

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

Vol. LVII February 27, 2022 No. 9

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Words for silent meditation: *The Lord is great in Zion! (Psalm 99:2)*

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 99*
Worship God on his holy mountain.

****Celebrating in song**
All Creatures of Our God and King (vss. 1-3, 7) HWB 48
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence HWB 463

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

Scripture Luke 9:28-36 Erin Kelley

Message "Silent with the Loose Ends" Pastor Brad

Offering (*Offering will be received in the basket on the back table.*)

Song for Meditation - "International Peace Medley"
This Sunday, due to the conflict in Ukraine, Donna feels led to play her International Peace Medley for the Song for Meditation. It includes the ancient Latin hymn "Dona nobis pacem" as well as songs from Asia, Latin America, Africa & Europe. The medley concludes with "Let there be peace on earth". She invites you to join her in a prayer for peace wherever there is conflict in our world.

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** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand HWB 575*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

Sermon Notes

Silent with the Loose Ends

Luke 9:28-36

Theme

We have to learn to keep silence before Jesus.

Key Verse

(Luke 9:33) Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

Notes

A Question

When are you tempted to talk too much before Jesus? How is Jesus calling you to practice silence?

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

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Sunday, March 6, 2022

9:00 -9:45 AM: "Lamenting Racism" Discussion

10:00 AM: Prayer in Conf Room **10:30 AM:** Worship Service

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

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Erin Kelley

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel **Music:** Elbiata Singers/Goessel

Congregational meeting immediately following worship to present the Foyer Remodel

7:00 PM: Round table discussion on the MCUSA resolutions

Coming Events

March 2: Meals and MYM 5:45-7:00 pm joined by FEWZ/Jr
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

March 9: LAST meal & MYM

March 13: Congregational vote on the Foyer Remodel project
immediately following worship

March 26: Verenike Making, Hillsboro

April 2: Bohne Berroggi making, Moundridge

April 8-9: MCC Relief Sale in Hutchinson, KS

April 9: Run for Relief at 8:00 am at Rice Park in Hutchinson

April 14: Maundy Thursday

April 17: Easter Sunday

April 29: Bloodmobile at WZ

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. **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2.** Lent is a season of renunciation, a call to prepare ourselves to share in the new life of Easter. Pastor Brad will be preaching from the Scriptures on God's call to us to prepare our hearts through spiritual disciplines. Consider how you can practice what we'll be learning and deepen your walk with Jesus!
2. Join us for a game night at 7:00 PM tonight!
3. A **Moundridge Lions Club Feed** complete with omelets, pancakes, juice and coffee will be offered on Saturday, March 26 from 7 AM to 11 AM at the Senior Center. Proceeds will go to the Lions Club for eyeglasses, sending local students to the Lions Club band camp, and helping with community needs. Information is on the board.
4. The **Foyer Remodel Committee** has been working on a plan for updating our church foyer. Council approved moving forward with a congregational vote. The project details and cost will be shared in a **congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, March 6. A congregational vote will take place on Sunday, March 13 following worship.**
5. Our **church projector** has quit running. The Trustees are working on fixing the problem, thanks for your patience!
6. Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA) has called a **special delegate session** for May 27-30 in Kansas City. Delegates will have the opportunity to vote on 4 resolutions having to do with criminal justice, accessibility for folks with disabilities, retiring the MCUSA Membership Guidelines, and calling for repentance and transformation for MCUSA policy toward LGBTQ people. The resolutions calling for retiring the Membership Guidelines and repentance and transformation profoundly challenge the traditional biblical teachings of the church around sexuality. Council would like to make the congregation aware of these resolutions and hear feedback as we prepare to send a delegate in May. **We invite you to join us on March 6 @ 7:00 PM for a roundtable meeting.** Carla is placing copies of both resolutions in your mailboxes. Please take time to read the information before attending the meeting. You can also learn more by going to: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>

7. During the season of Lent (first Sunday March 6), Mission Team will print a **"neighboring challenge"** in the bulletin. The idea is to help us discover ways to connect with and care for our community. **Easter is a great time to invite someone new to worship!**

8. **Pablo is raising money for Cradle to Crayons daycare** by selling Kansas Maid Frozen pastries. Funds will be used to make needed repairs to the foundation of the building. Pastries are \$15 each. Make checks out to "Cradle to Crayons." Don't need more pastry in your life? Donations are also accepted!

9. 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.

General Announcements

10. **Please continue to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine.** MCC is evaluating the situation and giving support to staff and partners as the situation allows. All international MCC staff have been evacuated from Ukraine including two SALT participants from Kansas.

11. **Everence®** will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, March 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. To register call 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or email central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

12. All are welcome to join the fun at the 14th annual **MCC Comforter Blitz** on March 7, 8 and 9 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9-5, and Wednesday 9-4. No sewing skills required. Lunch is available by donation or you may bring your own sack lunch. You can bring snacks to share. Masks are highly encouraged. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC to send quilts all around the world. For questions, contact MCC Central States at 316-283-2720, or check Facebook Page, "MCC Comforter Blitz for Kansas".

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 565.08	\$ 6,125.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 31,521.12	\$ 43,351.59
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(17,671.53)	(16,970.40)
Less: cash balance	(18,618.54)	(33,146.80)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$121,009.93	\$115,040.80
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,615

MCC RELIEF SALE AT KS STATE FAIRGROUNDS
April 8-9, 2022 kansas.mccsale.org Like on Facebook
Contacts for West Zion: Mike and Connie Kaufman

The Sale’s purpose is to **raise funds for Mennonite Central Committee**. Churches are called upon to donate toward the sale budget so that every dollar raised at the sale is donated to MCC. Checks can be made to West Zion with MCC in the memo. Consider making and/or donating other items. Challenge yourself to participate in the Run for Relief, a 5K run/walk the Saturday of the sale.

Note the **quilt** hanging above the steps going down to the basement at West Zion. This beautiful quilt has been worked on by various West Zion women and will be donated to the Relief Sale.

Coins needed for the Coins Count offering! Bring your coins up to the front during offering each Sunday morning to put in the jug. Cash is also welcome!

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale **Quilter’s Corner**: Quilting donations are welcome and needed i.e. quilting fabrics, quilting supplies, vintage linens, unfinished quilting projects, etc. Donations may be taken to the MCC Center with the indication that they are for Quilters' Corner. For questions, contact Ann Yoder Smith, 919-604-3282, rws.ays@gmail.com.

West Zion Prayer

Angela’s mom, Michelle, who recently had two strokes and is struggling with additional health concerns.

Birth of Carl and Tracy’s grandson, Sonny Dean

Sandy recovering after having a defibrillator installed.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission, as they implement a new strategic plan to engage our whole conference in initiatives for church planting, revitalizing congregations, and fostering relationships with emerging Anabaptist/Mennonite groups.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network, with more than a dozen partners, realized a long-held dream in 2021 — to make Anabaptist theological resources available in the French language. Praise God for the launch of this program with free monthly online webinars offered by *le Centre de Formation à la Justice et à la Paix* (Justice and Peace Training Center), and pray for its continued development.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Akiko Aratani & Ray Epp in Naganuma, Japan, pg 13



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 February 27: Richard Huxman
 March 4: Erin Kelley