

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. (Psalm 71:5)*

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, Psalm 71:1-6
In you, O LORD, I take refuge

****Celebrating in song**

*A Mighty Fortress (HWB 165)
Mighty to Save
Be Still and Know That I Am God*

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

Scripture Psalm 46 Bonnie Kaufman

Message "Who Doesn't Limp?" (God Is Our Refuge) 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 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* STJ 14

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

Sermon Notes

"Who Doesn't Limp?" (God Is Our Refuge)
Psalm 46

Theme

We are weak, but we can take refuge in God's strength.

Key Verse

(Psalm 46:1) God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Notes

A Question

Where do you need God's strength in your life right now?

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

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Sunday, February 6, 2022

10:00 AM: Prayer in Conf Room **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Carl Duffman
Greeter(s): Frances Neufeld

Coming Events

Feb. 2: Meals and MYM 5:45-7:00 pm joined by FEWZ/Jr
Feb. 6: Prayer Lab 10:00 AM
Feb. 9: Meals and MYM 5:45-7:00 pm joined by FEWZ/Jr
Feb. 13: Mennonite Education Sunday at West Zion, potluck meal
Feb. 18: Bloodmobile at WZ
Feb. 26: FEWZ serve meal at Christian Soup Ministry 1 pm
Feb. 27: "Lamenting Racism" Discussion 9-9:45 AM
March 2: Ash Wednesday

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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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. We're launching **our annual theme: Year of Refuge**. During the month of January, we'll explore the meaning of *refuge* in the Scriptures, starting today with taking refuge in Jesus. As we begin this new year, what are ways that you can lay your burdens down, release your fears, and find refuge in the good and loving God?
2. At our **January 23 annual meeting**, the proposal to change our name to "Eastside Fellowship" did not pass. The vote was 18 (34.6%) no to 34 (65.38%) yes.
3. Join us on February 13 for **Mennonite Education Sunday**. The Woven and Open Road groups will join us from Bethel College and Dr. Joseph Manickam, President of Hesston College, will be our speaker. Bring a favorite dish to share in a potluck after church.
4. Join Pastor Brad for a discussion of the Herald Press video series "**Lamenting Racism**," Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 AM, February 27 - April 10. "Lamenting Racism" applies the Bible to the challenge of racism in America and opens space for self-reflection. Racism is a challenging topic for our times, but one worth wrestling with.
5. **A time of prayer** will begin again led by Jim and Joanne Stucky at 10:00 AM each Sunday morning in the Conference Room. Come spend time in prayer for the service and for our church.
6. Start the year off right by **volunteering to help with a STEP MC meal**. STEP MC is looking for volunteers to make a meal for 35-40 people on Monday nights for their weekly meeting. It's easy to sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a928a3fdc70-stepmc>. Please call or text Connie Kaufman at 620-386-0816 OR conniekaufman@gmail.com if you need more information.

General Announcements

7. Please join **MCC in praying for peace and safety** for everyone in Burkina Faso and Ukraine. MCC staff and partners are safe in both countries and are following security protocols. In Ukraine, there are two SALT participants from Kansas Micah Epp from North Newton and Aaron Ensz from Buhler, please keep them and their families in your prayers as well.

8. MCC is hosting a **Young Adult Peacebuilders Training** in Colorado from March 6-11! Young adults ages 18-30 are invited to participate in a rich, week-long experience that will provide opportunities to build new relationships, visit organizations doing powerful work in and around Colorado Springs, and apply Anabaptist, Biblical foundations of peace and justice to real world issues. This training will touch on themes of racial equity, immigration, mass incarceration, gun violence and conflict transformation. The gathering will take place at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp with visits to RAWtools and Casa de Paz. The participant fee is \$200. All other costs (including travel, lodging and meals) will be covered by MCC. Register here. Questions? Contact karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org.

9. **MCC Central States Annual Meeting** will take place virtually on Saturday, February 26 from 1-2:30 CST. Please email tinaschrag@mcc.org for a link to the Zoom meeting.

10. **BETHEL COLLEGE:** Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – Ernest Wood III, "Redefining," through Feb. 24 (closing reception Feb. 24). *Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

Sat., Feb. 5 – Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, 8 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot in North Newton

Tues., Feb. 8 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series with Dr. David Pickering of Kansas State University, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel.

Fri., Feb. 11 – Guest recital with Bethel College Professor Emeritus of Music Don Kehrberg, oboe, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,449.00	\$ 2,978.92
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 15,501.04	\$ 20,163.62
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(8,539.51)	(8,900.20)
Less: cash balance	<u>(11,728.92)</u>	<u>(17,954.06)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$137,031.57	\$138,303.74
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,855	\$ 2,881

West Zion Prayer

Sandy, preparing to have a defibrillator put in on February 24.

Those recovering from Covid.

Norm recovering after a fall.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team looking ahead to preparations for our annual conference gathering, July 29-31, 2022.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mennonite Bible School (formerly Bethany Bible School) in Mthatha, South Africa. Praise God for the visionary leadership of Reuben Mgodeli and pray for the 41 church leaders who graduated this year.

Mosaic Directory in pews

La Casa Grande in Benin, home for orphans, pg 12



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
 January 31: Larry Loganbill
 February 1: Carolyn Schmidt
 February 5: Sky Schriener