

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Leon Guhr
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: In reverence, in wonder, and in hope, we gather.

People: With perplexing questions on our minds,

Leader: And with the wholeness of God surrounding us,

**People: Acknowledging that once we were lost but now we are
known and loved by God.**

Leader: Let us worship the God of our salvation.

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

HWB 401 This little light of mine

HWB 573 What a friend we have in Jesus (using 574 tune)

Scripture Luke 18:1-9 and 11:5-10 Zettie Wedel

Message Pastor Kurt
"Stories to Remember: Annoying Friends" (prayer)

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** *HWB 324 Seek ye first*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

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Livestreaming can now be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Sunday, May 21, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Kevin Wilder **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Worship Leader: Geneva Wedel **Scripture:** Ellen Kaufman
Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Coming Events

May 20: Moundridge High graduation 2:00 PM
May 22: 8th Grade Promotion 7 PM
May 28: Pentecost Sunday, communion received
June 1: An evening of sacred music with Caroline Beckman
and Abigail Olson, 7 PM
June 3: Chalupa meal served at West Zion
Farmer's Market in our parking lot
June 11: Eric Schrag speaks during morning worship
July 10-14: VBS at West Zion in the evenings
July 16: Missionary partners, the Larsons, for morning worship

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. **Kevin Wilder** will give the message next Sunday, May 21 on “What can we learn from Zorro and Jesus about worry?” Kevin has been a Youth Pastor, Campus Pastor, Interim Pastor and Psychology Instructor. Kevin now works for Bluestem communities at Schowalter Villa in the Fund Advancement department.

2. Pastor Kurt began a **seven sermon series on “Stories to Remember”** looking at a different parable each week. The series will continue through July 9 with a focus on parables found in the Gospel According to Luke.

3. On May 28 we will celebrate **Pentecost Sunday** to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit. You are invited to wear red or orange and communion will be received that morning.

4. We recognize **Abbi Bretz** who will graduate from 8th grade this year. Congratulations, Abbi! The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held in the Moundridge High School gym on Monday, May 22 at 7 PM. If there are other graduates that we missed, please let Carla know.

5. Come enjoy an **evening of sacred music** offered by Caroline Beckman on violin and Abigail Olson on piano in the West Zion sanctuary on Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 PM. Caroline is granddaughter of Jim and Joanne Stucky and has performed at Christmas Eve services. It will be an evening of inspiring, beautiful music!

6. There will be a **chalupa meal** served at West Zion on Saturday, June 3 during Black Kettle. Watch the bulletin in coming weeks for ways to help!

7. **Amy and Boyd Bachman** are staying with their son/brother, Greg Bachman, in Emporia while she recuperates from surgery. If you would like to send them a card, send to 2445 West View Terrace, Emporia, KS 66801.

8. All are invited to celebrate the **graduation of Mateo Roth** on Saturday, May 20! The graduation ceremony is at 2:00 PM at the high school and a come and go party will be held at Brad and Lici's house from 3:30-5:00 PM. A formal invite with pictures (front and back) can

be found on the foyer board.

9. **Thank you** for all the kind words, cards, food, support, love and prayers during our time of loss. – The Kessler Family

10. 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.

General Announcements

11. **Come see a play for the whole family**, Friday, June 2 at Bethel College Mennonite Church in Newton from 6-7:30 PM. ALL are invited to a performance of *Selah's Song*, a play about a young girl in Ukraine who inspires her community with a song of Peace. This play is suitable for all ages and is presented by *Theatre of the Beat*, a touring company based in Toronto. You can see more and a video at: <https://theatreofthebeat.ca/selahs-song>.

12. The Kansas **Mennonite Relief Sale** Annual Dinner and Meeting will be Thursday, May 25, 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves at bj.reeves@live.com or call/text 620-543-6863 by May 21. Come celebrate the success of the MCC Sale!

13. **Camp Mennoscah** continues to raise money through the **M&M Project**. Our list of **Fire Keepers** - givers who have promised to add \$1,000 to this fund by the end of the calendar year - is growing. Remember, money raised for the M&M Project, will be matched by, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000 by a generous donor. Now is the time to sign up to be a Fire Keeper! You can pay immediately, give monthly, or pay closer to the end of the year. Receiving money now allows for funds to be used immediately that need attention now, like AC in the Retreat Center this summer.

For more information, got to the Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh at tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org.



BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,715.00	\$ 5,230.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 58,033.62	\$ 71,921.91
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(32,827.34)	(44,373.60)
Less: cash balance	(30,797.43)	(32,352.12)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 99,530.23	\$ 80,574.28
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,442

West Zion Prayers

Amy Bachman recovering in Emporia from surgery

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations seeking creative ways to meet and serve their neighbors.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Tomorrow, Colleen and Pablo Fast plan to travel from Brazil to the United States for 3 ½ months of sharing with their supporting congregations and individuals about how God is working in Brazil. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for their rest and renewal, as they also reconnect with family and friends.

Mission Mosaic

Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, Moses, Celeste and Felix

May 7 attendance: 45



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
May 13: Mason Jones

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:
May 14: Kirk & Carla Stucky