

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Come, Let us Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for his mighty deeds; according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with trumpet sound; with lute and harp, with tambourine, with strings and pipe.

Congregation: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to His name; to proclaim His love in the morning and His faithfulness at night.

Leader: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and worship Him with music and song. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness. Come into His presence with singing!

All: How good it is to give thanks for the mighty deeds of the Lord. Because of what God has done, we sing with joy and gladness. Our worship is fitting, for our lives have been blessed by His grace. In Lamentations 3: 22-23 we read that His mercies are new every morning. Lord, renew us this day, so that we may share Your grace, mercy, and love with others. Great is Your faithfulness!

Leader: As we begin our worship, let us be reminded of the holiness of God.

**Congregational Hymn *God of the Bible STJ 27*

God's Holiness
You are Holy
Above All

Our need for God
One Thing I Know
I Will Come to You in the Silence

Offering Great is Thy Faithfulness
Offering and Coins Count will be received in the basket on the back table.

Sharing Joys and Concerns (*Raise your hand, and we'll bring the mic to you*).

Prayer

Our Walk with God
Be Thou Near to Me
Come Thou Fount

Praise for God's Presence
Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Thankful
Taste and See

**Congregational Hymn *Rain Down STJ 49*

Benediction
All: Let us celebrate that we are the people of God. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us the wisdom to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus - so that together we may, with one voice, glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord as we bring the gospel message of hope and God's love to the world. Amen.

Postlude It is Well (please be seated)

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Carla Stucky

Welcome and thank you to Hopeful Blues for leading our worship this morning!

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Sunday, March 19, 2023

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Message: Pastor Kurt **Scripture:** Crysta Guhr
Worship Leader: Vicky Kessler
Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

Coming Events

Today: Hopeful Blues jazz ensemble for morning worship
April 6: Maundy Thursday
April 9: Easter Sunday
April 14-15: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
April 16: Mennonite Men's Chorus, Tabor College, 7 PM
April 23: Mennonite Men's Chorus, Bethel College, 7 PM

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. We are excited to have **Hopeful Blues**, a 5-piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite in Wichita, leading worship this morning. They have played together for several years, and their music includes a mix of gospel, traditional, and contemporary praise pieces. Members of Hopeful Blues are Eldon Chlumsky (djembe), Galen Fast (saxophone and other woodwinds), Leon Greaser (guitar), Rod Kremer (bass), and Laurie Regehr (piano).
2. **Pastor Kurt is gone** March 10-16. If you have a pastoral need, please contact one of the Deacons (Sharon Gehring, Will Kaufman or Jim Stucky).
3. The March edition of the **Schweitzer Salt** newsletter can be found on the church bulletin board.

General Announcements

4. **SMCHA Meeting:** The January 12, 1888, blizzard will be the focus for Lois Preheim, author and educator, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association. Her book, "Trailing the Schoolchildren's Blizzard" chronicles experiences of families living in ten locations along the storm's route extending from Canada down through the United States. Dr. Preheim has degrees from Freeman Junior College, the University of Nebraska and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is a retired kindergarten-twelve principal having taught pre-school through college age students. Currently she resides in Newton, Kansas. The annual meeting will be held on March 12, 2023, at 2:30 at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.
5. **Everence will hold** its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

6. **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.

7. **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.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 14-15, 2023

www.kansas.mccsale.org

Go to the website or Facebook and find out where to volunteer and what different auctions and activities will be offered. Don't forget to sign up for the 5K Run for Relief (walking okay also) beginning at 8:00 am at Rice Park in Hutchinson.

Bohne berrogie bake day for the MCC Sale is April 8 at Moundridge High School. Volunteers wanting to help can sign up on the MCC Sale website (above).

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 4,915.74
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 38,319.62	\$ 40,095.86
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(15,618.08)	(18,952.50)
Less: cash balance	<u>(28,319.38)</u>	<u>(25,913.71)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$119,217.54	\$112,433.79
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,839	\$ 2,677

West Zion Prayers

Leon Guhr had a successful surgical procedure done this past week

Carolyn Schmidt's mother-in-law, Vera Schmidt, is in the hospital

Skyler from Goessel who is dealing with seizures and health concerns

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for interim and transitional pastors in WDC, as they accompany congregations navigating change and discerning future pastoral leadership.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

From her home in Burkina Faso, Anicka Fast serves with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference. One of her ministries is to amplify the voices of African Christian historians. Pray for her as she helps facilitate a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, this month.

March 5 attendance: 44



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
March 12: Jan Graber
March 15: Margie Huxman