

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Kurt Horst
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to worship today. Together we bring your joys and burdens to the Lord.

P: God knows our joys and our burdens and has brought us here together.

L: Remember the love of God that is ours in Jesus.

P: We are thankful for God's grace and peace.

L: Remember God's power to overcome sin and to heal our diseases.

P: We are thankful for God's salvation, justice, and mercy.

**All: We join our voices in a concert of praise and thanksgiving.
AMEN.**

****Celebrating in song** (words on screen)
Lord, you have come to the lakeshore HWB 229
Who now would follow Christ HWB 535

Scripture Luke 11:14-23 Zettie Wedel

Message "Jesus: Free and Wild or Meek and Mild?" Pastor Kurt

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.*)

Pastoral Prayer

****Sending Song** *We will follow STS 40*
vs. 2 Will you follow?
vs. 3 We will follow (same as vs. 1)

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

****please stand if you are able**

Greeter(s): Tracy Duffman

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Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Scripture:** Carolyn Schmidt
Worship Leader: Carla Stucky
Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

Coming Events

Feb. 1: 6:00 PM Pancake/sausage Meal & MYM
Feb. 3: 6:00 PM Craft Night
Feb. 8: 6:00 PM Chicken casserole Meal & MYM
Feb. 11: 10:00 AM "Galentine's" Brunch
Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday
April 9: Easter Sunday
April 14-15: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

Our Mission: God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements at the office by Wed. noon.

1. **Wednesday meals** have begun again. As always, anyone is welcome to come eat. It is suggested that you come between 6:00-6:15 PM to eat to avoid the crowd of hungry MYM kids waiting in line! Thanks again to all who signed up to prepare meals and to Connie Kaufman for organizing it.

2. **We are interested in your input!** There is still time to respond to the questionnaire handed out at the Annual Meeting which asked for Search Committee name possibilities and for possible congregational concerns. We would like them all turned in by Feb. 1. If you need a questionnaire, let Carla Stucky know.

3. **All women of West Zion** are invited to join Christian Homemakers for a work night at West Zion February 9 at 7:00 PM. Working with comforters, MCC kits and other projects will be available.

4. **Craft night!** Do you have a project you are working on? Is it relaxing for you to color/knit/sew/read? Bring your creative work to West Zion on Friday, February 3 from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. This is a come and go event meant for relaxing and connecting.

5. A **"Galentine's" Brunch** will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10:00 AM at West Zion. Join us for brunch, special music and Megan Dickinson's *Built Up in Love* program. RSVP to Laura Bretz or Ellen Kaufman by Feb.5. This is a special event for women and celebrating relationships!

6. In the Gospels (Mark 8:29; Matthew 16:15; Luke 9:20) Jesus asks the disciples: "Who do you say I am?" This question, and Peter's answer, initiate a turning point in Jesus' ministry. **This Sunday, January 29, Pastor Kurt will begin a three sermon series titled "ReJesus,"** encouraging us to take a fresh look at Jesus. The series will ask: What are the lenses through which we see Jesus? How do they shape our discipleship? Calling us to renew our commitment to know and follow Jesus in our work, rest, and play. Invite a friend or neighbor!

General Announcements

7. MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a **new webinar series**, *Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and*

building healthy communities. Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 6:30 PM. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. Registration link: mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars.

8. **SAVE THE DATE!** Come join the fun at 15th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 6, 7 and 8 on the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday 9-4. No sewing skills are required, we will teach you. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the workday. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC to make comforters for relief to be sent to refugees or places after natural disasters. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at #316-283-2720, or check the Comforter Blitz Facebook Page, "Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz".

9. **WANTED** — Cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs, campers, tractors, modern farm equipment, etc. for the Kansas MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help feed and clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are tax deductible. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257 for information. Help make a difference.

10. Junior high youth will be putting their faith into action by **packaging meals with Numana** during the Know Jesus retreat at Hesston College on Saturday, February 4. We are looking for 20 adult volunteers to serve as green shirt leaders from 1:00 – 5:30 p.m., which includes a time of training, helping with set up and then facilitating the food packaging. High school students and all ages of adults are invited to participate! Email Melissa Landis at melissahlandis@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer.

11. **Buhler Mennonite Church** will be hosting their annual Chicken Noodle Soup Mission fundraiser on February 8. This year's carry-out only dinner will feature chicken noodle soup, pie & bread. Orders will be accepted through January 26 by calling or texting 620-664-7699, 620-727-5128 or 620-217-1156. Pick up will be at the north entrance of the church from 4:00-6:00 on Wednesday, February 8. Enter from the south side parking lot on B Street (Note the change in traffic direction). This will be a free will offering with proceeds going towards

Outreach Meals. Cash and checks accepted with checks made out to Buhler Mennonite Church.

12. **Life Enrichment** at Bethel College begins again on February 2 and ends April 27. This program is especially designed for persons 60 and above. Two brochures with program information can be found on the foyer bulletin board. If more are needed, let Carla Stucky know. Cost, time and location can be found on the brochures. Go to <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment> for more informatoin.

13. **Hesston College and Bethel College** events can be found on the foyer board.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,395.00	\$ 1,449.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 20,788.62	\$ 15,501.04

West Zion Prayers

Sharon Gehring as she travels to Illinois to help her mother

Ellen Kaufman's brother, Robert, who is dealing with health concerns

Donna Stucky's brother, Roger, thankful for improvement, continued prayers for rehab and healing

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for wisdom and insight for the WDC Executive Board, as it implements action steps growing out of its anti-racism audit completed last year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Tucson, Arizona, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit, made up of Michaela Esau, Cade Fisher, Jessie Landis and Andrea Troyer. The MVSers help extend the ministries of their host congregation, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, by working with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition and adult literacy, immigration and refugee rights, and environmental protection programs.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
February 1: Carolyn Schmidt