

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. (Psalm 126:3).*

Prelude                      Donna 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 126  
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
**shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

**\*\*Celebrating in song**

*My Hope Is Built (HWB 343)*  
*Blessed Be Your Name (VT 637)*  
*Great Is thy Faithfulness (HWB 327)*

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

Scripture                      1 Samuel 2:1-10                      Ellen Kaufman

Message                      "Prayer from the Rock"                      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).*

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**      *Be Thou My Vision (HWB 545)*

**\*\*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): Jim & Joanne Stucky

### **Sermon Notes**

Prayer from the Rock  
1 Samuel 2:1-10

#### Theme

To pray is to release our hopes to God.

#### Key Verse

1 Samuel 2:8b "The foundations of the earth are the LORD's; upon them he has set the world."

#### Notes

#### A Question

What areas in your life do you find it difficult to pray from a place of trust?

**Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page**

**Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org**

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## **Sunday, October 31, 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:** Geneva Wedel  
**Greeter(s):** Ken Stucky

### **Coming Events**

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. 15:            MCC Meat Canning  
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**

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. We are in our **Great Prayers sermon 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, affirm, and pray for Pastor Brad as he leads our congregation through the many challenges of being a church.

3. **MCC meat canning** will be Monday November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. **Christian Homemakers will again collect used greeting cards for the St. Jude Children's Project.** Put the entire card into the box on the foyer shelf.

5. Christian Homemakers will meet November 18 from 1:00-5:00 PM for a work afternoon and December 5 at 6:00 PM at Sharon Gehring's home for a **Christmas gathering with finger foods**. All women of the church are welcome to come for fellowship.

6. If you or someone you know would be willing to **provide special music for upcoming worship services**, Music Committee would be delighted to know about it. Please contact:

Jan Dyck: [jkaydyck@yahoo.com](mailto:jkaydyck@yahoo.com)

Donna Stucky: [donrayes@gmail.com](mailto:donrayes@gmail.com)

## General Announcements

7. 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!

8. Drive-by Chicken BBQ Meal, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The address is 891 Chisholm Trail, Rural Newton, KS, 8 miles north of Newton on Hwy 15, 1 mile east. Donations will be received that evening for Tabor Mission Partners, the Givens family, and Bethesda Home.

9. WDC Texas congregations are planning a joint worship service on Saturday, December 4th, at 6:30-8:00pm on Zoom and Facebook live. Worship will include Christmas music, updates from the congregations represented, and a chance to celebrate being together in Christ. The following is the Zoom link if you would like to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81046316079?pwd=djZkUU56RTRDdUN3WnEwRHVGOU8zZz09>. This event can also be found on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/WfpxUjTI>

10. 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 [amb.edu/narrative](https://www.amb.edu/narrative). Early registration ends October 19.

11. 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.*

12. 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.

13. **Thurs., Oct. 28 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra Halloween concert, 7:30 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine

Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

**14. Sun., Oct. 31 – Bethel College fall choral showcase,** “Bethel Sings,” featuring the Concert Choir, Women’s Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, 4 p.m. NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION to the Administration Building steps (Memorial Hall in case of bad weather; Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more). Bring your own chairs/blankets.

15. Fri., Nov. 5 – The Reimer-Boese Worship and the Arts Endowment and the Menno Simons Lecture Endowment are cooperating to bring Jan Kraybill, Kansas City, to the Bethel College campus for two lectures on the theme **“This is Our Story, This is our Song: The Power of Music in Community.”** “The Sound of Science” is at 11 a.m. in Memorial Hall as part of Bethel’s student convocation series. “Music and Memory, Meaning and Mission” is at 7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Livestream options will be available. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

**16. Fri., Nov. 5 – Artist reception for the “Voices Together” exhibit,** Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, following the Jan Kraybill lecture that begins at 7 p.m. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

**17. Tues., Nov. 9 – Bethel College’s Organ Recital Series** returns in-person with Shirley Sprunger King, D.M.A., 7 p.m. in the Ad Building chapel. Chapel seating will be limited, and there will be a livestream option in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

## Name Change Process

The Name Change Committee has met twice to discern a possible name and will take a proposal to Council on 10/27/21.

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week, to further WDC’s mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God’s mission in the world.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Anna Alderfer, Bowen Dick-Burkey, Dawson Duerksen, Brooke Nafziger, and Service Adventure unit leaders, Barry and Erika Kreider, who are settling into community living and extending the ministries of host congregation, Albuquerque (New Mexico) Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they work with children and youth, people without homes, Habitat for Humanity, a community art center, and an urban farm.

### **Mosaic Directory in pews**

Sabrina Bellar, Anali Martin, Kaitlyn Skelly, and Lydia Chappell Deckert in MVS, Washington DC, pg 51



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:  
October 27: Bonnie Kaufman,  
Melvin Graber  
October 29: Carl Duffman, Waylon  
Hayes