

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 121 on screen

****Celebrating in song** (words on screen)
From the depths of sin HWB 136
I am weak and I need thy strength HWB 553

Scripture Psalm 120 and 122 Sharon Gehring

Message Pastor Kurt Horst
“The Journey Begins – Where do you think you are going?”

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** *My faith looks up to thee HWB 565*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

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Livestream can be found on WZ Facebook

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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

Coming Events

March 1: 6:00 PM: Pancake/Sausage Meal, MYM, FEWZ
March 8: 6:00 PM: Chicken casserole meal, MYM, FEWZ (last one)
March 11: Turn clocks ahead for Daylight Savings
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. You can find extra copies of a **devotional guide for Lent** developed by Pastor Kurt on the back table. Feel free to pick one up if you have not yet. 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.
2. **Ken Stucky and Jim Stucky** have accepted nominations for Deacon. A vote will take place this morning (Feb. 26) after worship is over. Thank you to both for their willingness to serve.
3. **Results of the two-question survey** that was handed out at the annual meeting have been compiled. A summary along with a note from Church Council will be emailed to those who have email. If you don't have email, a copy will be placed in your church mailbox. Contact Connie Kaufman if you didn't get a summary.
4. The next **craft night** is scheduled for Friday, March 3 beginning at 6:00 PM at West Zion. Bring your favorite project/craft/puzzle and come sit and fellowship awhile. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks as well.
5. **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.

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. On Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m., the **Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Winter Lecture Series** will focus on "McPherson Valley Wetlands: Past, Present and Future" with Jason Black, Public Land Manager with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Historically there were thousands of acres of wetlands in the McPherson Valley Wetlands complex. The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion at the Dyck Arboretum at 177 West Hickory in Hesston. Admission is \$5 and can be paid at the door or ahead of time at dyckarboretum.square.site/classes.
9. **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. Go to www.kansas.mccsale.org to volunteer and find information about the sale.
10. **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. **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 questions go to www.campmennoscah.org or contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.
11. **Camp Mennoscah:** Find Camp Mennoscah brochures on the foyer table and a list of Mennoscah events on the foyer board. Registration is open for two Spring Scrapbooking and Crafts Retreats which we will be hosting on March 10-12 and March 17-19. You can register for camp or retreats at www.campmennoscah.org.

West Zion Prayers

- Jim & Joanne Stucky's son-in-law Brad, received good news after surgery
- Francis Neufeld, continued prayers for healing
- Terry Kessler, thankful for being able to continue officiating

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the retreat in San Antonio that the Church Planting Commission and conference minister Sandra Montes Martinez are planning. The event is called "Being the Church: Meeting our neighbors where they are," and we pray that it bears fruit in encouraging emerging Anabaptist congregations in ministry that joins God in God's work. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.

Feb. 19 attendance: 45



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:
February 27: Richard Huxman
March 4: Erin Kelley