org/eta-iota-relief, by phone (888) 563-4676 or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

10. **Join MCC for a series of "MCC and me" webinars to hear more about service opportunities.**

Are you ready to step out and into service? To gain new skills and experiences while working for relief and peace in the name of Christ? MCC is working to adapt our programming as the situation with COVID-19 develops. All sessions relate to anticipated service needs, though timing and some other details may be subject to change.

- December 9 at 7 p.m. EST: Serving and Learning Together (SALT)
- January 13 at 3 p.m. EST: Summer Service leadership program
- February 25 at 10 a.m. EST: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) summer staff
- February 25 at 8 p.m. EST: International service worker

- March 6 at 12 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March TBD: Mobile Meat Canner

For more information and to register: mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities

11. A 25th **Annual Community free Thanksgiving Dinner** will be delivered curbside on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26 from 11:30-1:30 at the Community Building in McPherson (122 E Marlin). For more information or to donate or volunteer, go to the McPherson Community Dinners Facebook page.

12. **Mennonite Disaster Service** is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that respond in love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. MDS invites and appreciates continued support as needs continue to grow. If you would like to donate, go to mds.mennonite.net/donate.

13. Due to Covid-19 concerns, the **WDC office and Resource Library are closed until further notice**. All staff members are working from their homes. The best way to contact a staff member is by email, or messages can be left at 316-283-6300. Phone messages will be checked as possible.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – last week	\$ 1,012.50	\$ 1,203.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 111,963.28	\$126,504.52
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(134,149.14)	(135,522.23)
Less: cash balance	(<u>7,259.87</u>)	(<u>9,148.54</u>)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 22,061.99	\$ 17,881.23
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,677	\$ 2,980

West Zion Celebrations and Concerns

Bonnie Kaufman, Daniel Kaufman, and Randy and Kathy (Kaufman) Preheim continuing to recover from Covid.

Lorene's uncle and aunt, James and Geneva Chapple, as her uncle is dying from Covid.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for the gifts of leadership, vision, prayer, financial support, and volunteer time that WDC members have shared to support WDC's ministry this year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

In many North American Indigenous cultures, every day is Thanksgiving Day. For the Onondaga People around Lake Ontario, the morning begins with the Thanksgiving Address, known as the "Words that Come Before All Else." Join Mennonite Mission Network in thanking God for the good gifts that sustain us even in difficult times.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Workers with Service Adventure in Jackson, Mississippi, pg 55



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:
November 27: Jerod Kaufman, Fynn Burge

We wish a **"Happy Anniversary"** to:
November 27: Larry & Karen Loganbill