

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. (Psalm 62:5)*

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 62:5-12
My soul waits for the Lord.

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

Come we that love the Lord HWB 14
All creatures of our God and King HWB 48
(vss.1-3, 7)

Scripture Matthew 3; Luke 3:10-14 Carolyn Schmidt

Message "Every neighborhood and your neighborhood" Tim Schrag

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 The Lord lift you up STJ 73

**Benediction

**Postlude "Toccata" by Khachaturian Kaleigh Guhr

(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): Leon & Virginia Guhr

We welcome Pastor Tim Schrag as he preaches the word today! *Tim grew up near Moundridge. He recently retired from 34 years of pastoral ministry at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, Nebraska (11 years) and Mennonite Church of Normal, Illinois (23 years). He and wife Sue live part-time in Goessel and hope to spend part of their time traveling, accepting service assignments and hiking and biking. Tim spends time fishing, and Sue devotes a lot of time to making comforters for distribution to refugees through MCC. Tim was a summer pastoral intern at West Zion/First Mennonite Church of Christian in the summer of 1984!*

Sermon Notes

"Every neighborhood and your neighborhood"
Matthew 3
Luke 3:10-14

Notes

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

Sunday, February 7, 2021

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Jim Stucky
Greeter(s): Dale Jantzen

*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. 2: Prayer Lab at WZ 7 pm (see announcements)
Feb. 9: Prayer Lab at WZ 7 pm
Feb. 11: Homemakers meeting 4 pm with pizza
Feb. 16: Prayer Lab at WZ 7 pm
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. **Join us to pray** for the life and mission of the church! Starting February 2 at 7:00 PM, we’re launching Prayer Labs. We’ll meet every Tuesday night for about a ½ hour to read a psalm and lift up our congregation in prayer. Questions? Talk to Ellen Kaufman or Joanne Stucky.

3. **MCC Comforter Blitz** will not be held in March (see announcement #9). Christian Homemakers would like to complete comforters for the Alternative Comforter Blitz. Therefore, we will have comforters set up in the Youth Room in the basement for those that like to tie comforters. Use your church key and come tie anytime there are no other activities scheduled at church. Presently, two comforters are set up and ready to tie. Notify Sharon Gehring if you finish one, and she will see that another gets set up. We will keep some available through February and March.

4. **Sharon Gehring has moved** and her new address is 1901 Iris Village, Moundridge, KS 67107. She only has a cell number at this time which is 620-386-0379.

5. **Christian Homemakers** will meet for work night on February 11 at 4:00 pm. A pizza meal is planned.

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 if you need more information.

7. **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.

8. **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

9. **MCC Comforter Blitz: At Home** The annual MCC Comforter Blitz is happening virtually this year from now through March! The Kansas Friends of MCC committee is challenging congregations and individuals to complete 300 comforters for MCC by the end of March! Read all the details and information on getting comforter making supplies from MCC at mcc.org/blitz-at-home. Share pictures of your work on the [MCC Comforter Blitz Facebook](#) page. Contact Kate at katemast@mcc.org or 316.804.8432 with questions.

10. 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.

11. **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.

West Zion Prayers

Kathi Becker, moving into Pine Village on Monday

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for God’s creation and pray for WDC congregations as they seek ways to practice faithful stewardship of the natural environment.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for John Fumana of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Bruce Yoder of Canada, who have said “yes” to God’s call to work as a team of executive coordinators for Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission. Pray for Bruce and John as they begin their new roles tomorrow.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Mark and Stephanie Bartsch in Kobe, Japan, pg 16

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 2,928.92	\$ 9,317.25
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 20,113.62	\$ 26,341.05
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(8,900.20)	(8,968.83)
Less: cash balance	(17,954.06)	(27,842.81)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$138,303.74	\$126,659.36
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,881	\$ 2,639



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
January 31: Larry Loganbill
February 1: Carolyn Schmidt
February 5: Sky Schriener