

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude    Carla Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome    Connie Kaufman  
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship    (from Psalm 121)

L: I lift my eyes to the hills. From where shall come my aid?

**P: My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.**

L: God will not let your foot be moved, your guardian never sleeps.

**P: God's watchful and unslumbering care protects and safely keeps.**

L: Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter and your shade.

**P: Beneath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.**

L: From evil, God will keep you safe and provide for all you need.

**P: Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.**

\*\*Celebrating in song    words on screen

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee HWB 71*

*My life flows on HWB 580*

Scripture selections for the message Exodus 19, 20, 32, Matthew 17

Message                      "Mountain Climbing"                      Pastor Diane Mason

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*)

Prayer    Connie Kaufman

\*\*Sending Song                      *In lonely mountain ways HWB 560*

\*\*Benediction

Pastor Diane Mason

\*\*Postlude

\*\*please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

*Welcome and thank you to Diane Mason for our sermon this morning! She is a former college math teacher and a retired Church of the Brethren pastor. She lives in Hillsboro along with her husband, Ronnie, and they attend Spring Valley Mennonite Church. They have two children and five grandchildren. Fun fact: her great-great grandpa was Bishop Daniel Brundage who organized the Spring Valley Church (the first Mennonite congregation in Kansas) and also organized three others nearby.*

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*Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page*

## Next Sunday, October 22, 2023

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School  
**Message:** Austin Regier  
**Worship Leader:** Vicky Kessler  
**Greeter(s):** Sharon Gehring

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Scripture:** Jennifer Suarez  
**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

## Coming Events

Oct. 16: Fellowship Hall (FH) used for FCE event  
Oct. 18: Chicken casserole meal 6 PM, MYM & FEWZ meet  
Church Council 7 PM, school set up tables & chairs  
in FH after MYM  
Oct. 19: FH used for school testing 8-12  
Oct. 22: Austin Regier & STEP MC leader bring the message  
Oct. 23: MCC Meat Canning  
Oct. 25: Taco meal 6 PM, MYM & FEWZ meet  
Oct. 29: Susan Richardson (Geneva Wedel's daughter) brings  
the message  
Nov. 1: Tator tot casserole meal 6 PM, MYM & FEWZ meet  
Nov. 2: Christian Homemakers work day 1:00 PM  
Nov. 5 (**new date**): Deacon vote, noon meal followed by budget meeting  
Nov. 8: Pancake meal 6 PM, MYM & FEWZ meet  
Nov. 15: (last Wed. meal) Chicken casserole meal 6 PM, MYM  
& FEWZ meet  
Nov. 19: Fall Mission Sunday with Eden & First Mennonite  
Nov. 29: Decorating the church for Christmas  
Sundays in December: Steve Sherbenou will bring the message

**Our Mission:** God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Secretary Carla Stucky**

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## West Zion Announcements

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

- 1. Mark your calendar:** Our Annual Budget Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 5 following a noon meal. We will also be electing a new Deacon during worship.
- 2. Search Committee & Interim Pastor update:** The Search Committee has completed the necessary paperwork and is ready to receive resumés from pastoral candidates. This process could take many months and the committee/congregation was cautioned to be discerning and prayerful as pastors come to candidate at our church. The Deacons are working hard to find an Interim Pastor and will keep us updated.
- 3. Yearbook changes:**
  - Aline Bachman has moved to a different room at Schowalter Villa. Her new address is 200 W. Cedar, Room 708, Hesston, KS 67062.
  - Richard and Glenda Golden's new address is 507 S Randall, Moundridge. Please make these changes in your yearbook.
- 4. Carla Stucky** will be changing her day to work at the church office back to Thursdays. This will begin on Thursday, October 26.
- 5. MCC meat canning** will be held on Monday, October 23. Our church is responsible for \$1,000 of the expenses. Please consider donating to the project by making checks out to West Zion with "MCC Meat canning" in the memo. Checks can be placed in the offering plate. Please see Mike Kaufman for the details. **A sign-up sheet has been placed in the foyer.** Please consider helping MCC make a difference by "Canning".
- 6. The Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, October 27 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112 or email [hdstucky@mtelco.net](mailto:hdstucky@mtelco.net).

## General Announcements

- 7. On Saturday, November 18, 2023** we (Buhler Mennonite Church & IdeaTek) need your help to **package 50,000 meals**. Our plan is to

keep the meals local-- providing food for our local neighbors. There is a job for all ages. You can work one shift or both shifts. Job orientation is provided. This first shift is 9-11 AM (arrive at 8:45) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift is 11 AM – 1 PM (arrive at 10:45). This will take place at the Sand Hills Event Center, 4601 N. Plum, Hutchinson. Please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545AEAD2EA1F58-44960089-50000>. Call 620.543.2733 or email [bmcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:bmcpastor@gmail.com) for questions.

**8. Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church**, 43 13th Avenue, Inman, will hold its annual Sausage Mission Supper on Saturday, October 21, 5:00 – 6:30. This will be a curbside pick up meal featuring our traditional menu of German sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie. This year we will have picnic tables out for anyone wanting to stay and eat their meal! Cost will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to support Camp Mennoscah M&M project. Call or text Barb (620-543-6863) or Eric (620-899-6972) to order meals.

**9. Pine Village Benefit Days!** Our largest fundraiser of the year will be held on Thursday, October 19. The meal will start at 5:00 PM with the auction following at 6:00. You can also give a financial gift by mailing a check or donating online at [www.pinvillageks.org/benefit-day](http://www.pinvillageks.org/benefit-day). Thank you for your continued support of Pine Village.

**10. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** Fall banquet will be held at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Avenue in Newton on Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 PM. The keynote speaker will be Jerry Juhnke who has been researching Swiss Volhynian Mennonite genealogy and history for many years. He will give a program entitled "Interesting Happenings Over Our Last 500 Years". An ethnic German meal will be catered by the Breadbasket. The cost to attend is \$25 per person payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693 by October 23.

**11. Bethel College** events can be found on the bulletin board.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,885.00	\$ 7,850.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$101,188.83	\$122,328.26
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Expended to date	\$83,875.19	\$114,356.58
MCC Meat Canning	\$700.00	

**West Zion Prayers**

Trianna Cowden recovering from surgery  
Vicky Kessler’s friend, Steve, as he nears the end of his life  
Praise for Kaleigh as classes and volleyball are going well!  
Kaleigh’s friend, Ashlynn, as she heals from ACL surgery  
Leon Guhr who begins a new round of skin cancer treatment  
Richard & Glenda Golden as they transition to a new place to live  
Ellen Kaufman & family as they travel to be with extended family including her brother, Robert, diagnosed with dementia  
Those with health concerns including Carl and Hope  
Search Committee and church leadership

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for WDC congregations as they nurture followers of Christ through faith formation, preparation for baptism and church membership, and ongoing discipleship and service.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Today, Ecuador is holding run-off presidential elections. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for peace, as the country has been experiencing increasing violence. In August, an anti-corruption candidate, Fernando Villavicencio, was killed at a campaign event, and nine others were injured.

**Mission Mosaic**

Ecuador Global Mission partnership

October 8 attendance: 46



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:  
October 15: Amy Bachman  
October 18: Joanne Stucky

