

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Lead me in your truth, and teach me (Psalm 25:5a).*

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                      Litany for Lent (on screen)

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

*Come, thou fount                      HWB 521  
10,000 Reasons                      (on screen)*

Scripture                      Mark 1:9-15                      Connie Graber

Message                      "Waited on by Angels"                      Pastor Brad

Extinguishing the cross candle  
*Each week we will extinguish a candle on the altar cross to mark our journey with Christ toward the darkness of the crucifixion. The final candle will be extinguished at our Maundy Thursday service on April 1.*

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**                      *Jesus, be the center*                      STS 31

**\*\*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): Will & Ellen Kaufman

### Sermon Notes

Waited on by Angels  
Mark 1:9-15

#### Theme

We need to meet God in the desert.

#### Key Verse

(Mark 1:13) He was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

#### Notes

#### A Question

What's the desert Jesus is calling you to?

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

## **Sunday, February 28, 2021**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Joe Sawatzky (virtual)      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Sharon Gehring      **Scripture:** Curtis Guhr  
**Greeter(s):** Terry & Shery Kessler

*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. 23: Fellowship Hall used for ACT 8 am to 1 pm  
Prayer Lab 7 pm  
Feb. 24: Fell. Hall used for ACT 8 am to 1 pm  
K-4 MYM 6-7 pm  
Feb. 25: Homemakers meeting 10 am with pizza lunch  
March 7: Spring Sunday School quarter begins for all ages  
April 1: Maundy Thursday  
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**

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838  
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. **Pastor Brad** will be out Feb. 27-March 8. He’s taking a contemplative prayer retreat at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, NE the first weekend and presenting (online) at the Ohio Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly the second weekend. Joe Sawatsky and Kathy Neufeld-Dunn will preach virtually.

3. Pastor Brad will teach on **prayer during Lent**. Let’s deepen our life of prayer as we journey nearer to the mystery of Jesus’ death on the cross!

4. **FEWZ and JR. FEWZ will be meeting on Wednesdays** at WZ late March and April. I am looking for people willing to provide a meal for participants (approximately 30-35). Meals can be homemade or if you would prefer to purchase something (pizza ,etc.) I think that would be fine, too. I am suggesting that 2 or 3 people team up together to prepare the meal. Get your group together and contact Connie Kaufman about which night you would like to sign up for. Available dates are: March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21, and April 28. You can submit receipts or charge ingredients to the West Zion account at the grocery store.

5. The **spring Sunday School** quarter launches March 7! There are classes for all ages. Pastor Brad will teach on three modules in the Adult SS class. March: Prayer, following the Lenten sermon series. April: The mission and vision of our church. May: The early church from the Acts of the Apostles and how it shapes our church today. Join us!

6. Due to the recent cold snap and nationwide spike in natural gas prices, we’ve set the **temperature lower** in the church. Please dress a little warmer than you usually would for worship. Spring is coming!

7. **Christian Homemakers** will meet on Thursday, February 25 at 10 am at West Zion. A pizza lunch will be served.

8. You are invited to **save greeting cards** and bring them to church for a Christian Homemakers’ project. Please bring the whole card and leave it in a box in the foyer.

9. The **MCC Comforter Blitz** will not be held in March. Christian Homemakers would like to complete comforters for the Alternative Comforter Blitz (details at [www.mcc.org/blitz-at-home](http://www.mcc.org/blitz-at-home)). Comforters are set up in the basement quilt room for those that like to tie comforters. We will keep them available through February and March. Come work on these anytime there are no other activities scheduled at church.

10. **MCC Comforter Blitz: At Home update** - We are half-way through the blitz and have received 193 completed comforters. The goal is to receive 300 completed comforters at MCC in North Newton by the end of March! All the details and information on getting comforter making supplies from MCC are at [mcc.org/blitz-at-home](http://mcc.org/blitz-at-home). Share pictures of your work on the [MCC Comforter Blitz](#) Facebook page. Contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.804.8432 with questions. Need batting? Contact Charlotte’s Sew Natural for their special MCC batting price at 316.284.2547. And THANK YOU to everyone working to create beautiful comforters for MCC!

## General Announcements

11. Planning is now underway for the **2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** to be held July 2 and 3 at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson. One of the most popular booths at the KMRS is "Plants and Things" , a place to buy flowers, bulbs, shrubs, and garden plants like tomatoes, cabbage starts, and melon seedlings. The "Plants and Things" booth will be open on April 10, the time our sale is regularly scheduled. "Plants and Things" will be set up at the MCC Building in North Newton utilizing the parking lot and the warehouse facilities. Some things are yet to be decided such as opening and closing times, drop off hours, flat pick up, etc., but we wanted you to know that we will be accepting the plants that you wish to bring to the sale. So please start the seeds that will become a part of your contribution to MCC and the sale event. More information will follow, but we want to encourage you to start those plants to donate to the KMRS Early Plants and Things Sale. For more information and answers to questions, please contact Kristi Unruh at 620-3456867 or by email at [kdunruh97@gmail.com](mailto:kdunruh97@gmail.com) or you can contact Jim Robb at 620-747-0186 or by email at [jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com](mailto:jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com).

12. **MCC Webinar:** International service worker Are you ready to step out and into service? To gain new skills and experiences while working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ? Join MCC on February 25, 7:00 p.m. CST / 6:00 p.m. MST for a 30-minute information session to learn about MCC's long-term service opportunities in relief, development and peace work. This webinar will include a short presentation and time for Q&A. Register today! More information can be found at <https://mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities>.

13. Now on display in the **Regier Art Gallery**, Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "After the End of the End of the World," a collaboration between Rachel Epp Buller and Derek Owens. Gallery hours are 9 am – 5 pm Monday through Friday.

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 1,639.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 37,176.59	\$ 30,590.05
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	( 15,811.35)	( 14,423.00)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 28,180.85)</u>	<u>( 26,637.64)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$121,165.80	\$122,410.36
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,693	\$ 2,720

### **West Zion Prayers**

Norm Funk, at Mercy Hospital after a couple of falls

Craig Becker, for healing from an infection he's dealing with.

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

Pray for WDC congregations as they seek safe and effective ways to do congregational business and discernment together during the pandemic.

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

Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo, of Mennonite Mission Network, live out the good news of Jesus Christ in Cambodia, which is a Buddhist country. Pray for them as they teach at all levels — from informal classes for children to the university level — and as they help provide leadership for a multicultural congregation.

### **Mosaic Directory in pews**

Dhamtari Christian Hospital in India, begun by Mennonite missionaries, pg 21

<p>We wish a "<b>Happy Birthday</b>" to:          February 22: Terry Kessler          February 24: Kirk Stucky          February 27: Richard Huxman</p>
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