

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. (Psalm 145:10)*

Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

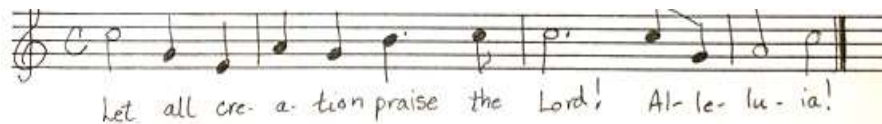
Announcements

Call to Worship, *from* Psalm 145
The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

****Celebrating in song**

Waymaker
Trinity Song (VT 60)

Scripture Psalm 148 Pastor Brad



Message “Praise Above and Below” 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.*)

Sharing about Camp Mennoscah from Joseph Azzarito, Elijah Roth, and Mac Bretz

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Down to the River to Pray (VT 453)*

****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): Geneva Wedel

Sermon Notes

Praise God Above and Below
Psalm 148

Theme

Praise God in creation.

Key Verse

(Psalm 148:13) Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Notes

A Question

What are ways that you get out into creation to praise God?

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

Sunday, August 1, 2021

9:30 AM: Fellowship time (no SS) 10:30 AM: Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Leon Guhr
Greeter(s): Carl & Tracy Duffman

Coming Events

Today: Pastor evaluation forms due, hymn sing 7:00 PM
Aug. 7: SPACE gathering from 9-10 AM
Aug. 22: Results of the pastoral evaluation presented 9:30 AM
Back-to-School Sunday (10:30 AM worship outside on
the lawn, weather permitting!) - a time of blessing for
teachers, staff, and students
Aug. 29: Pastoral vote immediately following worship
Sept. 8: Women's Salad Supper

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
Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

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Website: www.westzionmc.org

West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Mission Team is collecting school supplies for the Moundridge Jr. High.**

Our goal is to provide all the pencils, dry erase markers, and tissues that kids and teachers will use this school year, as well as a set of 30 scientific calculators that can be loaned out to kids who need one. You can play a part by purchasing these supplies and dropping them in the box in the foyer or by donating money (write "school supplies" in the memo). *The last day to donate is August 22, when we will bless the supplies in a special Back-to-School Sunday service.*

Supplies needed:

- #2 pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Boxes of tissues
- Texas Instruments scientific calculators (TI-30Xa or similar. Runs \$8-10)

2. Thanks to **everyone who volunteered to make VBS** a success this year! We had a little over 50 children participating and over 30 volunteers. Pastor Brad and Josh and Emily Regier led a Jr. High group that had 6-7 kids each night. Our theme was God's creation, and we collected \$425 for clean water programs with Mennonite Central Committee! At the end of the week, Mission Team sponsored a pool party. A good time was had by all.

3. **All women are invited to SPACE** (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement) on Saturday, August 7 from 9-10 AM at West Zion. No food or drink will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own and come visit together and spend a little time in prayer. Contact Lici with questions: 620-386-4194.

4. **Pine Village** is kicking off our 2021 Bierock Fundraiser! Pre-Orders are due Monday, July 26th to Pine Village and pick up is Friday, August 6th from 3-6pm at the Pine Village Wellness Center parking lot. Order forms can be found in the foyer.

5. A **hymn sing** will take place tonight, July 25 at 7:00 PM. Come join us in singing all your favorites!

6. The **pastoral evaluations** are due today. Please take time to fill yours out and return to the Deacons' mailbox (on the bottom row) by

July 25. It is okay to not fill out every question; we welcome feedback of any kind. Results of the survey will be presented during Sunday School hour 9:30 am on August 22. The vote to extend Pastor Brad's ministry for another three-year term will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, August 29. All church members will be able to vote.

7. **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.

General Announcements

8. **Colorado Peaches are coming to MCC in North Newton!** Get your Colorado Peaches this summer and support MCC at the same time. Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs is organizing a fundraiser to cover expenses related to the annual Rocky Mountain Relief Sale, which is being planned for October 15-16 in Rocky Ford, Colorado. **Peaches are available in 10-pound boxes for \$25 and 18-pound boxes for \$35. Deadline for orders/payment is Monday, August 2.** Checks or cash are accepted, checks are made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line. Please contact Patsy Dirksen at MCC Central States Office for orders/payments at patsydirksen@mcc.org. Pick-up date for peaches is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23 at the MCC Central States in North Newton.

9. **Everence** will hold a *Gifts that Give Back* webinar on Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 PM. But did you know there is a type of gift plan that generates income for the donor and then sends a gift to charity at a later date? Come to this workshop to learn more about "Gifts that give back" and whether it is a strategy for you! This webinar will be hosted by Mitch Stutzman, Everence Stewardship Consultant. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

10. 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/>.

Name Change Process

Per our Vision 2021 Plan which was distributed in March, the Vision Team has been discussing a name change for our church. Council decided to form the Name Change Committee (NCC). Members are Leon Guhr, Jan Dyck, Rondell Burge, Jennifer Suarez, Carla Stucky and Pastor Brad. The NCC will be gathering information and suggestions from the congregation over the next few months. A round-table discussion will not be held on September 8 at previously listed; we will announce that date soon. Watch this space as this process develops. NCC will also communicate through email and church mailboxes. If you need a copy of the Vision 2021 Plan, please see Carla. A name change can contribute to renewed engagement in the community and growth, but it must be the leading edge of a renewed missional vision for reaching the community. As we talk about changing our name, leaving Western District Conference or MCUSA is not currently part of the discussion. We welcome your questions and concerns as we journey through this process together.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,467.00	\$ 1,005.15
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 93,502.70	\$ 76,927.97
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(82,438.38)	(80,631.29)
Less: cash balance	<u>(19,408.29)</u>	<u>(20,775.26)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 63,311.33	\$ 62,063.82
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,753	\$ 2,698

West Zion Prayers

Donna, recovering at home after gallbladder surgery

Sandy, dealing with heart valve concerns and knee and back issues

Wayne and Jeannie Larson, our mission partners in north Africa. They recently returned to north Africa and are getting re-established there. (You can find an interesting update from the Larsons on the foyer bulletin board.)

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC's Annual Assembly next weekend, as we share the new experience of a hybrid (in-person and online) gathering!

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

This month, Mary Raber is bringing closure to her 11 years of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network in Ukraine. Pray that Mary will find ways to maintain relationships, even as she says goodbye to students and colleagues at Odessa Theological Seminary and the churches where she worshiped.

Mosaic Directory in pews

David & Sophie Lapp Jost in Bammental, Germany, pg 26

Prayer Garden

Pray for Western District Conference (WDC), the church body our congregation belongs to. WDC annual assembly takes place July 30-31 at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

July 25: Delaney Cowden, Jeremiah Hayes

July 27: Mike Kaufman

July 30: Phil Lohrenz

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:

July 25: Mark & Donna Stucky