

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14)*

Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Sharon Gehring
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, *from* Psalm 34:9-14
Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?
Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

****Celebrating in song**
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (VT 365)
How Firm a Foundation (HWB 567)

Scripture Matthew 26:36-46 Bonnie Kaufman

Message “Thy will be done....” Pastor Kurt Horst

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 Sharon Gehring ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-0379 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar.*)

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *Rain down (STJ 49)*

**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): Norman Funk

We welcome Pastor Kurt Horst as he preaches the word today! Pastor Kurt comes to us from Yoder, KS, having recently retired and moved there from Hesston where he was pastor of the Whitestone Mennonite Church for nine years. Kurt has also been a pastor and served as a Conference Minister in Pennsylvania. Kurt and his wife Elaine have three children and eight grandchildren, three of whom live in Moundridge (their daughter is Becky King, married to Derek King who is pastor at Eden Mennonite Church).

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

Back-to-School Sunday, August 22, 2021

9:30 AM: Deacons present a report of the pastoral evaluation responses

10:30 AM: Worship Service outside (weather permitting)

Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

Scripture: Mike Kaufman

Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

Coming Events

Today: Hymn Sing 7 PM

Aug. 18: Church Council 7 PM

Aug. 22: Results of the pastoral evaluation presented 9:30 AM
Back-to-School Sunday 10:30 AM worship outside

Aug. 29: Pastoral vote immediately following worship

Sept. 7: Round-table discussion of the name change 7:00 PM

Sept. 8: Women's Salad Supper

Sept. 19: Hymn Sing 7 PM

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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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **All are invited to hear the Deacons share** results of the pastoral review next Sunday, August 22 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all who filled out evaluations.
2. **Back-to-School Sunday** will be August 22 and 10:30 AM worship will be held outside on the lawn (weather permitting!). This is a time of blessing for teachers, staff, and students. Please bring a lawn chair.
3. **On Sunday, August 29, the pastoral vote will take place immediately following worship.** Church members will vote on another three-year term for Pastor Brad.
4. In the fall we're looking forward to **launching two sermon series:**
 - Beginning 9/19 - "Anchored" a 3-part series looking at times Jesus was with people in the storm. How can we anchor our lives more firmly in his life?
 - Beginning 10/17 - "Great Prayers" a 5-part series rounding out our Year of Prayer by looking at men and women of prayer in the Old Testament.
5. A **Hymn Sing** will take place this evening at 7:00 PM downstairs in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to come and choose your favorite hymn to sing! The Hymn Sings will continue every third Sunday through December. Bring a friend!
6. **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH MYM MEALS:** Moundridge Youth Ministries (MYM) will be running from Sept. 29 - Nov. 17 (8 wks.) at West Zion for youth K-4th. We would like to have four meal teams who would each serve two meals during that eight weeks. Please see Connie Kaufman if you are willing to help with this ministry.
7. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for August 27 from noon until 6:00 PM at West Zion. 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 bczgerger@mtelco.net.

8. **Mission Team is collecting school supplies** for the Moundridge Jr. High. Next week will be our last week to collect. We are also accepting money to purchase supplies (Just mark "school supplies" in the memo). So far, we have collected 19 calculators (we are aiming for 30). We can still use more dry erase markers, pencils, and Kleenex boxes!

Supplies needed:

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

9. **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

10. MCC Treats & Beats, August 26 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at MCC in North Newton! **Join us** for this relaxed come-and-go event featuring ice cream treats from Salted Creamery and beats from the talented Kevin Gaedert! Drop in, grab some ice cream, and enjoy a little music as our thank you for your support of the work of MCC!

11. The **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting** will be Thursday, August 26, 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves at bj.reeves@live.com or 620-543-6863 by August 22. We will be checking with health information sources regarding group meetings closer to the date for everyone's protection. The funds will go to the McPherson Housing Coalition for the construction of Oak Harbor Cottages for low income/homeless families.

12. All women 13 years and older are invited to the **annual Women's Retreat** being held Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennoscah. Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be our main speaker on *Re/Connecting with God and Each Other*. Join us for a special time of focus on spiritual and emotional connection with each other and the One who loves us and cares for us beyond imagining. Registration forms with more information can be found in the church foyer. Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully. We hope to see you there!

13. **New curriculum now available from MCC!** Conflict is a normal part of life. It arises in our workplaces, in our churches and with our families. To help people to learn to work through divisive issues, Mennonite Central Committee has produced a new adult Sunday school curriculum, Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict. It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other in nine sessions. The curriculum is available to download for free, or in print for a suggested \$5 donation. Please direct questions to karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org 316.283.2720 or curriculum author Jes Stoltzfus Buller at peacefulpractices@mcc.org.

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 has formed 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 be held on September 7 at 7:00 PM.** Watch this space as this process develops. NCC will also communicate through email and church mailboxes. 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 on the table. We welcome your questions and concerns as we journey through this process together.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

As a new school year begins, pray for health and strength for all students, teachers, and mentors in WDC congregations.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Laura Schlabach, of Mennonite Mission Network, has had a steep learning curve during the past year in the JCS International office, as she learned new administrative skills for responding to the crises caused by COVID-19 in Mongolia. She requests prayer to improve her communication skills, especially in the Mongolian language.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Paul and Hildi Amstutz in Paraguay, pg 31

Prayer Garden

Pray for new people moving into our community. Have you seen a moving van recently? Drop by and give them a warm welcome!



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

August 15: Brian Bretz

August 18: Jay Kessler

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:

August 20: David & Marlene Wiens

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,776.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 98,049.70	\$ 80,940.97
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(88,109.22)	(83,136.21)
Less: cash balance	<u>(18,286.45)</u>	<u>(22,286.29)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 58,762.33	\$ 58,048.50
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,938	\$ 2,902