

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart (Psalm 138:1).*

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 138
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

****Celebrating in song**
In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting HWB 526
10,000 Reasons
God is our refuge and strength STJ 26
(congregation joins end of each verse "God is our refuge and strength")

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

Scripture Exodus 33:12-23 Carl Duffman

Message "A Cleft in the Rock" (God 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** *Seek Ye First HWB 324*

**Benediction
**Postlude

Greeter(s): Frances Neufeld

Sermon Notes

"A Cleft in the Rock" (God Our Refuge)
Exodus 33:12-23

Theme

Seek God's presence first.

Key Verse

(Exodus 33:22) I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

Notes

A Question

What are ways you seek God's presence each day?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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Mennonite Education Sunday, February 13, 2022

10:00 AM: Prayer in Conf Room **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Dr. Joseph Manickam **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Pastor Brad
Greeter(s): Dan Pohl **Special Music:** Open Road/Woven
Noon potluck lunch following worship

Coming Events

Today: Prayer Lab 10:00 AM
Feb. 9: Meals and MYM 5:45-7:00 pm joined by FEWZ/Jr
Feb. 12: SPACE gathering 9-10 AM in Conference Room
Feb. 13: Prayer Lab 10 AM, Mennonite Education Sunday at
West Zion, potluck meal
Feb. 16: Meals and MYM 5:45-7:00 pm joined by FEWZ/Jr
Feb. 18: Bloodmobile at WZ
Feb. 20: Prayer Lab 10 AM
Feb. 23: Meals and MYM 5:45-7:00 pm joined by FEWZ/Jr
Feb. 26: FEWZ serve meal at Christian Soup Ministry 1 pm
Feb. 27: "Lamenting Racism" Discussion 9-9:45 AM, Prayer 10
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**. We're starting the year by exploring the meaning of *refuge* in the Scriptures. 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. All women are invited to **gather for SPACE** (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement) this Saturday, February 12 from 9-10 AM in the Conference Room. Come fellowship and make space for God and prayer!
3. Join us next Sunday for **Mennonite Education Sunday** at West Zion. First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge is invited to join us. The Woven and Open Road groups from Bethel College will perform and Dr. Joseph Manickam, President of Hesston College, will be our speaker. **Bring a favorite dish to share in a potluck after church.**
4. On February 14 **Christian Homemakers** and any women interested plan to carpool to Newton Breadbasket for lunch and work at the MCC Center. Meet at West Zion at 11:30 am, if all plans can be done.
5. 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.
6. There is a national blood crisis and you have the opportunity to help out at the **Community Blood Drive** on Feb 18 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM at West Zion. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. If you have any questions, call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112 or send an email to hdstucky@mtelco.net.
7. **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.

General Announcements

8. **Everence®** will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Tuesday, Feb. 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.
9. **MCC SALT applications are due by February 15!** Are you interested in learning a new language, visiting a new country and joining a new community abroad? SALT applications are now open! Through SALT, practice your skills in education, peace building, agriculture, community health care and more while connecting with the global Anabaptist community of faith. For priority consideration, submit your application by February 15th! Learn more at mcc.org/SALT or contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Programs Coordinator at MCC Central States abbyendashaw@mcc.org.
10. **Bethel College events:** *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*
 - Tues., Feb. 8 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series presents Dr. David Pickering of Kansas State University, 7 p.m., *Administration Building chapel*, featuring works by Vierre, J.S. Bach and Mendelssohn.
 - Fri., Feb. 11 – Guest recital with Bethel College Professor Emeritus of Music Don Kehrberg, oboe, English horn and tenor, with Tate Addis, piano, and Kevin Kehrberg, bass guitar, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel.
 - Sat., Feb. 19 – Grand opening of Kauffman Museum's 125th-anniversary exhibit, "The Magic of Things." Come-and-go, 2:30-4:30 p.m., with remarks by lead curator Reinhild K. Janzen at 3 p.m.
11. 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, keep SALT participants Micah Epp from North Newton and Aaron Ensz from Buhler in your prayers as well as their families.

12. The **WDC Immigration Task Force** encourages you to offer a “love gift” of cleaning supplies between now and February 14 for arriving families from International Rescue Committee Wichita. They come with so little. You may drop off donations of supplies at the WDC Office 8 am-4:30 pm Mon-Fri or at Shalom Mennonite Church from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Mon-Thurs & Sunday mornings. or more information, click [IRC Donations List](#) for the Cleaning Supply Kit List and other needed items. To make a monetary donation, go to: rescue.org/united-states/wichita-ks.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 10,275.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 17,211.04	\$ 30,438.62
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(9,205.32)	(11,844.46)
Less: cash balance	<u>(12,773.11)</u>	<u>(25,297.30)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$135,321.57	\$128,016.24
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,879	\$ 2,724

West Zion Prayer

Ruby and the family of her sister, Margaret Boese, at Margaret's passing

Norm, who is back in the hospital with Covid

Family and friends of Georgia Unruh, who recently passed away and was a neighbor and friend to many in our church

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

During Black History month (February) and throughout the year, pray for WDC congregations and conference leaders in ongoing work toward racial justice and equity.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Dave and Rebekka Stutzman, who are jointly serving with Mennonite Mission Network and VMissions, have requested that people join German Mennonite congregations in praying for church renewal, during the month of February. Pray with them, as they follow a devotional book compiled for this occasion.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Congo Partnership Council, an alliance of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, pg 9



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
February 10: Dale Jantzen