

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *How good it is to sing praises to our God (Psalm 147:1).*

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 147:1-11
Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.

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

Brethren, we have met to worship HWB 8
Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing HWB 110

Scripture John 15:1-9 Jim Stucky

Message "Fruit Check: Re-Engaging" Pastor Brad

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 *Praise God from whom* HWB 119

**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): Dale Jantzen

Sermon Notes

"Fruit Check: Re-Engaging"
John 15:1-9

Theme

What fruit are you bearing?

Key Verse

(John 15:5) I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Notes

A Question

What areas of your life feel fruitful right now? Where do you need to ask God to increase your fruitfulness?

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

Sunday, February 14, 2021

9:30 AM: Sunday School
Message: Pastor Brad
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad
Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Scripture: Sharon Gehring

*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. 9: Prayer Lab in WZ basement at 7 pm
Feb. 11: Homemakers meeting 4 pm with pizza
Feb. 16: Prayer Lab in WZ basement at 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

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838
Pastor Brad's email: 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
Website: 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. **Join us to pray** for the life and mission of the church! We’ll meet every Tuesday night in the basement 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. 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). 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. **Christian Homemakers** will meet for work night on February 11 at 4:00 pm. A pizza meal is planned.

5. Our **missionary partners**, the Larsons, have sent an update with prayer requests which can be found on the bulletin board.

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. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, February 19, at 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm at a new location, West Zion Mennonite Church. Please enter through the west doors only. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions call Denise at 620-386-0112 or email hdstucky@mtelco.net.

10. **FOR SALE:** The Kansas MCC Sale has 2 Steel Shipping Containers for sale. These make excellent storage Buildings that can be moved to your farm or property. They are rodent and moisture proof. They are ALL steel construction with a heavy oak floor capable of handling a forklift. Size is: 40 feet long by 8 ft wide by 8 1/2 ft tall. Donation of \$2,500 requested which is below current value. They come with heavy timbers to set on. FREE Delivery close to Inman; additional mileage charged outside Inman area. ONLY 2 AVAILABLE. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257

11. First Mennonite Church, 427 W. 4th, Halstead, KS will have a **drive-through verenike supper** on February 20 from 4-7 pm. This year they will offer a reduced menu of verenike, ham gravy and sausage. The cost is by donation and proceeds will go to local Covid-19 relief.

12. 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.

13. You are invited to join the virtual **MCC Central States annual meeting** on Saturday, February 27 at 9 am CST. The meeting will include a reflection on MCC in pandemic times, details about what COVID-19 has meant for MCC thrift shops and a look at our financial

statements. Please email centralstates@mcc.org and then Zoom meeting information will be sent directly to you.

14. **Use your skills or try something new!** Join the summer staff of MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-staff or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 633-4008 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

15. **Everence** will host a Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 10,275.00	\$ 705.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 30,388.62	\$ 27,046.05
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(11,844.46)	(11,106.12)
Less: cash balance	<u>(25,297.30)</u>	<u>(26,410.52)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$128,016.24	\$125,954.36
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,724	\$ 2,680

West Zion Prayers

Terry Stucky, niece of Joyce Dirks, died on Feb. 2. Please keep the families in your prayers.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for members of WDC congregations and communities grieving the death of loved ones during the pandemic.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for 30 participants who are about half-way through *ENVIADOS*, a 12-week curriculum used to prepare Colombian Mennonite church planters. Three cohort groups are meeting weekly.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Yuliana and Petrus Handoyo in Cambodia, pg 17



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
February 10: Dale Jantzen