

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *They saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep (Psalm 107:24).*

Prelude Crysta Guhr
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Carla Stucky
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements (*Carla will make announcements from the pulpit. If you have an announcement, please get it to her before the service.*)

Call to Worship, *from Psalm 107*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let God's people thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

****Celebrating in song**

Be Thou My Vision VT 549
We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Scripture, Psalm 63



Message "Better than Life" Pastor Brad
Video sermon

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

Song for Meditation "Victory in Jesus" Kaleigh Guhr on ukulele

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*During this time, we will not be passing the mic. Please communicate joys and concerns to Carla*

ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-0414 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar).

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting (VT 619)*

****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

Better than Life
Psalm 63

Theme

Learn to truly love God.

Key Verse

(Psalm 63:3) Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

Notes

A Question

What do you love more than your life?

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

Sunday, June 27, 2021

9:30 AM: Fellowship time (no SS) **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Jim Stucky
Singers: Carla Stucky, Lory Fisher
Greeter(s): Jim & Joanne Stucky

Coming Events

June 23: Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM at AG360
June 25: Red Cross Bloodmobile at West Zion
June 26: FEWZ fundraiser pickleball tourney
June 30: Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM at AG360
July 1: Christian Homemakers Bake Day 1:00 PM
July 2-3: MCC Sale at Kansas state fairgrounds
July 11-13: Community Vacation Bible School at West Zion
July 18: Church potluck

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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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. **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 **Moundridge Food Pantry** located in the Senior Center is now open for business. The hours are Tuesdays from 5 to 6 PM; Thursdays from 3 to 5 PM; and Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. Please call 620-747-0967 if you are interested in helping.

3. **All are invited to a fellowship time** (plus snacks!) from 9:30-10:15 on Sunday mornings during the summer. This come and go time is for all ages! Regular Sunday School will not be held during the summer.

4. **Pickleball Tourney!** The FEWZ (First, Eden, West Zion) youth group will be holding a pickleball tournament as a youth fundraiser on Saturday, June 26 at Greer Gym. All skill levels are welcome and there will be a 24-person limit. Registration will only be online at <https://forms.gle/upmkmL8yCELFbZA6> and play begins at 8:00 am. Come test your skills or just come watch the fun! More information is on the bulletin board.

5. **Men of the church**, join us for a men's Bible study, Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 AM at AG360 through July 7! We'll study the armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-20. How can we grow stronger in our faith, firmer in our convictions, and more courageous in our life with Christ?

6. 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. 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)

General Announcements

7. **Virtual Borderlands Learning Tour**, June 28 - July 2 from 2-5 p.m. CDT each day via Zoom. Engage with the reality of immigration from a different perspective. Through virtual conversations

participants will hear first-hand from folks on the ground about the complexities of the U.S. immigration system, U.S. immigration policies that have worked to dismantle the asylum-seeking process, and the human factor on various sides of the spectrum. For more information and to register: mcc.org/gl-virtual-borderlands.

8. The **WDC Annual Assembly** will be held **July 30-August 1**. Some parts are virtual and some are on-site (**Faith Mennonite Church** in Newton). The Assembly theme will be "Woven Into God's Story" (Col. 2:2-7). **Michele Hershberger**, Bible and Ministry Professor, Hesston College, will be our keynote speaker and storyteller. An assortment of **seminars** will be offered and we will be sharing communion around the supper table and virtually. The Assembly cost will be by donation (suggested for on-site participants \$85, for virtual participants \$35, for congregations having a "viewing party" \$300 for the group). Give as you are able to cover the costs. For **registration** and details, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

9. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for June 25 from noon until 6:00 PM at West Zion Mennonite. 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. If you have any questions, call Carol at 620-345-6774 or email bczenger@mtelco.net.

10. Join James Wheeler and Linda Herr on June 22 at 7 PM to hear **The Gift of Love: Doing our part for healing and wholeness in the world**. James and Linda are area directors for Europe & Middle East, Register for the webinar at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series.

11. **Current openings at MCC** can be found at mcc.org. Current open positions include Canning & Trucking Manager, Multimedia Producer, Meat Canner and many international service opportunities.

INFORMATION FOR THE KANSAS MCC RELIEF SALE

July 2-3 at Kansas State Fairgrounds

www.kansas.mccsale.org



*Visit the MCC Sale website to see quilts and items for auction, MCC Sale gear, schedule, and much more! See **Connie Kaufman** for questions.*

Volunteers are needed for lots of different jobs at the sale. Sign up at the MCC website.

From now until the MCC Sale on July 3 West Zion is collecting change for **Coins Count!** Dig under your cushions and empty out that coin jar for relief and development projects worldwide through Mennonite Central Committee! The coin tub is at the back of the sanctuary.

The **Christian Homemakers** will hold a bake day for the MCC Sale on July 1 at 1:00 PM at West Zion. Anyone is welcome to come help.

Bring dark colored hand towels for hygiene kits, or money for relief kits to the MCC booth at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (July 2 & 3 in Hutchinson), to help replenish our supplies. Both of these kits have been used for COVID-19 relief efforts around the world and MCC needs more to fulfill requests from partners! You'll find us in Sunflower North, where the General Auction takes place.

See the bulletin insert for some great information about items to donate for the Kansas Crafts section.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for health and strength for pastors in WDC, as they work with congregational leaders to provide leadership, care and direction for church communities.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

On this Father's Day, pray with Mennonite Mission Network that God, who makes all the people of world into one family, will bless the fathers in our world with the resources to help provide for their children, so they will have the joy of seeing their children blossom physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Angela and Tomoki Yamanaka in Asahikawa, Japan, pg 19

Prayer Garden

Pray for our church council as they continue to develop the vision of the church and lead us forward in faithfulness.



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

June 22: Darin Schmidt

June 24: Wynona Becker

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

June 21: Richard & Margie Huxman

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 930.00	\$ 2,154.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 83,887.60	\$ 67,654.82
 Budget	 \$165,158.00	 \$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(64,726.18)	(58,808.80)
Less: cash balance	(25,940.93)	(14,881.47)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 74,490.89	\$ 89,780.73
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,660	\$ 3,206