

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Carla Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Vicky Kessler

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

Announcements

**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 126)

LEADER: When the Lord restores us we are like those who dream.

**PEOPLE: Our mouths fill with laughter,**

LEADER: Our tongues shout for joy;

**PEOPLE: And those around us take notice of the things  
the Lord does for us.**

LEADER: The Lord has done great things for us

**ALL: We are glad.**

**PEOPLE: Restore us, O Lord, like a gentle rain on parched  
ground!**

LEADER: Though we sow in debt, we will harvest abundantly.

**PEOPLE: Though we plant with uncertainty we will reap  
with joy!**

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

*HWB 597 Oh, how happy are they*

*HWB 102 To God be the glory*

Scripture Psalms 127 and 128 Crysta Guhr

Message Pastor Kurt Horst

“Joy in the Journey & Rest for the Weary”

Offering (*Offering will be received in the basket on the back table.*)

Coins Count offering

**Song for Meditation**

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

Pastoral Prayer

**\*\*Sending Song** *HWB 301 Joys are flowing*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

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## **Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School  
**Message:** Pastor Kurt Horst  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Kurt  
**Greeter(s):** Frances Neufeld

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Scripture:** Jennifer Suarez

### **Coming Events**

March 26: Sunday School begins  
April 6: Maundy Thursday  
April 9: Easter Sunday  
April 14-15: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale  
April 16: Brett Klingenberg preaches  
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.

#### **Interim Pastor Kurt Horst**

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## West Zion Announcements

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

1. Join us for a **new Sunday School class** beginning on Sunday, March 26! Coffee and fellowship will be at 9:15 and class will begin at 9:30 AM. Topic to be determined soon.
2. The **yearbooks are done** and in the church mailboxes! There is a box by the mailboxes to put old yearbooks in if you would like to recycle the paper and the binder. If you find a mistake, please give Carla a few days to celebrate it being done, then let her know. 😊
3. The next **craft night** is scheduled for Friday, March 31 beginning at 6:00 PM at West Zion. Bring your favorite project/craft/puzzle and come join us. You are welcome to bring your own snack/drink and a friend!
4. First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge now has a **Blessing Box**. The box is located in the carport area at the south entrance of the church. It provides some staple food items, cleaning items and some toiletries. The box is a way to provide necessary items when the Food Bank is not open and money is unavailable. If you know anyone this assistance would help, please inform them about the Blessing Box. The concept of this service is "Take what you need and give back what you can." We believe that no one in our community should go hungry -Peace Committee FMCC, Pam Frey.

## General Announcements

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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).
6. Pray with **Apache Stronghold** on March 19th! The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery invites our community to join in prayer for Indigenous land justice with the Apache Stronghold on March 19th. On March 21st, a federal appeals court will hear a pivotal

case about Apache religious freedom that centers around a proposed copper mine, which would destroy the Western Apache sacred site of Oak Flat, *Chi'chil Bitdagoteel*. MCUSA and Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed an amicus brief (a letter to the court) in support of the Apache Stronghold, along with other religious groups. The Apache Stronghold are rallying all people of faith and conscience under the call of "One Drum, One Prayer, One Circle," to seek unity in protection of Earth and in resistance to ongoing colonization. They will be dedicating March 19th to prayer.

### KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

April 14-15, 2023

[www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://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	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 3,430.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 43,969.62	\$ 43,525.86
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	( 18,084.08)	( 22,747.50)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 31,503.38)</u>	<u>( 25,548.71)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$113,567.54	\$109,003.79
Avg. offering per Sunday needed		
To meet budget	\$ 2,770	\$ 2,659

### **West Zion Prayers**

Thankful for successful surgery for Leon  
Carl Duffman as he continues to experience difficulty breathing

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as it hosts a church planting summit in San Antonio this weekend with the theme “Being the Church, Meeting Our Neighbors Where They Are”.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Elena and Freddy Satalaya and their toddler, Matías, as they transition, after five years of ministry in Peru, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they are serving with Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they engage in discipleship training and leadership training.

March 12 attendance: 53



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:  
March 20: Lory Fisher  
March 24: Abbi Bretz