

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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LENT 2

Words for silent meditation: *You who fear the LORD, praise him!*
(Psalm 22:23)

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Sharon Gehring
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements (*Sharon will make announcements from the pulpit. If you have an announcement, please get it to him before the service.*)

Call to Worship, Psalm 22:23-31
The Lord hears us and raises us up!

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

Great is the Lord HWB 87
Wonderful grace of Jesus HWB 150

Scripture Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25 Curtis Guhr

Message "Laying Down and Taking Up" Joe Sawatzky
(virtual sermon)

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 Sharon ahead of time. You can text them to 620-386-0379 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar.*)

Payers of the People

****Sending Song** *We are often tossed and driv'n* STS 72

****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): Terry & Shery Kessler

We welcome Joe Sawatzky of Mennonite Mission Network who is giving the virtual sermon today! Joe grew up in central KS and went on to serve in South Africa with his family. He now works for Mennonite Mission Network as Church Relations Representative and is developing an international study program in partnership with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). Joe is married and has four sons: Isaac, Moses, Levi and Jesse. They live in Goshen, IN.

Sermon Notes

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

Sunday, March 7, 2021

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Kathy Neufeld Dunn (virtual) **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Carla Stucky **Scripture:** Leon Guhr

Coming Events

March 2: Prayer Lab 7-7:30 pm
March 3: K-4th MYM 6-7 pm
March 6: SPACE gathering 9 am in basement
March 7: Spring Sunday School quarter begins for all ages
March 28: Palm Sunday
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

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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 Sharon Gehring at 620-386-0379 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.

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. For care concerns, contact Sharon Gehring at 620-386-0379.

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. **The yearbooks are done** and in the church mailboxes. Please let me know if you find anything that needs corrected as you look through them. Thank you to all who helped with this project, so glad it is done! Feel free to put your old yearbooks in the box by the mailboxes and I can recycle the paper and re-use the binders. – Carla Stucky

5. **All women are invited** to attend SPACE (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement) on Saturday, March 6 from 9-10 am. A meal will not be served but we will fellowship and pray together. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lici Roth.

6. **FEWZ and JR. FEWZ will be meeting on Wednesdays** at WZ late March and April and I am looking for people willing to provide a meal for 30-35 people. Meals can be homemade or can be purchased food (pizza ,etc.). 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, and April 14. You can submit receipts or charge ingredients to the West Zion account at the grocery store.

7. 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!

8. Due to a 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!

9. 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.

10. 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). 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.

11. **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. Share pictures of your work on the [MCC Comforter Blitz](#) Facebook page. Contact 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

12. **Verenike Casserole Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah** on March 13! Reserve your meal of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and peach crisp online before March 7. You can also call 620-297-3290. This fundraiser supports the vital faith formation for youth and young adults that happens at camps and retreats. Pick up meals at Moundridge High School on March 13. Join in the fun to help make this return to summer youth camps as smooth and amazing as possible!

13. **Open Road (men) and Woven (women)** will be featured in the monthly concert series at Plymouth Congregational Church via livestream on Wednesday, March 3 at 7 pm. These are Bethel

College acapella small ensemble groups. To view, go to the Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita YouTube page.

14. **Save the date!** Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 8 at 7:00pm for the Western District Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree! In lieu of our annual Spring Supper, gather with us for a virtual night of worship, music and a reflection on "Faith in Turbulent Times" offered by special guest speaker and freelance minister, Georgia Metz, M. Div. More details to follow soon.

15. **First Mennonite Church**, McPherson is having a drive-thru verenika (with ham gravy and sausage) dinner on March 6 from 1-7pm or until the food runs out. This will be a free-will donation event to support the McPherson Housing Coalition. Phone: 620-241-4040

15. **All MCC alumni** are invited to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp July 9-11! All registrations will be refunded if the event gets cancelled. We ask that you still go ahead and register if you plan to attend. Find all the details, including COVID-19 protocols that the camp is following and REGISTER at mcc.org/alumni-gathering.

16. Planning is now underway for the **2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** to be held July 2 and 3 . One of the most popular booths is "Plants and Things", a place to buy flowers, bulbs, shrubs, and garden plants. The "Plants and Things" booth will be open on April 10 at the N. Newton MCC Building parking lot and warehouse facilities. Start the seeds that will become a part of your contribution! More information will follow. For questions, contact Kristi Unruh at 620-345-6867 or email kdunruh97@gmail.com.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 6,125.00	\$ 625.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 43,351.59	\$ 31,215.05

Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(16,970.40)	(18,292.48)
Less: cash balance	<u>(33,146.80)</u>	<u>(23,395.17)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$115,040.80	\$121,783.35

Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,768
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West Zion Prayers

Darin Schmidt's father, recovering after have 4 stents put in his heart

Frances Neufeld, recovering after having a pacemaker put in

Norm Funk, recovering after a fall

Carl's brother Jim in Kansas City, recovering from one operation and preparing for heart surgery

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations reaching out to support members and neighbors suffering economic hardship during this time.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Pray for Martine Audéoud as she teaches one of the first offerings in Mennonite Mission Network's new online institute for peace studies in the French-speaking world.

Mosaic Directory in pews

United Mission in Nepal, pg 23



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

March 4: Wilda Schrag

Erin Kelley

March 5: Jeremy Kessler