

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Lord Jesus, by the power of your Spirit
prepare us to hear your word.
Help us to understand what we hear
and in faithful obedience
to apply what we understand.
Amen

****Celebrating in song** (words on screen)
Who now would follow Christ HWB 535
Open my eyes, Lord STS 65

Scripture James 2:14-26 Brian Bretz

Song *I want to be like Jesus*

Message Pastor Kurt Horst
"If Jesus is the answer, what's the question?"

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** *Open Our Eyes*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

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Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Scripture:** Sharon Gehring
Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman
Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Coming Events

Feb. 22: 6:00 PM: Taco Meal, MYM, FEWZ
 6:30 PM: Ash Wednesday service
March 1: 6:00 PM: Pancake/Sausage Meal, MYM, FEWZ
March 8: 6:00 PM: Chicken casserole meal, MYM, FEWZ (last one)
March 12: Hopeful Blues jazz ensemble for morning worship
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.

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. 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.

2. In your boxes this morning (with additional copies available on the table) is a **devotional guide for Lent** developed by Pastor Kurt. The theme for Lent is "People on a Journey." Sermons will be drawn from the "Psalms of Ascent" (Psalms 120-134). There is an introduction to the "Psalms of Ascent" and 2 or 3 Psalms to reflect and meditate on each week. The Psalms will be the texts for the upcoming sermon.

3. The **Mission Team** is encouraging everyone to start the season of Lent with a daily Bible verse and prayer thought.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22: Matthew 6:1 – I will honor Christ by doing a kind deed for a stranger

Thursday, Feb. 23: Luke 9:23 – I will follow Jesus

Friday, Feb. 24: Matthew 9:15 – I will fast today

Saturday, Feb. 25: Luke 5:30-31 – I will share Christ's love

Sunday, Feb. 26: Matthew 4:4 – Today I will reflect on God's word

4. **Bonnie Kaufman** is willing to drive and take anyone to the Yoder Comforter Blitz on March 6, leaving at 8:30 AM. Please let her know if you are interested in traveling with her. You may want to drive by yourself, but join Bonnie for breakfast at Yoder about 9:15 AM.

5. 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 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.

General Announcements

6. **Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble** invites you to join us in an hour-long concert celebrating faith and unity. Repertoire includes You Raise Me Up, Siyahamba, Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah, Steal Away,

and Amazing Grace (with violinist Nancy Johnson). This will be held in McPherson at Trinity Lutheran, 119 N. Elm, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 and in Newton at First Presbyterian, 900 Columbus, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.

7. **Mennonite Central Committee** is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at mcc.org/earthquake, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

8. **Verenike supper Saturday, February 25!** First Mennonite in Halstead (427 W 4th) 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.

9. **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.

10. **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. A letter regarding biodegradable policies can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

11. **Men and Boys Retreat**, March 31-April 2 - Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshiping, 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>.

12. 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. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the workday. This event makes 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".

13. Camp Mennoscah:

- a) *Summer youth camp* registration is open and Camp Mennoscah is receiving registrations. The summer theme is FruitFULL Faith.
- b) [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!

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

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 11,120.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 35,027.62	\$ 30,956.04
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(10,570.86)	(12,781.26)
Less: cash balance	<u>(30,070.94)</u>	<u>(22,943.73)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$122,513.20	\$121,575.01
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,723	\$ 2,702

West Zion Prayers

- Jim & Joanne Stucky's son-in-law Brad, recovering from surgery
- Francis Neufeld, thankful for improvement, to be tested for allergies
- Gerry Major's nephew, Kent and family as he struggles with Parkinson's
- Carolyn Hanna's grandchildren who are dealing with health issues.
- Praise for a wonderful women's brunch

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC staff members as they carry out conference ministries to support ministers, provide resources for congregations, and equip church planting partnerships.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

Attendance Feb. 12: 45



We wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to:
February 22: Terry Kessler
February 24: Kirk Stucky