

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *From you comes my praise in the great congregation (Psalm 22:25).*

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, *from Psalm 22*
The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him.
People from every nation will bow down before him.
Our children will hear about the wonders of the Lord.
His righteous acts will be told to those yet unborn.
They will hear about everything he has done.

****Celebrating in song**

*Build Your Kingdom Here
How Great Thou Art*

(After singing, children K-4 may meet Kaleigh in the back for children's church)

Scripture Acts 8:26-40 Carla Stucky

Message "Go and Stay Near" Pastor Brad

Offering (*Offering will be received in the basket on the back table.*)

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 *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

**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): Clark & Connie Graber

Sermon Notes

Go and Stay Near
Acts 8:26-40

Theme

Go to people and be present to them.

Key Verse

(Acts 8:29) The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Notes

A Question

What are ways that you show up to folks within our congregation? Who is one person you can show up to outside of our congregation this week?

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

Sunday, May 9, 2021

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Tracy Duffman
Singers: Carolyn Schmidt & Lory Fisher
Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Coming Events

May 5: 6:15-8 PM JR/FEWZ Youth meeting at WZ
May 12: 1:30 PM Christian Homemakers meet at WZ
 6:15-8 PM JR/FEWZ Youth meeting at WZ
May 19: 6:15-8 PM Last JR/FEWZ Youth meeting at WZ
May 23: Movie Night at WZ!
July 11-13: Community Vacation Bible School 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

Church: 620-345-8143
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Website: www.westzionmc.org

West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

1. **Due to improving Covid conditions** in our church and community, Council has decided to make masks optional. Please continue to practice social distancing. We will continue to monitor the situation and reevaluate if cases begin to climb again.
2. **The name change conversation is being continued!** In adult SS today, we are going to continue the conversation around exploring name change.
3. A **new copier** is now in the secretary's office (the lease was up on the old one). It is very similar to the old copier but the screen does look and act differently. If you would like some training, please visit with Carla Stucky.
4. **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.
5. **Christian Homemakers** will be holding a work day on Wednesday, May 12 at 1:30 pm. Activities will include tying comforters and fleece blankets. All are invited to come join! There will be no meetings over the summer.
6. Mark your calendar for a **movie night**, May 23! In keeping with our "Year of Prayer" theme, we'll watch the movie *War Room*.
7. Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School**, three nights: July 11-13 at West Zion! We're looking forward to getting VBS started again after a year off, and we need volunteers to make it happen. Can you help? VBS is a great time to reach out and connect kids to the love of Christ. Contact Lory Fisher with questions or to volunteer! (620-794-6125; huffycross58@gmail.com)
8. **Camp Mennoscah** registration forms are available in the foyer and online at <https://www.campmennoscah.org/>. Scholarship forms are also in the foyer. Christian Discipleship Team typically awards 1/2 registration scholarships, but more help is available. We want your child to go!

General Announcements

9. **California Roasted Almonds** are to arrive in Buhler, May 3. As soon as they are received, we will deliver to Etcetera stores in Hutchinson, Newton and Hillsboro and the MCC Center in North Newton. Selling price will be \$10/bag with donations welcomed. The money will all go to MCC. Richard Ediger will also have some available in Buhler. Call 620-543-2787 for questions.
10. **Everence** will host the following free, online webinars during the month of May; all starting at 6:30 p.m.
Making your wishes known - Tuesday, May 11
Navigating education savings: 529 plans - Tuesday, May 18
Social Security and retirement income planning - Tuesday, May 25
To register, or learn more about each webinar event, please visit our webpage at everence.com/kansas.
11. **Bethel College upcoming events** can be found on the bulletin board.
12. **Hesston College** Bel Canto singers will be performing outdoor concerts this spring. See the bulletin board for dates and times and more information.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 5,978.00	\$ 1,280.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 63,365.76	\$ 48,710.82
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(46,627.88)	(45,218.93)
Less: cash balance	(23,508.15)	(18,836.35)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 95,021.97	\$ 99,415.72
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,715	\$ 2,840

West Zion Prayers

Rosemary Fisher, mother-in-law to Lory Fisher, was admitted to Wesley for health concerns

Steve Hunter, friend of Lory Fisher, died this past week, please keep Steve's family in prayer.

Clyde Goering, Jim & Joanne Stucky's neighbor, is in the hospital struggling with several issues after open heart surgery.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek the Spirit's leading in selecting nominees for positions on the Executive Board and Commissions.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program is offering three learning and service opportunities in the United States this summer. Pray for participants, ages 15-22, to be challenged by the Doctrine of Discovery tour, the civil rights tour, or the immersive peacebuilding experience, which will include cooperative interaction with Colombian Mennonite youth.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Rebekah York in Colombia, pg 37



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

May 2: Axtyn Harris

May 3: Tracy Duffman

May 4: Dan Pohl

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

May 6: Leon & Virginia Guhr