

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Vicky Kessler

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Though darkness seems to envelope us.

P: Jesus breaks through with a word of peace.

L: Fears are banished!

P: Hope is restored and our faith is strengthened.

L: Rejoice! The Lord is with us!

All: We rejoice in the peace and blessings he brings. AMEN.

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

HWB 570 We walk by faith

HWB 338 I know not why God's wondrous grace

Scripture John 20:24-31 Leon Guhr

Message "Thomas figures it out" Pastor Brett Klingenberg

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** *The Lord Your God is with you*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

Welcome and thanks to Brett Klingenberg as he brings us our morning message! Brett works as a farmer and rancher in Marion County and comes with 12 years of pastoral experience. He and his wife Cassie have four children and attend Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing, KS.

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Livestreaming can now be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:15 AM: Sunday School *AT WEST ZION*

10:30 AM: Worship Service *AT FIRST MENNONITE*

Message: Peter Goerzen, Bethel College

Music: Bell Canto Singers, Hesston College

Noon potluck meal

Coming Events

April 23: 9:15 AM: Sunday School begins early (**at West Zion**)

10:30 AM: Joint service with First Mennonite (**at First**)

Potluck meal following

April 29: Garage sale in WZ parking lot (weather permitting)

May 10: Salad supper for women 6:30 PM at West Zion

July 10-14: VBS at West Zion in the evenings

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. **BUNKO NIGHT!** Remember to come to play bunko tonight at 6:30 PM in our Fellowship Hall. This easy to learn dice game is lots of fun and a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor. All ages can join in this game. Snacks will be served!
2. We will hold a **joint service** with First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge next Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 AM at First Mennonite Church. There will be no service at West Zion. **The Hesston College Bel Canto singers will share music and Peter Goerzen, assistant professor of Bible and Religion from Bethel College, will give the message.** A potluck meal with the choir will follow worship.
3. A garage sale will be held on Saturday, April 29 as a STEPNC fundraiser in the **West Zion parking lot** (weather permitting). All proceeds will go to the emergency fund for team leaders. Occasionally team leaders will have financial needs and this fund is available as a help for leaders and is repaid through a combination of community service (reciprocity) and affordable payments. Free-will donations will be accepted as well.
4. **Moundridge Food Pantry is looking for Volunteers!** We serve anyone in need in the Moundridge School District and we can't operate without great volunteers! It is only one hour at a time and no experience needed! We will train you on the job. For more information contact Emily Regier (785) 341-3627.
5. Our Sunday morning service will now be **live streaming** through our YouTube page. Go to the West Zion YouTube channel to subscribe. You can also find the sermons on our West Zion website at www.westzionmc.org.
6. Christian Homemakers invites all women of West Zion to attend the **Salad Supper** to be held May 10 at 6:30 PM at West Zion. Gregg Friesen of Newton will give an illustrated presentation of birds in Kansas. Bring a large salad and guests.

General Announcements

7. The Moundridge **Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, April 28 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness

Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. If you have any questions, call Carol at 620-345-6774 or email bczenger@mtelco.net. Thank you for your support.

8. Bethel College senior Taylor Dashney has **organized a donation drive to benefit the International Rescue Committee (IRC)**, which works to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster (see irc.org for more information or to make a financial contribution). Taylor is looking for **NEW** kitchenware, bathroom items and other small necessities (for example: socks, towels, laundry supplies). These can be dropped at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center on the Bethel campus Mon.-Fri., April 17-21, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or e-mail Taylor at taylorpdashney@bethelks.edu

9. All **Western District Conference women** are invited to join a virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, April 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: The Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church in Newton beginning with a salad potluck at 6 PM followed by Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45. There is no cost to this event, but please register by April 23 by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com so you can receive a Zoom link. Please email your RSVP if attending in person and bring a salad to share. Contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245 for questions.

10. **Camp Mennoscah:**

-- Camp has been graciously offered a gift of \$100,000 dollars as a matching gift. Money raised will be matched, dollar for dollar up to \$100,000. We are launching the M&M Project (Mission and Maintenance)! Money will be used to do some repairs to the pool and some work to the Retreat Center (HVAC is not working). Consider holding a fundraising event or offering a monthly pledge.

-- Due to HVAC system not working, volunteers are needed to install 26 A/C units. Work will begin at 8:30 AM on April 22. Camp will provide lunch. Call to let us know you are coming!

-- Nurses, head cooks, kitchen helpers and volunteers are still needed for camp weeks this summer. The scholarship fund needs money. Go to the website for information:

https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/ART/642afcdd358f4?in_archive=1.

11. **Taco Tuesday Fundraiser** - STEPNC will be hosting this event on Tuesday April 25 at Trinity Lutheran Church (119 N Elm St. in McPherson). Lunch is from 11am-1pm & dinner is from 5pm-7pm. Please come by and join us for free-will donation and a delicious taco fiesta!

12. Kilometer 81 (Ken Regier family) will provide live music from 5:30-8:30 PM on Saturday, April 22 at the Hub Brick Oven & Brewery. **A portion of all proceeds will benefit STEPNC.**

13. You're invited to **STEPNC's Getting Ahead graduation** at First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge on April 17 at 6:00 PM. Come hear some powerful stories and surround our graduates with support as they continue their journeys out of poverty. It's such a powerful night to be a part of! Supper and refreshments to follow

14. **Everence®** will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, April 20, 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. The workshop will take place at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. To register, call 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,055.00	\$ 1,385.48
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 49,316.62	\$ 62,783.91
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(25,599.50)	(36,879.89)
Less: cash balance	(29,339.28)	(30,674.37)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$108,216.22	\$ 89,745.74
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,925	\$ 2,426

West Zion Prayers

Sandy Jantz will have a medical procedure next week

Carl Duffman continues to struggle with health

Jan Dyck shared it was 46 years since her sister died

Jim & Joanne Stucky are thankful for prayers on their behalf

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations seeking faithful ways to care for God's creation and practice environmental stewardship.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Martine Audéoud, who is currently teaching a 10-day seminar for doctoral students in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Pray for her and her students as they contextualize the biblical message to the African context and present their academic work to God as an act of worship.

April 9 attendance: 54



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
April 21: Royce Jantz, Joyce Dirks
April 22: Kurt Horst