

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. (Psalm 111:2)*

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 111
Praise the Lord!

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

Sing praise to God who reigns above HWB 59
O worship the King HWB 66

Scripture, John 15:10-17

Message “Abide in My Love” Pastor Brad

Commissioning of Teams

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).*

Sharing from Gary Boesker of Gideons

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *Thou true Vine that heals* HWB 373

**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.*)

Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

Sermon Notes

Abide in My Love
John 15:10-17

Theme

Get back to basics: Jesus and one another.

Key Verse

(John 15:17) This is my command: Love each other.

Notes

A Question

Are there things--even good things--that have gotten in the way of your love for Jesus? Are there things that keep you from fulfilling Jesus' command to “love each other”?

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

Sunday, January 31, 2020

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Carolyn Schmidt
Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

*If you prefer to meet online for Sunday School, the link can be found on the West Zion website:
<https://meet.google.com/bxs-bixi-vbi>.*

Coming Events

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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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. 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. **We welcome Gary Boesker** to share about the work of the Gideons! Gary will be available after the service if you would like to connect further with him.
3. **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.
4. **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 conniekaufman@gmail.com if you need more information.
5. **Moundridge Housing Authority** (Northridge) is taking applications for one and two-bedroom apartments. Applicants must be at least 62 years age or on medical disability. Please call Al Neufeld at 620-345-2644 or stop by 612 N. Christian in Moundridge for a low-income housing application.
6. **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

7. 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, “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.
8. **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.
9. 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 or their Facebook page. *Please note that face coverings must be worn and distancing guidelines followed on Kauffman Museum and all Bethel College property.*

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 887.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 17,184.70	\$ 17,023.80
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(5,185.02)	(5,973.27)
Less: cash balance	<u>(18,740.22)</u>	<u>(21,519.44)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$141,232.66	\$135,978.29
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,882	\$ 2,775

West Zion Prayers

Doris Stucky and family after Doris suffered a heart attack

Wynona Becker and family at Jerry's passing

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee, as they listen for the Spirit's leading in nominating persons to serve on the WDC Executive Board and Commissions.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Upon completing her first year of service in eastern France with Mennonite Mission Network, Kate Widmer felt God's call to extend for a second year. Pray for her as she continues to work with immigrant families as part of the outreach of *La Prairie* Mennonite Church.

Mosaic Directory in pews

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We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
January 26: Pablo Roth
January 27: Sharon Gehring
January 29: Chloe Harris