

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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LENT 4

Words for silent meditation: *O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever (Psalm 107:1).*

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 107
He sends for his word to heal us.

****Celebrating in song** Words on screen
(*We encourage you to wear a mask while singing to avoid potential virus broadcast.*)
*What a Fellowship/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
In Christ Alone*

Scripture John 3:14-21 Joanne Stucky

Message "Not to Condemn, But to Love" 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 Lover of My Soul* HWB 618

**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): Dan Pohl

Sermon Notes

Not to Condemn, But to Love
John 3:14-21

Theme
We enter God's love when we pray.

Key Verse
(John 3:17) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Notes

A Question
Do you struggle to believe that God wants to spend time with you?

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

Sunday, March 21, 2021

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Bonnie Kaufman
Greeter(s): Jim & Joanne Stucky

Coming Events

March 16: Prayer Lab 7-7:30 pm
March 23: Prayer Lab 7-7:30 pm
March 28: Palm Sunday
April 1: Maundy Thursday
April 4: Easter Sunday
April 11: Mennonite Education Sunday at West Zion

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

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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 Carla Stucky at 620-386-0414 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 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! You are welcome to come to the Prayer group on Tuesdays from 7:00-7:30 pm.

3. A **Certificate of Appreciation** can be found on the bulletin board for the Christian Homemaker’s participation in Project Warm Embrace for the Kansas Department for Children and Families. A letter attached to the certificate gives more information.

4. As a service of the Moundridge United Methodist Church, we have started a short-term, **small medical equipment rental program** for Moundridge and surrounding areas. The program is designed to be of no cost to the renter. We however would like to have the equipment returned in good condition as soon as the individual is done with it. We will clean and disinfect it for the next person. Questions concerning this program should be directed to 785-826-0809 or 785-787-0621 and not the church.

5. **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

6. Where do we find faith in times of trouble? What does that look like? **All women and girls are invited** to the WD Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. Gather with us for a **virtual night of worship, music and a reflection** on "Faith in Turbulent Times" by speaker and freelance minister, Georgia Metz, M. Div. Special music will be provided by Erin Regier Graber and Addie Regier Kauffman. Email WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com to register by April 5. A zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.

7. **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.

8. 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!

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. 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 March. Come work on these anytime there are no other activities scheduled at church.

General Announcements

11. **Bethel College:** Save the dates for upcoming events at Bethel College:

- Sun., April 25: KIPCOR Peace Lecture with Leonard Pitts (virtual).

Registration is now open at kipcor.org

- Fri.-Sat., April 30-May 1 (including Saturday matinee): spring play, *I and You* by Lauren Gunderson (in person)

- Sun., May 2: Outdoor choral concert

More details to come!

12. **Bohne Berrogi Sales.** The MCC Sale Bohne Berrogi Committee will be making and selling this ethnic delight at Moundridge High School on April 3. The Bohne Berrogi will be sold, by the dozen, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM . The cost will be \$20.00 a dozen, NO sauce will be provided. No advance orders will be taken. This will be the only opportunity to purchase Bohne Berrogi unless some are not sold. Left

overs will be froze and sold at a later date or at the Relief Sale in July. Come to Moundridge High School between 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM on April 3 and support the MCC Relief Sale with your purchase.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week, and give leadership and oversight for conference vision and priorities.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for the two-day virtual meeting of Mennonite Voluntary Service staff and local unit leadership, which begins on Friday. Pray for them as they discuss opportunities for the future of the program, share best practices, and build relationships.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Toni and Matthew Krabill in France, pg 27

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 4,342.17	\$ 2,362.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 47,890.76	\$ 35,247.05
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(22,578.66)	(20,507.90)
Less: cash balance	<u>(32,079.69)</u>	<u>(25,211.75)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$110,499.65	\$117,751.35
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,631	\$ 2,804



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 March 15: Margie Huxman
 March 16: Bentley Isaac
 March 18: Maleya White
 March 20: Lory Fisher