

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *O LORD, you have searched me and known me. (Psalm 139:1)*

Prelude    Carla Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome  
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 139:1-6, 13-18  
**Wonderful are your works, Oh Lord!**

**\*\*Celebrating in song** *(We encourage you to wear a mask while singing to avoid potential virus broadcast.)*  
*Let the whole creation cry*                      HWB 51

Scripture, 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Message                      "Speak Lord: Re-envisioning"                      Pastor Brad

Commissioning Will Kaufman as Deacon

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

Communion hymn    *Be present at our table, Lord*                      HWB 457

*Communion this week will be coming forward. Please maintain social distancing as you approach. The prepackaged cups have a small wafer on top and juice below. After you receive your cup, return to your seat and we will partake of the bread and juice together. We invite everyone who has been baptized to share the bread and cup.*

Gathering at the Lord's Table  
HWB 660 *The Lord be with you*  
HWB 75 *Holy, holy, holy* (v.1)

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**\*\*Sending Song**                      *Fairest Lord Jesus* (vss.1-4)                      HWB 117

**\*\*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.)*

**Our Annual Business meeting will be held immediately following worship this morning.**

Greeter(s): Sharon Gehring

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

## **Sunday, January 24, 2020**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service

**Message:** Pastor Brad

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad

**Greeter(s):** Connie & Clark Graber

*If you prefer to meet online for Sunday School, the link can be found on the West Zion website.*

### **Coming Events**

Jan. 17: Annual meeting and communion

Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday

April 4: Easter Sunday

**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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Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

#### **Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:**

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

Church: 620-345-8143

Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: [secretary@westzionmc.org](mailto:secretary@westzionmc.org)

Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## 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. Please text Pastor Brad at 620-386-4838 if you have a joy, concern, or announcement you would like shared during worship. You can also join us on our Facebook Live page each Sunday morning for worship at 10:30 AM.

2. Our **Annual Business meeting** will be held immediately following worship this morning. 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/gom-wmve-hee>.

3. **Mel Becker’s funeral** is at West Zion on January 16 @10:00 AM. The funeral is open for the church to attend.

4. **Chet Koehn turns 103** on January 20! He continues to reside at the Kansas Christian Home in Newton. If you would like to send a card, his address is PO Box 362, Moundridge, KS 67107.

5. **We’re launching 2021 as the Year of Prayer!** There have been many challenges for our congregation in the last two years. As this new year opens, we seek to meet Jesus anew in our church, in the face of our community, and especially in our prayers. My longing for 2021 is that it can be a time of renewal and growth--and it’s going to take all of us united in prayer to realize this vision. I’ll be teaching on prayer throughout the year, and we’ll take time to intentionally pray together. Like the wise men of old, let us go and diligently seek him so that our will and purposes align with Christ’s.

6. **STEP-MC** is a program working to end poverty by building relationships. Connie Kaufman has volunteered to help line up meals for the Monday night meetings. She is looking for people to sign up for one meal to serve 15-20 people. Find a friend and make the meal together OR get a Sunday School class together and help the STEP-MC program get off to a good start. Sign up using the SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a928a3fdc70-stepmc>. Please call or text Connie at 620-386-0816 OR [conniejkaufman@gmail.com](mailto:conniejkaufman@gmail.com) if you need more information.

7. **Sunday School update:** Adult Sunday School is meeting in Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15 am. The quarterly called Salt and

Light will be studied. If you prefer to join online instead, the link can be found on the West Zion website: <https://meet.google.com/bxs-bixi-vbi>.

## General Announcements

8. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is offering Kansas Day in a Box**. The box will include games, crafts, recipes, foods, maps, activities and some surprise items to help you enjoy Kansas history. The order deadline is Jan. 20; go to <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/product/kansas-day-craft-kit/> Kansas Day in a Box can be picked up at the museum between Jan. 26-30, or mailed for an additional fee. On Sat., Jan. 30, Kristin Neufeld Epp from New Creation Preschool in Newton will open Kansas Day in a Box live on Zoom. Details on how to participate will be sent to all who purchase boxes. (Contains small pieces that may be unsafe for young children; recommended for ages 4-12. Also contains gluten, sunflower seeds and corn.)

9. **The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Board** recently met and discussed the 2021 Relief Sale. After much discussion and consultation, a decision has been made to hold the 2021 Relief Sale on **July 2 and 3, 2021**. A letter from Board Chair, Jim Robb, gives more detail and can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

10. On Jan. 30 the **Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day** event, “Our Stories, Our Foods” will start at 11 AM and feature food trucks, local producer booths and take-it-home crafts, *museum parking lot and grounds*. Other zoom events can be found at [kauffmanmuseum.org](http://kauffmanmuseum.org) or their Facebook page. *Please note that face coverings must be worn and distancing guidelines followed on Kauffman Museum and all Bethel College property.*

11. **Join MCC for a free webinar: The Spiritual Cost of Doctrine of Discovery**. Mark Charles, a Navajo activist, speaker, and author will be presenting on The Spiritual Cost of Doctrine of Discovery. Along with Soong-Chan Rah, Mark is the author of *Unsettling Truths: The ongoing, dehumanizing legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*, Intervarsity Press (2019). The free webinar will take place on Thursday, January 21, from 10-11:30 CST. Please register by January 20 at [mcc.org/webinar-registration-dod](http://mcc.org/webinar-registration-dod) to receive the webinar link.

12. **The KIPCOR Film Series at Bethel College is serving up a second helping of *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code***, which focuses

on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how Black, Indigenous and People of Color and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. The film is an indictment of U.S. disaster preparedness, and connects extreme weather, extreme disparity (income and other) and extreme racism. Go to [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org), "Film Series," for a link to watch *Cooked* for free and a link to register for the **Feb. 7 virtual discussion; advance registration is required to participate in the discussion**, which will be held in break-out rooms, with leaders who include Chicagoans who experienced the 1995 heat disaster.

13. **Everence** will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 19 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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

### Sermon Notes

Speak Lord: Re-envisioning  
1 Samuel 3:1-20

### Theme

Listen for God's voice as we re-envision our future.

### Key Verse

(1 Samuel 3:9) Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

### Notes

### A Question

Are there areas of your life where you're not open to hearing God's voice? How do you know?

### **West Zion Prayers**

Kathi Becker and sons at Mel's passing.

Leon & Virginia Guhr's niece Tara Rogers passed away on Tuesday.

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for God's wisdom for WDC church leaders, as they continue to discern how best to guide congregational life during the pandemic.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Jaden Hostetter requests prayer for employment opportunities to become available in Ecuador. Although COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to relax, people still are not able to find work to pay for food and the necessities of life.

### **Mosaic Directory in pews**

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

January 17: Jim Stucky  
January 20: Chet Koehn, Mackenzie Porter  
January 21: Curtis Guhr, Alicia Hayes  
January 22: Malakai Wooley  
January 23: Leon Guhr

### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 580.00	\$ 14,894.80
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 14,344.70	\$ 16,136.80
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	( 4,842.20)	( 5,973.27)
Less: cash balance	( 16,443.14)	( 20,632.44)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$143,872.66	\$136,865.29
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,877	\$ 2,737