

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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### ***LENT 5***

Words for silent meditation: *I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches (Psalm 119:14).*

Prelude    Carla 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, *from* Psalm 119  
With my whole heart I seek you / **do not let me stray from your commandments.**

I treasure your word in my heart / **so that I may not sin against you.**  
Blessed are you, O LORD / **teach me your statutes.**  
I will delight in your statutes / **I will not forget your word.**

**\*\*Celebrating in song** (*We encourage you to wear a mask while singing to avoid potential virus broadcast.*)  
Come, Now Is the Time to Worship (words on screen)  
Blessed Assurance    HWB 332

Scripture    John 12:20-33                      Bonnie Kaufman

Message    "Follow Jesus, Die to Self"                      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,**  
"My Shepherd Will Supply my Need" - Performed by Bethel College Concert Choir (recording)

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**                      *How Firm a Foundation*                      HWB 567

**\*\*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): Jim & Joanne Stucky

### **Sermon Notes**

Follow Jesus, Die to Self  
John 12:20-33

### **Theme**

To pray truly is to die to self.

### **Key Verse**

(John 12:24) I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

### **Notes**

### **A Question**

Where are areas in your life that you need to die to self and live to Jesus?

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

## **Sunday, March 28, 2021**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Pastor Brad      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Mike Kaufman  
**Greeter(s):** Ken Stucky

### **Coming Events**

March 23: 7-7:30 pm: Prayer Lab  
March 27: 2 pm: Worship Summit for musicians/singers  
March 28: Palm Sunday, Holy Week activities begin  
9:30 SS – begin discussing vision plan  
6:30 pm: Service at Pack Park pavilion  
March 29: 6:30 pm: Service at Pack Park pavilion  
March 30: 6:30 pm: Service at Pack Park pavilion  
No Prayer Lab this evening  
April 1: 7 pm: Maundy Thursday service at West Zion  
April 2: 7 pm: Good Friday service at Eden  
April 4: Easter Sunday  
April 8: 10 am Homemakers meet at WZ  
April 11: Mennonite Education Sunday **at West Zion** with First Church. Michael Unruh, speaker and Ken Rodgers on Organ (no meal)

**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  
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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.

2. **Join us April 1, 7:00 PM for a service of Maundy Thursday.** We'll go deep in the gospel, sing, pray, and come together to the table of the Lord. Because of Covid, we will not have a meal together or practice foot-washing this year.

3. Pastor Brad invites you to **fast on Maundy Thursday, April 1**, for the mission of the church. Fasting involves drinking water (a little coffee if you have to!) but refraining from food. Try skipping breakfast and lunch and eating a light meal after worship in the evening. If you need to do a shorter fast, that's okay--it's all about grace. If you cannot fast from food because of a medical condition like diabetes, try fasting from TV or something else you regularly enjoy. Here are a few items to focus on for prayer:

- That Easter would be a time for new people to explore West Zion
- For those being baptized (Elijah Roth and Fynn Burge) and received into membership (Lory Fisher, Andrew and Joseph Azzarito) that their faith in Jesus would be strong.
- That our congregation would experience the revitalizing power of Christ's resurrection this Easter season.

4. **Thank you** everyone for your prayer, cards visits, food and concern during my recovery. Thanks again. - Frances Neufeld

5. Council is placing a **proposed Vision 2021 Plan in your mailboxes**. We'll discuss the plan point by point in adult Sunday School, March 28-April 18. Join us to learn more! You can also talk to Connie Kaufman, Will Kaufman, Sharon Gehring, Carla Stucky, or Pastor Brad if you have questions or comments.

6. **Calling all musicians and singers!** Do you want to play a part in leading worship at West Zion and helping us develop our new sound? Join us on Saturday March 27 at 2:00 for a worship summit. We'll discuss our developing vision for worship, sign up singers and musicians for the next month, and practice songs. Bring your instrument and voice!

7. **Easter is two weeks away** (April 4). Who can you invite? After all that we've been through as a church, community, nation, and world this year more than ever **You Need Easter!** There are postcards in the foyer you can use to leave with family, friends, or neighbors.

8. **Christian Homemakers** will meet for a work day, working on comforters and packing school kits, on April 8 at 10 AM with a pizza lunch.

9. **Yearbook change:** Please change Melvin and Jan Graber's email to [migraber68@gmail.com](mailto:migraber68@gmail.com) in the yearbook.

10. Want to engage your neighborhood for mission but aren't sure where to start? Consider getting to know your neighbors by having them over for a backyard hotdog roast, s'mores, or simple cookout. **Mission Team will cover your costs!** Just submit your receipt to the Mission Team box. Questions? Talk to Geneva Wedel or Pastor Brad.

11. **All women and girls are invited** to the WD Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. Gather 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](mailto:WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com) to register by April 5. A zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.

12. **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 (homemade or purchased). Contact Connie Kaufman about which night you would like to sign up for. Available dates are: March 31 and April 14. You can submit receipts or charge ingredients to the West Zion account at the grocery store.

## **General Announcements**

13. **You're invited to a night of inspiration and hope!** Come to STEPNC's Getting Ahead graduation ceremony to hear powerful stories of how local families are overcoming poverty. Plus get a piece of free cake! This will be held at First Mennonite Church of Christian at 6:00 PM on March 22. Masks are required. Or join virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81107078047?pwd=eFQ2ZUsxVXJvcWxTUGw0V2hEd003QT09>

14. The annual Bethel College **Staley Lecture** is available online. The speaker was Dr. Wilma Bailey from Central Theological Seminary. She spoke on "Biblical Laments in the Age of COVID." The video is at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHVBcr4\\_djA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHVBcr4_djA); feel free to share the link as you wish.

15. **Bethel College** events: April 25 KIPCOR Peace Lecture with Leonard Pitts (virtual). Registration is now open at [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org); April 30-May 1 spring play, *I and You* by Lauren Gunderson (in person); May 2 Outdoor choral concert.

16. **Bohne Berrogi Sales.** The MCC Sale Bohne Berrogi Committee will be selling 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. Leftovers will be frozen and sold at a later date or at the Relief Sale in July.

### **Associated Churches Holy Week Services**

Sunday March 28, 6:30 PM

Brief service of Scripture and Prayer @ Pack Park Pavilion

Monday March 29, 6:30 PM

Brief service of Scripture and Prayer @ Pack Park Pavilion

Tuesday March 30, 6:30 PM

Brief service of Scripture and Prayer @ Pack Park Pavilion  
NO PRAYER LAB

**Thursday, April 1, 7:00 PM @ West Zion**  
**Maundy Thursday Service (no meal or foot-washing)**

Friday, April 2, 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service @ Eden Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 4

9:30 AM Sunday School at West Zion

10:30 AM Worship and Celebration

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

Give thanks for pastors in WDC, and pray for God's strength and wisdom for them as they provide care, leadership and guidance for congregations in the face of many challenges.

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

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for SADRA Conflict Transformation, a branch of the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, which trains high school peer mediators. Pray for Director Oscar Siwali and the young mediators as they use their skills to build peace in their communities.

### **Mosaic Directory in pews**

Mary Raber in Ukraine, pg 27



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:  
March 21: Alexia Hayes  
March 24: Jessie Pohl

### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 4,385.77
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 49,082.76	\$ 39,632.82
 Budget	 \$165,158.00	 \$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	( 25,592.56)	( 24,403.81)
Less: cash balance	( 30,257.79)	( 25,701.61)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$109,307.65	\$113,365.58
 Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	 \$ 2,666	 \$ 2,765