

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. (Psalm 91:14)*

Prelude Ellen Kaufman
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 91:9-16
The Lord is our refuge and protector.

****Celebrating in song**

Praise to the Lord HWB 37
In My Life Lord Be Glorified VT 754

Children's Church (4-yrs old to 4th grade) & Nursery (ages 1-3) offered at this time.

Scripture Genesis 15 Mateo Roth

Message "Father Abram Had No Sons" (Great Pray-ers) 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.*)

Song of Response *Oh Lord hear my prayer HWB 348*
(congregation / women / men / congregation)

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Gentle Shepherd HWB 352*

****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

"Father Abram Had No Sons" (Great Pray-ers)
Genesis 15

Theme

Prayer can mean questioning God.

Key Verse

(Genesis 15:6) Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Notes

A Question

What questions do you find yourself asking God?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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Sunday, October 24, 2021

10:00 AM: Prayer Lab in Conf. Rm **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Ellen Kaufman
Greeter(s): Jim & Joanne Stucky

Coming Events

Oct. 20: 5:45 PM Meal & MYM
 6:15 PM Meal for adults, Jr FEWZ & FEWZ youth
 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study
Oct. 22: Bloodmobile at West Zion
Oct. 27: 5:45 PM Meal & MYM
 6:15 PM Meal for adults, Jr FEWZ & FEWZ youth
 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study
Nov. 14: Mission Sunday at Eden Mennonite
Nov. 21: 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

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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. Today we're launching our **Great Prayers series** looking at 5 men and women of prayer in the Old Testament: Abraham, Hannah, Solomon, Elijah, and Jeremiah. How can their examples lead us to grow in our prayer lives?
2. **October is Pastor Appreciation month!** The Deacons encourage you to appreciate and affirm Pastor Brad and his ministry through calls, notes, or cards. Please also pray for he and his family as he leads our congregation through the many challenges of being a church.
3. **MCC meat canning** will be Monday November 15th. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Our church needs to raise \$1400 to purchase meat. Make checks payable to West Zion Mennonite with MCC meat canning in the memo and place in the offering.
4. **See what's new!**
Prayer Lab in Conference Rm: 10:00-10:20 AM (led by Jim and Joanne Stucky). A time to meet and pray for the life and mission of the church.
Children's church: (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!
Nursery: (led by Kaleigh Guhr), Ages 1-3. Children meet Kaleigh at back of the sanctuary after the singing through the end of worship.

General Announcements

5. On Sunday, October 24 from 5-7pm, First Mennonite Church of Halstead will be having a **Hog Roast**. This pulled pork meal will be by donation with proceeds going towards the WDC Hope Fund. This fund provides financial support for WDC congregations affected by Covid-19 and other disasters. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy music provided by the Smokey Valley Bluegrass Band. This event will be at the South Park Gazebo located at 3rd and Locust Street in Halstead. We look forward to seeing you there!
6. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 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 and if you have any questions call Jerry Schrag at 501-388-0177 or email jerryschrag@gmail.com

7. **Jordan Feliz** "Next to Me" tour is coming to Tabor College in Hillsboro on Friday, Oct. 29 at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be found at <https://tabor.universitytickets.com/w/default.aspx?cid=166>.
8. Pine Village is gearing up for our **2021 Benefit Day Auction and Sausage Supper!** The Auction will be online again this year, the evening of October 21st. Check our website, www.pinevillageks.org, and Facebook page the week of the Auction, to see what Auction items are available. Thank you for your support!
9. On Oct. 26, Nov. 6, and Nov. 16, **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Men** are co-sponsoring "Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity." This three-part series of events, facilitated by Ben Tapper with the Kindred Collective, seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith, and equity. For more info and to register visit ambs.edu/narrative. Early registration ends October 19.
10. Sun., Oct. 31 – Bethel College **fall choral showcase**, "Bethel Sings," featuring the Concert Choir, Women's Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, 4 p.m. Daniel and Jerod Kaufman sing in the Concert Choir and Jerod sings in Open Road. NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION to Memorial Hall. *Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors regardless of vaccination status.*
11. Fri., Nov. 5 – **Original artwork** from the *Voices Together* hymnal will be on display Oct. 29-Nov. 19 in the Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Jan Kraybill, Kansas City, will be speaking twice on the Bethel campus on Nov. 5, at 11 AM in Memorial Hall and at 7 PM in Krehbiel Auditorium.
12. MCC in North Newton currently has over **800 sets of comforter tops and backs that need to be tied**, as well as kits of fabric that can be sewn into more tops. MCC's partners all around the world value these handmade comforters. If you or your sewing group would be interested, please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org, or 316-283-2720.

Name Change Process

As of the printing of this bulletin, the Name Change Committee has not completed a final proposal. Check back here for updates!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for WDC's Resource Library in Kansas, and its Texas branch, and pray that these resources would be used to nurture spiritual growth and vitality for WDC congregations, leaders and members of all ages.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network's partner, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, is meeting with international representatives in Burkina Faso and Congo this month. Pray for wisdom, as church leaders from many countries, including first-time representation from the Angolan Mennonite churches, evaluate their ministries and discern God's direction.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Claire Waidelich and Polly Carlson in MVS San Francisco, CA, pg 51

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,923.00	\$ 5,197.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$120,316.77	\$105,034.78
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(117,869.31)	(122,833.49)
Less: cash balance	<u>(10,971.35)</u>	<u>(6,686.22)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 36,317.34	\$ 33,951.29
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,302	\$ 3,086



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
 October 18: Joanne Stucky
 October 21: Ronald Schmidt