

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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MENNONITE EDUCATION SUNDAY

Words for silent meditation: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

Prelude Ken Rodgers, organ and Donna Stucky, piano
"See, what a morning"
K. Getty, S. Townend/Arr. M. McDonald & L. Shackley

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 133
Grant us your unity, Lord.

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

Praise to the Lord HWB 37
Blessed Assurance
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Wonderful Cross
(words on screen)

Greetings from Hesston College - Ken Rodgers

Scripture, John 20:24-29 (NRSV) - Pastor Laura Goerzen (video)

Message "Believe" Michael Unruh

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 Ken Rodgers and Donna Stucky
"Behold the Lamb"
Dottie Rambo/Arr. Marion Verhaalen

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*

****Benediction**

****Postlude** Ken Rodgers and Donna Stucky

"The Power of the Cross"
S. Townend, K. Getty/Arr. M. McDonald & L. Shackley

(Please exit back-to-front and practice social distancing. We encourage you to go outside to visit.

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

Welcome to our brothers and sisters from First Mennonite Church of Christian! We're grateful to share this special Sunday together.

We welcome special guests Ken Rodgers of Hesston College and Michael Unruh of Bethel College! Ken and Donna are collaborating for music, and Michael is our speaker.

Michael Unruh is the Campus Pastor at Bethel College, a role he began in July 2020. When he's not pastoring at Bethel, he is completing schoolwork to finish his Master of Divinity degree at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (graduating, hopefully, on May 1) and spending time with his family: wife Lina, 8-month-old son Heath, and black lab Phog. Michael is a 2009 alum of Bethel College and served a 3-year stint as an admissions counselor from 2011-14, so Mennonite education has shaped his faith and life tremendously over the past 15 years (and counting).

Ken Rodgers serves the Hesston College Music Department as a teacher of organ, piano, music history, and director of the Women's and Men's choirs. He is also active as an accompanist for college soloists and ensembles. He has served on the faculty since 1988.

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

Sunday, April 18, 2021

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad (pre-recorded) **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring **Scripture:** Zettie Wedel
Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

Coming Events

Today: Mennonite Education Sunday **at West Zion** (no meal)
April 13: 7-7:30 PM Prayer Lab
April 14: 6:15-8 PM JR/FEWZ Youth
April 20: 7-7:30 PM Prayer Lab
April 21: 6:15-8 PM JR/FEWZ Youth
April 23: Red Cross bloodmobile at WZ
May 12: 1:30 PM Christian Homemakers meet at WZ

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 Pastor Brad at 620-386-4838 if you have a joy, concern, or announcement you would like shared during worship.
2. **We will be holding children’s church** this morning! Children grades K-4 can meet Kaleigh at the back of the sanctuary to go downstairs for a special activity geared just for them. Parents can pick them up downstairs after worship.
3. **Men and Boys Retreat, April 16-18, at Camp Mennoscah!** Come to Camp Mennoscah for time for fishing, canoeing, worshiping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.
4. Because **Pastor Brad will be at Men and Boys’ Retreat** April 17-18, we’re moving the Sunday School conversation about church names to April 25. Ellen Kaufman will lead Sunday School on April 18.
5. All are invited to **MennoCon21** (Mennonite Church USA Convention) July 6-10, 2021 in Cincinnati, OH! Go to <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/> for all the latest information on registration and events.
6. The **MCUSA 2021 Delegate Assembly** will be gathering July 10 from 1-3:30 PM (EDT) at this summer’s MCUSA convention. The assembly will be a shortened virtual event with a limited agenda. Whether you travel to Cincinnati or connect from the comfort of your own home, we hope to see you participate in the delegate process. The Delegate Assembly is your opportunity to not only speak to the establishment of general policies and the development of programs to carry out those policies, but it is also an opportunity for you to connect with and listen to the various members in our great and diverse denomination. West Zion can send 1 delegate for each 100 church members and may send an additional youth delegate (ages 16-21). Stay tuned for more details posted on the delegate tab of the convention website: <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

7. **Camp Mennoscah** information on upcoming camps can be found in the foyer.

General Announcements

8. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for April 23 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at West Zion Church. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Jerry at 501-388-0177 or email jerryschrag@gmail.com
9. **MCC dignity kit informational webinar, April 20 at 7 p.m.** Yes, MCC has a new kit that has been in development for years and now we’re ready to teach you how to help us bring dignity to young women around the world! The dignity kit includes hygiene items and a reusable menstruation pad system. [Join Kate Mast for this webinar to learn about the kit and how to sew the base units for the reusable system.](#) Email katemast@mcc.org for the Zoom link.
10. **Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar April 21 & 22 at 7pm.** MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. [Register here](#) for this two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC’s disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America.
11. **MCC is hiring a multimedia producer!** Check out the [job description and apply today!](#)
12. Camp Mennoscah is seeking a full-time **Director of Development, Marketing & Communications** to lead our ongoing operational and advancement needs. More information is at www.campmennoscah.org. Applications accepted until the position is filled; early submission encouraged. Please send application materials (resume, cover letter, references and salary requirements) to campmennojobs@att.net.
13. **Everence** has added some additional seminar offerings in April. This information has been emailed to the congregation and you can also find it on our bulletin board.

West Zion Prayers

Dale Jantzen dealing with kidney stones

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations engaged in ministries with immigrants and refugees, as they seek to embody God's love and justice.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Deb Byler as she works with Kekchi Mennonite women in Guatemala to write a curriculum for women in church leadership. During the past year of COVID-19 quarantines, Deb has written from home. Pray for her and her colleagues as they begin to travel to churches again.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Deborah Byler in Guatamala, pg 33



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
April 13: Kathi Becker