

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Ellen Kaufman

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: The One who calls us,

Leader: The One who equips us,

People: The One who loves us without end.

All: Hallelujah!

****Celebrating in song**

*STS 113 I will stand in the congregation
What a fellowship (words and music on screen)*

Scripture Luke 12:35-40 Brian Bretz

Message "Don't Quit" Pastor Kurt Horst

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

Song for Meditation Vintage Boys Quartet

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

Pastoral Prayer

****Sending Song** *HWB 307 Will you let me be your servant?
Verses 1,3,5*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

We welcome the Vintage Boys Quartet this morning! Members are Kurt Horst, Delbert Tieszen, Dennis Hershberger and Ethan Lehman.

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Livestreaming can now be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Sunday, June 11, 2023

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Message: Eric Schrag

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring

Scripture: Sharon Gehring

Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

Coming Events

- June 4: Last Sunday School on the Holy Spirit
June 4-14: Pastor Kurt on vacation
June 11: Eric Schrag speaks during morning worship
July 11-14: 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.

Interim Pastor Kurt Horst

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. Next Sunday, June 11, **Eric Schrag will bring our morning message**. Eric began working at Pine Village in February 2023 as Director of Fund Development. He has also worked at Bethesda Home in Goessel and Bethel College. He will be talking on “Abundant Life” from John 10.
2. **Pastor Kurt** will be gone on vacation from June 4 (leaving after church) to June 14. During that time, you may contact a Deacon for any pastoral concern.
3. Council has been working on putting a **Search Committee** together and are happy to announce the committee members: Leon Guhr (chair), Vicky Kessler, Ken Stucky, Jennifer Suarez, and Lexi Bretz. Connie Kaufman will serve as an ex officio member when needed and will serve in an advisory capacity as church chairman and report to Council. Their first task will be to compile our church profile. which tells about our congregational make up, mission and beliefs. We ask that the congregation keep the leadership of our church and Search Committee in your prayers as we look to the future.
4. West Zion Mission Team is once again offering **prayer opportunities** for the summer. The summer prayer garden is located in the foyer and each week a different group will be the focus of our prayers. Please consider adding the prayer focus into your prayers that week. Plant the seeds of prayer with us!
5. **Did you know?** There is a prayer corner set aside for anyone who would like to spend some quiet time in prayer. It can be found in the room across from the water fountain upstairs. The summer prayer requests will be available on the table...or pray as the Spirit moves. “The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.” James 5:16 (MSG)

General Announcements

6. The Moundridge Senior Center is having a bake sale on Thursday, June 15 starting at 9:00 AM at the Senior Center (100 N Schmidt). This is a benefit fund raising event for the Center. It will start at 9:00 am and run until 1:00 PM. Items will be baked by bakers from the local churches. We will accept any baked items by anyone who is

willing to share with the Center. Bring in your items by 7:30 AM on June 15 or bring them into the Center the day before by 2:00 PM. Come in and buy some of the delicious items and at the same time support the Center. The proceeds from the bake sale will be used for expenses to upgrade our visual equipment or upgrade the lighting for the Center. Thank you for your support.

7. Register now for the **Restorative Kansas conference** happening June 8-9 at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. The conference theme is “Growing Restorative Communities” Hear Keynote Speaker Chief Justice Emeritus Robert Yazzie of Navajo Nation and participate in breakout sessions on indigenous peacemaking; youth-led efforts; community-based efforts; law enforcement and judicial efforts; and circle process. Enjoy a commissioned street opera entitled “The Return” and lots more. MCC Central States is a sponsor for the 2023 conference. Please join us, find more information and register at www.restorativekansas.org.

8. **Staff position opening:** Western District Conference seeks a half-time Business Manager beginning July 10 at the North Newton office (some remote work possible). Responsibilities include financial management, bookkeeping, reporting and payroll. Qualifications include organizational, computer and communication skills, bookkeeping or accounting experience, and willingness to support WDC’s mission and priorities. For position description and application form visit: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-staff-position-opening/>.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
June 10: Crysta Guhr, Myles Dillman

May 28 attendance: 61

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 732.00	\$ 546.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 61,136.62	\$ 77,287.96
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(39,350.56)	(52,588.71)
Less: cash balance	<u>(27,644.36)</u>	<u>(29,505.69)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 96,160.08	\$ 75,205.60
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,205	\$ 2,507

West Zion Prayers

Donna Stucky’s niece, Jeanette Thomas, who is dealing with cancer

Frances Neufeld for healing

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for WDC congregations hosting vacation Bible school and other summer programs for children and youth in their communities.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for all participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure, as they bring closure to their assignments in the coming weeks. Pray for these young adults as they discern God’s leadings and as they integrate what they have learned and experienced into the next seasons of their lives.

Mission Mosaic

Jae Lee and Karen Spicher, Lomie, Aurie, Lena and Menno in South Korea

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This week we pray for our West Zion Church Council and the Search Committee that has been formed to lead us in our pastoral search.