

# 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: The Lord is our shepherd.

**People: All our needs will be met.**

Leader: God provides a place and time for deep rest and restoration.

**People: God leads us beside still waters;**

Leader: He restores our souls and leads us in right paths, even when that path is through the darkest valley.

**People: We do not need to be afraid; for God is with us; now and forever.**

**All: Such faithfulness calls for worship and singing!**

\*\*Celebrating in song    words on screen  
    *I owe the Lord a morning song HWB 651*  
    *Help us to help each other HWB 362*

Scripture                      Philippians 1:3-11 and 2:1-11                      Jennifer Suarez

Congregational Hymn    *When we walk with the Lord HWB 544*

Message    Austin Regier & Tracey Kimball

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

\*\*Sending Song                      *The Lord your God is with You*

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

\*\*please stand if you are able

*Welcome and thank you to Austin Regier and Tracey Kimball for sharing with us this morning! Austin has worked as STEP MC Executive Director since 2019. Tracey is a Team Leader with STEP MC who will share his story.*

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

## **Next Sunday, October 29, 2023**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Susan Richardson      **Scripture:** Bonnie Kaufman  
**Worship Leader:** Vicky Kessler      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Greeter(s):** Clark & Connie Graber

## **Coming Events**

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. 3:      Craft night 6 PM  
Nov. 5:      Deacon vote, noon meal followed by budget meeting  
Daylight savings time ends  
Nov. 8:      Pancake meal 6 PM, MYM & FEWZ meet  
Nov. 11:      Fellowship & Prayer 9:00 am  
Nov. 15:      (last Wed. meal) Chicken casserole meal 6 PM, MYM  
& FEWZ meet  
Nov. 19:      Fall Mission Sunday at Eden, worship at 9:30 AM  
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.

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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. West Zion and First Church of Christian will join together at Eden Mennonite to celebrate **Fall Mission Sunday** on November 19. Michelle Hershberger, dynamic speaker and Bible and Ministry Professor at Hesston College, will bring a **morning message at 9:30 AM** and then lead adult Sunday School at 10:30. A noon fundraising meal will be served by FEWZ youth.
3. Join the **Christian Homemakers** on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 1:00 PM for a work afternoon for MCC projects – kits – tie comforters, etc. The work afternoon ends by 5:00 PM and all are welcome to join us.
4. Do you have a Christmas project you are working on? Or just want some time to relax and fellowship? Come join **Craft Night** on Friday, November 3 beginning at 6:00 PM. Bring a project, coloring page, pictures, etc. and take time to create.
5. Our **missionary partners** in the Middle East, the Larsons, have sent a newsletter with updates and prayer requests. You can find a copy on the bulletin board.
6. **MCC meat canning** will be held on Monday, October 23. Thank you to those who donated money as the \$1,000 goal has been met. Help is still needed for the day, please check the **sign-up sheet in the foyer**.
7. 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).
8. **Carla Stucky** will be changing her day to work at the church office back to Thursdays. This will begin on **Thursday, Nov. 2** (change from previous bulletins).

## General Announcements

9. **Everence** will hold an informative Medicaid and long-term care workshop on Monday, Nov. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, what benefits are provided by Medicaid and who is eligible, how the Division of Assets process works, when long-term care insurance is a good fit, and how long-term care insurance can protect your heirs. There will also be time for your questions. This will take place at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Information will be presented by guest speaker, Cynthia A. Wiens, attorney from Adrian & Pankratz, P.A. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).
10. **MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict** - As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We also plan to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at [mcc.org/Palestine-Israel](http://mcc.org/Palestine-Israel).
11. **M&M Project Update:** SO CLOSE!! As of October 16, we have raised more than \$90,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! It shouldn't be long before we reach our goal of \$100,000, matching our generous giver who started this challenge back in the Spring! If you are still interested in giving, send your checks made out to Camp Mennoscah with M&M in memo line to PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111 or you can give online.
12. **Hesston College Masterworks: Peacing It Together** will celebrate the career of Tony Brown as we honor his lifelong pursuit of peace- building through music. All are invited to sing in the Masterworks Chorus! Rehearsals begin at 7 PM on Thursday, Oct 19 with the performance at 7 PM on Saturday, Nov 11. Repertoire and rehearsal schedule are listed at [Hesston.edu/masterworks](http://Hesston.edu/masterworks)
13. 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.

14. **Hoffnungsaue 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.

15. 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 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.

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 745.00	\$ 1,970.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$101,933.83	\$124,298.26
 Budget	 \$163,155.00	 \$157,300.00
 Expended to date	 \$84,651.93	 \$114,915.12
 MCC Meat Canning – To Date	 \$1,000.00	

### **West Zion Prayers**

Pray for Royce & Sandy Jantz and surgeons as Sandy will have spine surgery in Wichita on Oct. 26.  
 Praise for Carol Hanna on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Dawson Sharon Gehring who is recovering from illness  
 Those with ongoing mental and physical health concerns  
 Those affected by the Palestinian-Israeli conflict  
 Search Committee and church leadership

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for WDC staff as they help to carry out WDC’s work of supporting ministers and other leaders, resourcing congregations, and nurturing emerging communities of faith.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Tomorrow, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and its partners, from eight countries, are beginning their annual International Central Council meetings in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mennonite Mission Network, one of these partners, asks you to join in prayer for God’s Spirit to guide the five days of worship, prayer, discernment and decision making for the coming year.

### **Mission Mosaic Prayer**

Columbia partners, a conference of 25 churches in Bogota

October 15 attendance: 33



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:  
 October 27: Bonnie Kaufman, Melvin Graber