

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Worship on the front lawn

Words for silent meditation: *I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. (Psalm 52:8)*

Prelude Carla Stucky

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, *from Psalm 52*
I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.
In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

****Celebrating in song** Bulletin insert
*I've Got a River of Life
Give me joy in my heart
Do Lord
God is so good*

Scripture Romans 12:1-12 Curtis Guhr

Message "Setting out in Hope" 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** *Our God Is an Awesome God*
Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an Awesome God!

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

Greeter(s): Brian & Laura Bretz

Sermon Notes

Setting out in Hope
Romans 12:1-12

Theme
Hope, be patient, pray.

Key Verse
(Romans 12:12) Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Notes

A Question

Where do you struggle to have a hopeful view of the future? How can you ask for God's help about that?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
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Sunday, July 24, 2022

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Message: Kathy Neufeld Dunn **Scripture:** Mike Kaufman
Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring **Greeter(s):** Kirk & Carla Stucky

Coming Events

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. Church will be **held outside** on the front lawn this morning. Join us for an ice cream sandwich and time of fellowship after church!
2. The **FEWZ Youth Group** arrived safely back in Kansas Friday after a wonderful week in Brownsville, TX. They will share photos, stories, and reflections at Eden Mennonite Church on Wednesday, July 20th at 7pm. All are invited to attend! Carla Stucky can email you a Zoom link if you prefer to watch on Zoom rather than attend in person.
3. **Pastor Brad** will be traveling to speak at a conference July 22-25 and then on a family trip to Peru July 29-August 8. Kathy Neufeld-Dunn, Kurt Horst, and Sara Dick (of the Newton Et Cetera Shop) will speak those Sundays. For pastoral needs, contact a deacon (Carla Stucky, Will Kaufman, Sharon Gehring).
4. There will be **no children's church** July 23-August 8.
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. Go to: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/#resources> and click on *Webinar/Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now?* to sign up for this.
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. **MCC webinar** on creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers: When refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. The ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC on Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. CDT to learn about different ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions. Learn more and register at <https://mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions>.
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. There are also two conversation guides to help congregations dialogue on sensitive topics.
10. **MCC School Kit season is right around the corner!** MCC is working to fulfill 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.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 264.00	\$ 624.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 86,636.96	\$ 92,035.70
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(67,517.64)	(82,026.47)
Less: cash balance	(23,928.06)	(18,353.20)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 65,854.30	\$ 64,778.33
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,744	\$ 2,699



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 July 17: Dave Wedel
 July 18: Connie Graber
 July 22: Jean Regier, Joseph Azzarito

West Zion Prayers

Carl, continuing immunotherapy

Carolyn’s coworker, Kenneth, recently diagnosed with ALS

The Hoover family in Emporia who lost a child. They are related to Carolyn’s sister.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for the gifts shared by elected leaders in WDC as they conclude another year of service on the WDC Executive Board, Commissions and Gifts Discernment Committee at the end of July.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network’s Youth Venture program is leading a nine-day immigration and borderlands learning tour in Tucson, Arizona. Pray for the 15 participants as they come face-to-face with injustice and racism in many forms.

Mosaic Directory

Peaceful Borders in places across Europe, pg 24

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 the community of Moundridge, especially new people moving to town, that they might find a hearty welcome and a place to worship God and learn about him.