

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 from Psalm 98

Leader: Come, Let us sing for joy to the LORD!

People: Shout for joy to the LORD!

Leader: Let the sea roar,

People: Let the rivers clap their hands,

Leader: Let the mountains sing together,

People: Let the earth be glad;

Leader: And let the children run and play,

People: Let the old people laugh with deep wisdom,

Leader: Let everyone listen, wide-eyed and wondering.

All: Come, let us worship the God of our salvation.

*Adapted from a blog by Beth Merrill Neel, "Hold Fast to
What is Good". Used with permission.*

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

Ancient Words

Thy Word

Scripture Psalm 78:1-8 Zettie Wedel

Message "Teach Your Children Well" Pastor Kurt Horst

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

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

**Sending Song *Lord, I Need You*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Next Sunday, September 3, 2023

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Message:** Pastor Kurt Horst
Accompanist: Donna Stucky **Scripture:** Carolyn Schmidt
Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt
Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

Coming Events

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 begin
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. Today is the last day to collect for the August **Mission Team project**. Thank you to all who helped with this!
2. **Search Committee update:** The committee has completed the Congregational Information Form (CIF) and it is available in the library for reading. There is also a summary of the CIF posted in the foyer along with a sheet that keeps our congregation updated on Search Committee progress.
3. **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.
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. Everyone is invited to **Hoffnungsaus Mennonite Church** (43 13th Ave, Inman) on Saturday, Sept 2 for our Community Fun Night! The Fun will begin at 5:30 pm with a free cornhole tournament (arrive early, limited to 18 teams), inflatables, face painting, a car show, and food for sale. Tom Gaeddert (Faith Mennonite, Newton) will provide live music from 6:30 - 7:30 pm and the evening will end with a movie on the lawn at dusk.
10. **Want to be a story catcher, story keeper, and story sharer?** Find out more by attending the Western District Women in Mission Women's & Girls Retreat Sept. 9-10 at Camp Mennoscah! Activities will be available for all ages (no specific girls programming). A brochure and registration form are available to download, print and send in at <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events>. We hope you can join us! This year's theme is Women Talking, Listening, and Creating, with our scripture theme being 2 Peter 1:12-21. **The due date for registration is September 5.** For questions, email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.
11. **Sat., Sept. 2** – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 7 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).
Sun., Sept. 10 – *Eat, Protest, Lift*, a film by Caleb Stephens, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center* at Bethel College;
Mon., Sept. 11 - Dr. Stephens speaks in convocation, 11 a.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium*; sponsored by Bethel College Social Work,

the KIPCOR Film Series and the Bethel College Women's Association's Carolyn Schultz Lectureship.

12. Let's celebrate the 50th anniversary of **Offender Victim Ministry** (OVM) on Thursday, September 14 from 5-7 PM. Come & go for appetizers & drinks (no full meal will be served). This will be held at the Prairy Mezzanine, 104 W 6th St, Newton. Please RSVP by filling out [THIS FORM](#) or call 316-283-2038.

13. **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:
September 2: Ken Stucky

West Zion Prayers

Amy & Boyd Bachman as Amy's son, Greg, had bypass surgery

Jan Dyck recovering from a recent health concern

Praise for Terry Kessler's continued healing

Praise for Kaleigh's good college experience

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Please pray for emerging congregations as the Spirit draws them together to be of one mind and heart to do the will of the Lord. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Bekah York in her work with the Colombia Mennonite Church and Justapaz, the church's peacebuilding organization. May God grant Bekah wisdom, energy and contagious hope for her ministries.

Mission Mosaic

Peter Wigginton and Delicia Bravo, Aliyah and Ariana in Ecuador

August 20 attendance: 44

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This week we pray for teachers and students