

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. (Psalm 67:5)*

Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Sharon Gehring
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

May God's way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

****Celebrating in song**

HWB 37 Praise to the Lord
HWB 70 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Children's Church (4-yrs old to 4th grade) offered at this time.

Scripture Mateo Roth
Job 3:1,11-19; Ecclesiastes 4:1-3; John 12:24-26;
Ephesians 2:14-18; Psalm 37:1-4

Special Music Gerry Major and Jan Larson
"Praise Him, Praise Him" and "The Love of God"

Message "Prerequisite to a New Humanity" Pastor Kurt Horst

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

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*Raise your hand, and we'll bring the mic to you. You can also communicate joys and concerns to Sharon Gehring ahead of time, text them to 620-386-0379 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar.*)

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *HWB 522 My Jesus, I love thee*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Greeter(s): Frances Neufeld

Welcome and thank you to Kurt Horst for bringing the message this morning! Pastor Kurt comes to us from Yoder, KS, having retired and moved there from Hesston where he was pastor of the Whitestone Mennonite Church for nine years. In June Kurt completed an interim assignment at First Mennonite Church in Newton and has been spending time doing construction and maintenance as part of a family business. His wife, Elaine, reduced her hours at Partners in Family Care and they have enjoyed having a little more time to travel! Kurt and Elaine have three children and eight grandchildren, three of whom live in Moundridge (their daughter is Becky King, married to Derek King who is pastor at Eden Mennonite Church).

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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Sunday, May 29, 2022

9:00-9:45 AM: Book discussion **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Jim Stucky
Greeter(s): Dan Pohl

Coming Events

Today: Book discussion 9-9:45 am
May 25: Cemetery clean-up 5:00 pm
June 1: Pentecost Prayer Gathering 6:30-7:00 PM in
 Youth Room (upstairs in old SS rooms)
June 4: Prepare and serve chalupa meal for Black Kettle
June 5: Pentecost celebration, with communion and anointing

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. Our annual **cemetery clean-up** will be Wednesday, May 25 at 5:00 pm to prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day. We will meet at the cemetery. Come help if you can!
2. Jerry Funk is **asking for help** preparing for Norm's sale which will be May 30. He mostly needs help May 30, 6:00-8:00 AM getting furniture out before the sale, but could also use help boxing things next week. Jerry's number is: 620-382-5737.
3. **Join us Sundays, 9:00-9:45 AM, May 15-June 12** for a study of Sam Allberry's book *Is God Anti-Gay?* In this book, Mr. Allberry takes us on a practical and sensitive exploration of the Bible's teaching on homosexuality. Pastor Brad will lead the group. **Talk to Ellen Kaufman for a copy of the book.**
4. Please **consider signing up to donate items** or help with the chalupa meal which will be served at West Zion Saturday, June 4. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Money raised will go toward the Mennonite Education fund.
5. **Join us on June 1, 6:30-7:00 PM in the Youth Room for a Pentecost Prayer Gathering!** Let's join our hearts together and lift our hand in prayer for a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon our church on Pentecost Sunday.
6. June 5 is **Pentecost**, the day we celebrate God pouring out the Holy Spirit upon the church! We will share communion and have a time for anointing with oil for healing, hope, and inspiration. May Almighty God refresh and revive us with his Holy Spirit once again!

General Announcements

7. **MCC in need of material resources** - MCC is resuming shipments of material resources to Ukraine. Five containers of emergency supplies are being shipped to Ukraine in the next few months with more planned for later in the year. With this increase in demand for supplies for Ukraine and other countries around the world, MCC's inventory of material resources is getting low. ***We need comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief, school and sewing kits.*** Your donations will provide relief and a

tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to mcc.org/kits for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations.

8. Sun., May 22 – **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum** program, Dave Kreider, "Collecting for College and Community: Past, Present and Future," 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium.
9. Sat., June 4 – The public is invited to **Walk Sand Creek Trail Day**, part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, dawn to dusk (6 a.m.-8 p.m.), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee, with members there to answer any questions about the trail.
10. **Gardening for good: Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia, May 26 at 7 pm CDT, 6 pm MDT.** In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet—from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. [Learn more and register at mcc.org/virtual-visits.](http://mcc.org/virtual-visits)
11. On Tuesday June 7 at 6:30 pm **Everence** will hold a retirement income workshop. This workshop will cover Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. It will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Interested? Contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,450.05	\$ 1,360.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 75,371.96	\$ 73,200.73
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(48,071.63)	(53,887.12)
Less: cash balance	<u>(32,104.14)</u>	<u>(27,574.05)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 77,124.23	\$ 83,696.83
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,410	\$ 2,616

West Zion Prayers

Scott Family, friends of the Azzarito-Kelleys, struggling with health issues

Kathryn, a friend and neighbor of several WZ folks, dealing with health issues

We celebrate the birth of Isaac Alexander Jones on 5/17 (8 lbs 6 oz; 21 ½ inches long) to Mason, Carl and Tracy’s grandson and Trianna’s son!

Pray for our delegate, Carla Stucky, and for all those attending and voting on resolutions at the MCUSA Special Assembly next weekend.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for the many ways that WDC’s Resource Commission and Resource Library encourage spiritual growth and pray for meaningful discussion at this week’s “Final Thursday” book discussion sponsored by the Resource Library.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network visit the Mennonite church in Barcelona, Spain, monthly. Pray that God will protect the Fox family on the roads, as they make the seven-hour drive from their home in Burgos. Pray also for the congregation in Barcelona as they discern their next avenues of ministry.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Alisha & Joshua Garber in Barcelona, Spain, pg 20



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
May 27: Rosanne Hayes

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:
May 22: Royce & Sandy Jantz