

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love (Psalm 51:1).*

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, Psalm 51
I will rise and go to my Father.

****Celebrating in song**

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus
How Great Is Our God*

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

Scripture 1 Kings 19:1-18 Pastor Brad

Message "Your Own Personal Desert"

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 *As You Go out from Here*

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeter(s): Dan Pohl

Sermon Notes

Your Own Personal Desert
1 Kings 19:1-18

Theme

Sometimes we encounter God in our weakest places.

Key Verse

(1 Kings 19:9) There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Notes

A Question

Is there a tender, tenuous place in your life God where might be saying something to you?

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

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Sunday, September 18, 2022

9-10 AM: Sunday School discussion of *The Hunger Inside*

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky

Message: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Erin Kelley

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Greeter(s):** Jim & Joanne Stucky

Coming Events

Sept. 11: 9-10 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*

Sept. 18: 9-10 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*

Sept. 15: 9-10 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*

Sept. 21: Jr FEWZ kick-off at Josh and Emily Regiers'!

Sept. 28: Wednesday meals and MYM begins

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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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

1. We are in a **new sermon series** called “Encounter: Meeting God in Unlikely Places.” Invite a friend and come and learn more as we look at places in the Scriptures where God turned up where he was least expected—and seek to be open to God’s surprising presence!
2. Can you help feed hungry kids and youth as they come to learn about God this fall? MYM kicks off September 28 and runs Wednesday nights through November 16. FEWZ and Jr. FEWZ will also be meeting. **Talk to Connie Kaufman if you can help cook for the kids!**
3. The **Moundridge Senior Center** is having a homemade pie/ice cream social on Tuesday, September 20. This will be our third annual pie social. It will be our main fund-raising event for the year. Join us from 6-7 pm for homemade pie and ice cream at the Senior Center located at 100 N. Schmidt. There will be dining in or carry out. Everyone is welcome. Monetary donations will be appreciated. This money will be used for a new transportation van/bus. This general transportation service is needed in this community and is no longer supported by the City of Moundridge. The Senior Center is taking this over. Come join us and support our Center and its many projects.
4. **Taco Tuesday with STEP MC!** Come eat well and support a good cause. Tacos will be served on Tuesday, October 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson from 11AM-1PM and from 5-7PM. Free will donations will be accepted.
5. There will be a **Car and Tractor show** and Cornhole Tournament at Pine Village on September 24! More information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer including forms to sign up for the cornhole tournament (deadline is September 19).
6. **We are cancelling the 2022 Women's Retreat** for Sept. 10-11, due to lack of enough registrations to make it feasible. We needed at least 40-50 and had only 27, including committee members and seminar leaders. Please inform your church members. Any checks for registration already received will be returned. - Darlene Powers, for the WDWM Retreat Committee

General Announcements

7. **First Mennonite Church of McPherson** is celebrating 75 years of church life on Sunday morning, September 25, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the church at Maxwell and Avenue A. At a special service, we will thank God for leading us through these years and have time to share memories of many events and blessings. All are invited!
8. **Excuse our mess!** The work of making necessary repairs and reconfiguring spaces at the MCC building in North Newton continues to move forward, but if you’ve seen the building lately you can see the mess is getting bigger! Parking space is limited, but we are thankful for the donors and volunteers who continue to graciously adapt to the current challenges. Soon the new sewing room will be added, and we cannot wait to host more volunteers at MCC!
9. **Hesston College Performing Arts:**
Sunflower Soirée - Sept. 11, 3 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church
You are invited to hear local/regional artists: Carren Moham, soprano; Mei Li, piano; The Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, Brain Flowers and Outside the Bach(s) free. Light refreshments to follow.
Hesston College Fall play: Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike - Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, Black Box Theater, Keim Center
Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia share a home in Bucks County, Pa., where they bicker and complain about the circumstances of their lives in this hilarious weekend reunion. Intended for high school age and older. \$10 per adults/seniors and \$5 for students. More info at hesston.edu/theatre
10. **Bethel College events:**
Sept. 11 – KIPCOR Film Series begins, with *Generation 9/11*, 2 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium*. Filmmaker Katherin Hervey tells the stories of an entire generation shaped by the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. Audience discussion follows the film screening.
Mon., Sept. 19 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, directed by Joel Boettger, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. **Daniel Kaufman plays in this ensemble!**
Now in the Regier Gallery is “One and a Half Acres: Images from America’s Decommissioned Missile Silos,” photographs by Nate Hofer, through Thurs., Sept. 22 (closing reception Sept. 22). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
Bethel College’s Fall Festival is Oct. 6-9, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 8, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the play *Quiet in the Land*, and the

STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Psychology Paul Lewis. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

11. **Camp Mennoscah:** Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater will be held on September 18! Join us for an evening of song, popcorn, and generic pop, as well as updates and information on the year at Camp Mennoscah. Time is yet to be determined. (It's like a mini-Camp Sing! Bring your friends for a happy sing-along.)

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 667.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$108,358.26	\$100,921.70
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(84,488.88)	(96,749.56)
Less: cash balance	<u>(28,682.79)</u>	<u>(12,693.11)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 44,128.33	\$ 55,715.33
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,758	\$ 3,277

West Zion Prayers

Family of Pastor Dave Stevens of Hope Mennonite (previously of Eden) who was struck and killed in a bicycling accident a week ago.

Terry and Jay's cousin Lynn recovering after heart bypass surgery

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for interim and transitional pastors, as they give leadership to congregations in times of change and new vision for the future.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *La Casa Grande* (The Large House), a Christian community for children in Benin who have nowhere else to go. Pray for the children and teachers as they return to classes at *Les Leaders* (The Leaders), a school on *La Casa Grande's* campus that also welcomes children from the neighboring communities.

Mosaic Directory

Freddy & Elena Satalaya in Iquitos, Peru



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
September 14: Angela Azzarito