

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
(Psalm 15:1)*

Prelude                      Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome                      Ellen Kaufman  
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 15  
O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart.**

Those who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

**\*\*Celebrating in song**

*What a Fellowship/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms VT 160  
This Is My Father's World HWB 154*

Scripture                      Luke 13:6-9                      Crysta Guhr

Message                      "The Faces of God"                      Pastor Tim Schrag

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 Ellen*

*ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-0952 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar).*

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song                      *Amazing Grace! VT 163***

**\*\*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): Sharon Gehring

***We welcome Tim Schrag this morning!*** *Tim grew up near Moundridge. He recently retired from 34 years of pastoral ministry at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, Nebraska (11 years) and Mennonite Church of Normal, Illinois (23 years). He and wife Sue live part-time in Goessel and hope to spend part of their time traveling, accepting service assignments and hiking and biking. Tim spends time fishing, and Sue devotes a lot of time to making comforters for distribution to refugees through MCC. Tim was a summer pastoral intern at West Zion/First Mennonite Church of Christian in the summer of 1984!*

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

## **Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Message:** Pastor Brad      **Scripture:** Zettie Wedel  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad  
**Greeter(s):** Leon & Virginia Guhr

### **Coming Events**

Today: Pastoral vote immediately following worship  
Sept. 7: Round-table discussion of possible name change 7:00 PM  
Sept. 8: Women's Salad Supper 6:30 PM  
Sept. 12: Prayer Lab 10-10:20 AM Conference Room  
Children's church and nursery (during worship)  
Sept. 19: Hymn Sing 7 PM  
Sept. 29: 5:45 PM Meal & MYM  
6:15 PM Meal for adults, Jr FEWZ & FEWZ youth  
7:00 PM Adult Bible Study  
Nov. 14: Noon meal and budget meeting

**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](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

#### **Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:**

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

Church: 620-345-8143  
Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: [secretary@westzionmc.org](mailto:secretary@westzionmc.org)  
Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

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

1. This morning immediately after worship, **church members will vote** to extend another three-year term for Pastor Brad. The three-year term will begin in January 2022.
2. **The Mission Team** would like to thank everyone for your generous gifts of school supplies for the Moundridge Jr. High School. You donated 232 #2 pencils, 108 dry erase markers, 24 boxes of tissues and 21 scientific calculators. \$40 was given and Mission Team used that to buy 9 more calculators to provide the full classroom set of 30. Students and teachers are very grateful for your prayers and giving! Thank you!
3. 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.
4. All women and high school girls are invited to come to the **West Zion Salad Supper** on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM. Bring a salad and plan to enjoy Tammy Duvanel Unruh speak. Masks not required.
5. The Name Change Committee recently met and has planned a fun and interactive **round-table discussion to be held Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM**. All are invited to attend!
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.

## General Announcements

7. Come out and have a great night of fun and entertainment at the **Community Fun Night** September 4, starting at 5:30pm at

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite, 43 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Inman. There will be cornhole tournament (\$20 entry fee, cash prizes, registration 5:30-600); kids' activities (inflatables, face painting, water games); car show; food vendors and a drive-in movie. Everyone's welcome! Find Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church on Facebook for more details.

8. **Kauffman Museum and KIPCOR** events can be found on the bulletin board.

9. **Join MCC in prayer** and support for those suffering in our world. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your monetary donations; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of relief kits and hygiene kits. Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

10. 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 can be found in the church foyer. There is a late fee if registrations are turned in after Aug. 30. Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully.

## Name Change Process UPDATE

The Name Change Committee (NCC) Leon Guhr, Jan Dyck, Rondell Burge, Jennifer Suarez, Carla Stucky and Pastor Brad recently met and has planned a fun and interactive **round-table discussion to be held Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM**. We will present our reasoning and ideas, a possible timeline, church name conventions, and spend time brainstorming different name possibilities in groups. Also, a congregational survey will be distributed in September to gather feedback. Please pray for the NCC and for our church as we continue to discern God's calling. We welcome your questions and concerns as we journey through this process together.

*Christian education will look different this fall!  
We're moving from the traditional Sunday School format to a focus on  
Wednesday evening.*

*Sundays:*

**Children's church, Sunday morning** (taught by Lici Roth), 4- years old to 4th grade. Children go downstairs after singing through the end of the service for a time of study, singing, and craft designed just for them!--Starting 9/12

**Nursery, Sunday morning** (led by Kaleigh Guhr), Ages 1- 3. Children meet Kaleigh at the back of the sanctuary after the singing through the end of the service.--Starting 9/12

**Prayer Lab, Sunday morning, 10:00-10:20 AM** (led by Jim and Joanne Stucky), in the Conference Room. A time to meet and pray for the life and mission of the church--Starting 9/12.

*Wednesdays*

**Adult Bible Study, Wednesday night:** meal and fellowship @ 6:15 PM; Bible study @7:00 PM (theme to be decided)--starting 9/29

**Jr. High (6th-8th grade), Wednesday night:** Jr. FEWZ youth group (led by Pastor Brad and Josh and Emily Regier), 6:15-8:00 PM. Meal, game, Bible study, and fellowship.--starting 9/29

**High School, Wednesday night:** FEWZ youth group (led by Pastor Derek King of Eden), 6:15-8:00 PM. Talk to Pastor Brad or Derek for questions. Meal, game, Bible study, and fellowship.-- Launch date to be decided

**K-4 Moundridge Youth Ministry (MYM)** (led by Kristen Koller of Grace): 5:45-7:00 PM. Bible lesson tailored for K-4 kids. September 29-November 17.

**West Zion Prayers**

Pray for Ruby Koehn's sister Margaret who is struggling with stage-4 cancer

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for God's wisdom and joy for WDC staff members as they seek to encourage congregations and leaders in ministry.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Joseph and Rachel Givens, and their two sons, are preparing to serve in Calais, France, with MMN. Pray that God will provide the necessary resources for them to join the team that offers shelter to African and Middle Eastern people who are seeking temporary refuge.

**Mosaic Directory in pews**

Peter Wigginton & Delicia Bravo Aguilar in Quito, Ecuador, pg 31

Prayer Garden

Pray for students who recently started school or will begin soon, that their minds might be ready to learn and they be kept safe during this time of pandemic uncertainty. Moundridge school district begins Monday, August 30!



We wish a "Happy Birthday" to:  
September 2: Ken Stucky

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,145.00	\$ 2,265.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$100,254.70	\$ 84,935.97
 Budget	 \$165,158.00	 \$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	( 93,830.47)	( 90,435.74)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 14,795.20)</u>	<u>( 18,981.76)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 56,532.33	\$ 54,053.50
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,141	\$ 3,003