

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Sharon Gehring  
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

**Call to Worship** Adapted from Psalm 123

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our eyes,

**Congregation: You who rule from on high!**

**Women:** As the eyes of children look to their parents,

**Men:** As the eyes of employees look to their employers

**Congregation: So our eyes look to you, Lord God, anticipating your kindness.**

Leader: Show us kindness, O Lord, show us kindness.

**All: We have seen more than enough unkindness. We have had our fill of disrespectful arrogance.**

**\*\*Celebrating in song** (words on screen)  
*HWB 597 Oh, how happy are they*  
*HWB 544 When we walk with the Lord*

Scripture Psalm 124 and 125 Connie Graber

Message "When the Going gets Tough – Trust!" Pastor Kurt Horst

Song of Response *Kyrie eleison*

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

## Song for Meditation

Commissioning of Deacon

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

Pastoral Prayer

**\*\*Sending Song** *HWB 163 Obey my voice*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

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## **Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service

**Worship Service & Message:** Hopeful Blues

**Worship Leader:** Geneva Wedel

**Greeter(s):** Will & Ellen Kaufman

### **Coming Events**

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. We are excited to have **Hopeful Blues**, a 5-piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite in Wichita, come lead our worship service next Sunday, March 12. 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. 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.
3. **Jim Stucky** was voted in as our new Deacon. Please continue to keep the Deacons and Church Council in prayer.

## General Announcements

4. **Everence is looking for a full-time** Receptionist/Administrative Assistant to support the sales efforts of the office by providing clerical, administrative support and sales assistance to the Kansas team. Qualified candidates will have exceptional client service capabilities, ability to handle multiple tasks, and experience or aptitude to learn PC-based software programs. For more information about the responsibilities and qualifications of this position and/or to apply, please visit our website, [www.everence.com/careers](http://www.everence.com/careers).
5. **Together We Can Knot:** 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".

6. **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.
7. **Put your faith in action by volunteering with SWAP this summer!** MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program provides short-term service and learning opportunities for churches, school and university groups, families, other groups and individuals. Now is the time to make your summer plans and sign up! More information and registration at [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or (606) 634-4418.
8. **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](http://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.
9. **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](http://www.campmennoscah.org).

**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.

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 3,659.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 36,594.62	\$ 35,180.12
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	( 14,985.42)	( 18,649.93)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 27,223.38)</u>	<u>( 21,300.54)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$120,946.20	\$117,349.53
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,813	\$ 2,729

**West Zion Prayers**

Pray for Deacons and Council as they meet and work on moving forward

Carolyn Schmidt's co-worker, Jeff, who died

Laura Bretz's brother as he continues to battle cancer

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for the four WDC Commissions as they work to resource congregations, equip ministers and congregational leaders, nurture emerging congregations, and encourage generous giving and stewardship to support WDC's mission.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Participants from three Mennonite Mission Network Service Adventure units are in Newton, Kansas, for five days of fellowship, during which they will share the importance of service with potential participants. A similar event will be held in two weeks in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that current and future participants will grow in their commitment to active faith through these events.

Feb. 26 attendance: 47



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:  
 March 8: Kaleigh Guhr  
 March 9: Hope Biles, Glenda Golden