

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths (Psalm 25:4).*

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 25
To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

****Celebrating in song**

Build Your Kingdom Here
Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing HWB 514

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

Scripture Romans 12:1-11 Connie Graber

Message "Other People's Fireworks" Pastor Brad

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 Pastor Brad ahead of time, text them to him: 620-386-4838 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar.*)

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

****Benediction**
****Postlude**

Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

Sermon Notes

Other People's Fireworks
Romans 12:1-11

Theme
Follow Jesus with zeal.

Key Verse
(Romans 12:11) Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Notes

A Question

Are you zealous for Jesus? Where do you need to invite the Holy Spirit to kindle a fresh fire in your heart?

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

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Sunday, July 17, 2022

Service outside on the church lawn

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Message: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Curtis Guhr
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Greeter(s):** Brian & Laura Bretz

Coming Events

Today: 6:00-8:00 pm: Decorate for VBS
July 11: 7:00 pm: VBS meeting
July 13-15: 6:00-8:30 pm: Vacation Bible School at West Zion
July 16: 7:00-9:00 pm: Pool party for VBS kids sponsored by
 West Zion
July 17: Worship service held outside
July 21: Poverty Simulation at United Methodist in McPherson
July 29-31: WDC Annual Assembly in Texas

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. Next week (7/17) we'll be worshipping outside! Bring your favorite lawn chair and a cold bottle of water.
2. The **Moundridge community VBS** is this week, July 13-15 at our church! Kristin Kaufman of Eden is directing. *A sign-up sheet for supplies needed can be found in the foyer, check it out!*
3. We are in a **sermon series** called "How to Live." The series is based on Romans 12 and will run through mid-July. Each week, we'll look at the Apostle Paul's advice on how to live the good and abundant life with Jesus. Invite a friend! Challenge yourself to memorize Romans 12:1-2!
4. Following the passage of the "Repentance and Transformation Resolution" at the May 29 Mennonite Church USA delegate session in Kansas City, our **deacons and council have been discussing** what our next steps will be. Council has decided to hold off paying our quarterly benevolence to MCUSA until we have a better sense of what we want to do. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Brad or one of our deacons—Carla Stucky, Sharon Gehring, Will Kaufman.
5. The Kansas City **delegate assembly is over** and decisions have been made. What has changed? What does it mean for my conference, my congregation and me? MCUSA will hold a webinar on July 18 at 6:00 PM to address some of these questions. To sign up for this Zoom conversation, go to the following link: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/#resources> and click on *Webinar/Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now?*
6. **Could you survive in poverty?** STEP MC will sponsor a poverty simulation at 6:00 PM on July 21 at First United Methodist Church (1200 E Kansas Ave) in McPherson). Have you ever judged someone in poverty? Ever wonder what it's like to live in poverty? Do you think YOU could survive one month? You're invited to join us for a free poverty simulation. Each participant will role-play a person experiencing survival mode for one month, simulated in 15-minute weeks. The result is a better understanding of why families in poverty do the things they do. We hope you'll join us! More info

at: <https://stepmc.breezechms.com/form/2e1456>. You can sign up to participate or just show up.

General Announcements

7. **Please join MCC Central States in welcoming 3 new people to our staff!** Brocia Mueller, volunteer coordinator in the MCC Workroom in North Newton; Wesley Wilder, human resources coordinator and Mahlet Mamo, young adult program coordinator.
8. **Excuse our mess!** The work of making necessary repairs and reconfiguring spaces at the MCC building in North Newton continues to move forward. Donors and volunteers continue to graciously adapt to the mess. We ask for your prayers and patience during this construction process.
9. **Conflict is a normal part of life but learning how to work through it is key.** MCC has a resource to help you work through divisive issues, a new adult Sunday school curriculum, [Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict](#). It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other. To follow up on the Peaceful Practices curriculum, MCC has two conversation guides, to help congregations dialogue on sensitive topics. *#BlackLivesMatter: Can we have a conversation?* and *Critical Race Theory: How should race education be taught in schools?* are available for download [here](#).
10. **MCC School Kit season is right around the corner!** MCC is working to fulfil requests for school kits from partner organizations in Jordan, Ukraine, Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and Haiti. Here are some things to keep in mind when making school kits this year:
 - Sewn school kit bags may be requested from the MCC Material Resources Center if needed.
 - MCC in North Newton has a large supply of pink erasers, so feel free to skip erasers and they'll be added later.
 - The pencil sharpeners need to be metal, not plastic.
 - You can [find the directions for school kits at mcc.org](#), or reach out to Kate at katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 with any questions.
11. **Colorado peaches are back!** Place your order for fresh Colorado peaches today just \$27 for 10 lb. box and \$38 for 18 lb. box by calling MCC at 316.283.2720 or emailing patsydirksen@mcc.org. **Peaches must be ordered and paid for by July 25.** The peaches are offered as a fundraiser for the Colorado MCC Relief Sale, please make

payment by check to Beth-El Mennonite Church with “peaches” in the memo line. Generous volunteers Jerry & Leann Toews will bring the peaches from Colorado to MCC in North Newton for you to pick-up around August 22.

12. The 2022 issue of **Mennonite Life**, Bethel College’s annual online journal, is now live at ml@bethelks.edu with articles and reviews by Daniel Shank Cruz, Chris Dick, June Mears Driedger, Susan Kennel Harrison, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Gordon Houser, Reinhild K. Janzen, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Steve Nolt, Rachel Pannabecker, Karen Reimer, Ben Woodward-Breckbill and Melanie Zuercher.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 5,009.10
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 86,372.96	\$ 91,411.70
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(63,737.27)	(78,564.03)
Less: cash balance	<u>(27,444.43)</u>	<u>(21,191.64)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 66,118.30	\$ 65,402.33
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,645	\$ 2,616



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
July 14: Laura Bretz

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:
July 16: Mike & Connie Kaufman

West Zion Prayers

Mennonite World Conference wrapping up this weekend in Indonesia

Sharon’s friends the Shirley Jost family as they mourn the loss of their husband and father. Thankful for the family and husband’s body making it to Washington DC on Thursday from East Africa.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for children attending WDC’s summer story hour at the Conference Resource Library, that this would be a nurturing time of learning and fun together.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Indonesian Mennonite churches that are hosting Mennonite World Conference Assembly. Pray that the bonds of God’s love and shalom, which participants are sharing at this global gathering, will be extended around the world, as people return to their home communities. Pray, also, for safety in travel and protection from COVID-19.

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Kate Widmer in Montbeliard, France, pg 23

Each week through August 28, we’re uniting in prayer around a common theme. We’re calling it the “Prayer Garden,” and you can find the week’s focus in the planter in the foyer and here in the bulletin. Let’s join together to ask that God’s power be unleashed in our congregation and community through prayer!

Pray for our community Vacation Bible School which will be held at our church, July 13-15, 6:00-8:30 PM. Pray that kids who attend can hear the message of God’s love for them, and that teachers and helpers can serve with energy and enthusiasm!