

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Carla Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Leon Guhr

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

Announcements

**Call to Worship** (adapted from John 12)

Leader: Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you."

**People: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Leader: "If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going."

**People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon us and His glory will appear over us.**

Leader: "While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

**All: Nations shall come to our light, and kings to the brightness of our dawn.**

**\*\*Celebrating in song** (words on screen)

*I Love to Tell the Story HWB 398*  
*Children of the Heavenly Father HWB 616*

Message Ellen Kaufman

"Train Up a Child (by letting Your Light shine)"

Scripture read by Connie Kaufman

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 Pastor Kurt Horst

**\*\*Sending Song** *This Little Light of Mine*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Sharon Gehring

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## **Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023**

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Message:** Pastor Kurt Horst      **Scripture:** Brian Bretz  
**Worship Leader:** Ellen Kaufman  
**Greeter(s):** Clark & Connie Graber

## **Coming Events**

Feb. 22:      6:30 PM: Ash Wednesday service  
April 6:      Maundy Thursday  
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.

### **Interim Pastor Kurt Horst**

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## West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Thank you** for your responses to the questions asked by Council. The Deacons and Council are meeting to discuss the results and will bring you a summary and keep you informed about the next steps through the bulletin, emails, and church mailbox. If you have an email and are currently getting West Zion bulletins and announcements, please give your email to Carla Stucky.
2. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for February 23 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have a question, call Jerry at 501-388-0177 or email [jerryschrag@gmail.com](mailto:jerryschrag@gmail.com).
3. An **Ash Wednesday** service will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 PM. This is the beginning of the season of Lent, a period of 40 days during which Christians remember Jesus' suffering and the events leading up to the crucifixion. Anointing with ashes will be offered as part of the Ash Wednesday service.

## General Announcements

4. **Verenike supper Saturday, February 25!** First Mennonite in Halstead (427 W 4<sup>th</sup>) invites you to a supper including verenike, ham gravy, zweiback, green beans, sausage and pie. Proceeds go to local mission projects. Drive-thru/carryout is 4-5 PM on the west side of the church, and dine-in is from 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall.
5. **Everence® webinar:** Social Security and retirement income Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Thursday, Feb. 23, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).
6. Please join us for **OVM's (Offender/Victim Ministries Inc)** annual meeting on Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30 PM at Shalom Mennonite

Church in Newton. This meeting will be highly interactive, featuring our participation in an experiential learning resource from our partner organization MCC: "You Got Booked!" RSVPs are appreciated at [info@ovmks.org](mailto:info@ovmks.org) or 316-283-2038.

7. **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale!** Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Annual MCC Sale April 14-15. The theme is "Walking with Jesus" and there will be many ways to volunteer your time, energy and money as planning continues. We would love to see you at the Run for Relief which will take place Saturday morning at Rice Park in Hutchinson beginning at 8:00 AM. More information to come. Updates can be found on Facebook (Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale-Run/Walk for Relief 5K). Connie and Mike Kaufman are our MCC Sale contacts and can answer any questions.

8. **Men and Boys Retreat**, March 31-April 2 - Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. **There will be a variety show on Saturday evening and worship service on Sunday morning.** Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515, or go to <https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/ART/5a95be5156023>.

9. **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".

10. Hello from **Western District Women in Mission!** We are inviting women from your church to have a table at the 2023 Women in Mission Celebration at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton on Saturday, April 1 from 10 am – 1 p.m. The event is a means to share

ideas and mission opportunities with other women and churches. Perhaps your church has a formal women’s group or women who are doing ministries and activities in your church and community such as book/Bible studies, Vacation Bible school, children’s activities, craft groups, etc. Come and share your activity to inspire others. If you would be interested in having a table or have questions, email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com). Reserve your table by March 1.

**11. Camp Mennoscah:**

a) *Summer youth camp* registration is open and Camp Mennoscah is receiving registrations. The summer theme is FruitFULL Faith. Get ready to learn and sing about the Fruit of the Spirit this summer—it’s not a coconut!

b) *Youth Volunteer Weekend* is March 24-25! Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to come to this retreat focused on worship and service. The retreat begins on Friday at 7pm with registration followed by snacks, games, and campfire. Rachel and Isaac, the Senior High program directors, will lead activities. [Register in the Summer Youth Camp section by adding a person or session](#), if you have already registered for camp.

c) [Interviews for Summer Staff In Progress!](#) We are seeking stunning summer staff to fill the following leadership positions for the 2023 summer: crafts, lifeguard, music, nature, office, and grounds. These positions are typically filled by college-age students, are summer-long and receive a stipend. Lifeguards and grounds are especially needed. It’s a summer of fun, service and faith formation!

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

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 12,287.00	\$ 2,625.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 33,712.62	\$ 19,836.04
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	( 8,090.17)	( 9,416.10)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 31,201.63)</u>	<u>( 15,188.89)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$123,863.20	\$132,695.01
Avg. offering per Sunday needed		
to meet budget	\$ 2,693	\$ 2,885

**West Zion Prayers**

Carl Duffman struggling with his health

Tracy Duffman’s sister, Diana, who is going in for a biopsy

Frances Neufeld as she deals with a health issue

Donna Stucky’s brother, Roger, as he heals

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for WDC chaplains, pastors and congregational care teams who offer support to church and community members living with mental, emotional, and physical health challenges.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig and their three children are engaged in ministry in Chad, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they share Jesus’ love in their daily lives — Peter, as he teaches at Shalom Faculty of Evangelical Theology; Christy, as she works at a hospital; and their children, as they interact with classmates and neighbors.

Attendance Feb. 5: 55



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:  
February 14: Jennifer Suarez