

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Happy are those who delight in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night (Psalm 1:2).*

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 1
Happy are those who delight in God's word!

****Celebrating in song**

How Great Is Our God
All Creatures of Our God and King HWB 48 (vss. 1-3, 7)

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

Scripture Exodus 3:1-15 Carl Duffman

Message "Stumbling onto Holy Ground" 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** *As You Go out from Here*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Greeter(s): Frances Neufeld

Sermon Notes

Stumbling onto Holy Ground
Exodus 3:1-15

Theme

God calls us to pay attention to the ways that he shows up in ordinary life.

Key Verse

(Exodus 3:5) "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

Notes

A Question

Can you think of a time when you have had a "holy ground" experience?

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Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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Sunday, September 11, 2022

9-10 AM: Sunday School discussion of book

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

Message: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Wynona Becker

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Greeter(s):** Dan Pohl

Coming Events

Sept. 8: 7:00 pm: Christian Homemaker planning meeting

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

Sept. 18: 9-11 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*

Sept. 15: 9-11 am: Discussion of book *The Hunger Inside*

Sept. 21: Jr FEWZ kick-off at Josh 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. **Pastor Brad will be traveling** in Pennsylvania for a rural church speaking event September 8-10. He'll be back in time for Sunday School and worship on September 11.
2. This week, we're launching 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!
3. Next Sunday, Pastor Brad will begin **leading a discussion** of his new book on communion, *The Hunger Inside: How the Meal Jesus Gave Transforms Lives*. Copies of the book can be found in the foyer. **Join us starting September 11, 9:00-10:00 AM!** Please study the first chapter for our September 11 discussion.
4. A **listening meeting** was held on Sunday, August 21. The Deacons appreciated your feedback and willingness to share. Results of the informational poll taken at the end of the meeting were 78% voted to move out of MCUSA, 19% were undecided, and 3% wanted to stay. The topic of marriage and human sexuality carries with it many emotions and convictions. It will take time to pray, process and discern where God is leading West Zion. Please continue to hold our church and leadership in prayer.
5. All **women of the church** are invited to gather September 8 Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. Planning for coming months and some projects such as tying comforters will be done. Prayerfully plan to attend.
6. 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!**
7. **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.

8. 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).

General Announcements

9. **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! We ask for your prayers and patience during this construction process so the important work of MCC can continue without undue interruption.
10. **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
11. **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.
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.
12. **Camp Mennosciah:** 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.)

13. Sat., Sept. 10 – **“Do Justice, Love Mercy,”** a panel discussion on what’s required to abolish the death penalty, 10 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Sponsors are Bethel’s Department of Bible and Religion, the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel and the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty. The 2-hour event is free and open to anyone, and will also be livestreamed via Zoom. E-mail info@kansasabolition.org to get the link.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,546.00	\$ 667.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$105,670.26	\$100,921.70
Budget	\$157,300.00	\$165,158.00
Less: expended to date	(83,571.85)	(96,749.56)
Less: cash balance	<u>(26,909.31)</u>	<u>(12,693.11)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 46,818.84	\$ 55,715.33
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,754	\$ 3,277

West Zion Prayers

Laura’s brother Travis beginning chemo and radiation treatment for a brain tumor.

Sharon’s aunt Marilyn who was dealing with a blood clot is now home and recovering

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC members studying through IBA, Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) and SeBAH, Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary), and give thanks for those who are participating in the IBA/SeBAH graduation ceremony this weekend at Hesston College.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Kate Widmer, who is serving with MMN in France, continues to build relationships with children and people fleeing violence in their home countries. Pray that she will receive the documents she needs to live in France long term.

Mosaic Directory

Alfonsina & Jose Oyanguren in Castelli, Argentina, pg 29



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
September 10: Richard Golden