

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Carla Stucky

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: For the beauty of the summer day,

People: And for the fellowship of friends;

Leader: For the invitation to love and be loved,

People: For a place to bring our burdens and our cares,

Leader: For the Holy Spirit, God present with us;

People: For Jesus, who loves us and calls us to himself,

Leader: For God, who sends us out to love and serve the world,

People: And for this time and place to nourish our souls,

All: For all these things, God, we give thanks!

**Celebrating in song words on screen

O worship the King HWB 66

The Love of God STJ 44

Scripture Gen. 12:1, Acts 9:1-6, Eph. 3:20-21 Laura Bretz

Message "More Than We Can Imagine" Pastor Tim Schrag

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

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

**Sending Song *Quietly, Peacefully*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Will & Ellen Kaufman

We welcome Tim Schrag this morning! Tim grew up near Moundridge and retired after 34 years of pastoral ministry in Nebraska (11 years) and Illinois (23 years). He and wife Sue live part-time in Goessel and spend part of their time traveling, accepting service assignments and hiking and biking. Tim spends time fishing, and Sue devotes a lot of time to making comforters for distribution to refugees through MCC.

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Next Sunday, August 27, 2023

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Message:** Pastor Kurt Horst
Accompanist: Donna Stucky **Scripture:** Zettie Wedel
Worship Leader: Vicky Kessler
Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

Coming Events

August 26: Ladies Brunch 9:30 AM
August 27: Last Sunday to collect school supplies
Sept. 1: Craft night 6:00 pm
Sept. 9: Prayer group 9:00 AM
Sept. 10: Fall Sunday School 9:30 AM, noon potluck meal & congregational meeting
Sept. 14: Christian Homemakers planning mtg 7 PM
Sept. 24: Church picnic at Will & Ellen Kaufman's
Sept. 27: Meals & MYM begins
Oct. 1: Pastor Kurt's last Sunday

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. The **Mission Team project** for August is a collection of school supplies for the Moundridge Middle School. These needs include:
 - Expo markers: Thick Tip (mainly black but color is okay)
 - Sharpies: Thick Tip (black)
 - Kleenex
 - Money (checks can be written to West Zion with "middle school" in the memo line).Collection is from August 13-27. Look for a backpack in the foyer.
2. **Save the date!** On Sunday September 10 West Zion will be holding a potluck meal after worship followed by a congregational meeting. More details to follow. A fall Sunday School class will also begin the morning of the 10th at 9:30 AM.
3. **All ladies of West Zion** are invited to a morning brunch at 9:30 AM on Saturday, August 26! This is a time to fellowship and build deeper friendships as well as brainstorm ideas for West Zion. Dress is casual. We would love to see all of you there!
4. **Wednesday evening meals** and Moundridge Youth Ministries (K-4th) will begin again at West Zion on September 27. If you are willing to help prepare a meal, please let Connie Kaufman know as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have helped with this in the past, it is a labor of love for our area youth!
5. **All West Zion women** are invited to come to the Christian Homemakers planning meeting September 14 at 7:00 PM. Maybe some MCC projects will be worked with. School supplies are on sale. School kits for MCC are in need of blue or black (4) ball point pens and 70 count spiral notebooks. Another project ongoing is saving all greeting cards for St. Jude's Children Center. Please put entire card into box on foyer shelf.
6. You are invited to come **fellowship and pray together** on Saturday, September 9 at West Zion. We will meet at the prayer corner in the upstairs classroom (by the bathroom) at 9:00 AM to visit, invite prayer requests, and then pray together for West Zion and for other needs. No food or drink will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own coffee. If you have questions, contact Carla Stucky.

7. **CRAFT NIGHT!** Do you have a project lying dejectedly in a forgotten corner? Are you determined this year to begin working on your Christmas gifts earlier than December 14? Then this evening is for you. Dust off your projects and supplies and bring to West Zion on Friday, September 1. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

8. **Support Youth: Anyone Can Do It!** We are getting ready for another year of Jr. FEWZ (6th-8th grade) and FEWZ (9th-12th grade) and would love whatever help you might be able to offer. If committing to be a sponsor for the year is too much for you, would you consider something just as helpful, but less time consuming? We would love for individuals or groups who could: manage our financial books, coordinate meals, Bible teach on occasion, share their faith story, plan a service project, etc. If there is something on that list that you could do (or anything else you could offer), please contact Pastor Derek (dking@edenmennonite.org)

General Announcements

9. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for August 25 from noon to 6:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have a question, call Jerry at 501-388-0177 or email jerryschrag@gmail.com.
10. **Women's retreat at Mennoscah:** This year's registration form and brochure for the Western District Women's & Girl's Retreat Sept. 9-10 is at <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events>. There are also a few brochures and registration forms in the foyer. This year's theme is Women Talking, Listening, and Creating, with our scripture theme 2 Peter 1:12-21. We'll be diving into fun activities around listening, story-catching, and story-keeping. The schedule is designed for more free time and less structure. Registration is due by September 5. Email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com for questions.
11. **McPherson Area Habitat for Humanity** is ready to build House #40 at 515 N. Maple in McPherson. You are welcome to help by donating financially or by donating volunteer labor. You can learn more at www.mcphersonhabitat.org.
12. **Mark your calendars!** Camp Mennoscah will officially launch a celebration of their 75th year on September 23. It will be a fun day at

Camp, full of activities and chances to make memories on the river! Watch for details and information on the Camp website and on Facebook.

13. Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita (868 N Maize Rd) invites you to an **evening of fun and inspiring music** Sunday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. You will be entertained by the lead vocalists of Everyday Lights, Paul Austin and Jennifer (Hope) Chlumsky from Salina. They combine a variety of musical styles including folk, bluegrass, jazz, country, and traditional hymns. A free-will donation will go towards Camp Mennoscah. You can preview their music at <https://www.everydaylightsmusic.com/>.

14. **Shortage of pens and notebooks:** Did you know that school kits now include 4 new blue or black ballpoint pens? The MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is very low on pens and notebooks. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St). Contact katemast@mcc.org or 316-283-2720 for questions. A full list of MCC kit contents and other challenge resources can be found at mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
August 26: Carol Hanna

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 680.00	\$ 1,318.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 82,976.83	\$ 95,886.26
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Less: expended to date	(62,060.06)	(77,613.66)
Less: cash balance	<u>(26,823.64)</u>	<u>(23,083.50)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 74,271.30	\$ 56,602.84
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,909	\$ 2,979

West Zion Prayers

Area teachers, administration, and students returning to school

Search Committee and church leadership

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC children, youth and their families, teachers and mentors as a new school year begins, and give thanks for the WDC Resource Library that offers faith formation resources for all ages!

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Pray for Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, as they complete their North American Ministry this week and go back to Chad on Friday. Pray for safe travels and a joyful reunion with friends, as they return to teaching at Shalom Evangelical Theological Seminary (Peter), working in maternal and child health (Christy) and school (the children). The family serves jointly with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network.

Mission Mosaic

Freddy Barron and Margrit Kipfer Barron, Betsabe and Misael in Bolivia

August 13 attendance: 52

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This week we pray for West Zion volunteers