

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

Leader: The Lord, your God, is in your midst.

People: He is a mighty savior;

Leader: He will rejoice over you with singing;

People: With His love, He will calm all your fears.

Leader: Let it be known in all nations, God is our strength, God is our song and God is our salvation.

All: So, let us praise God and rejoice with God in song.

**Celebrating in song words on screen
 Praise to the Lord the Almighty HWB 37
 I'm pressing on the upward way STJ 96

Scripture Mark 2:22 Bonnie Kaufman

Message "A New Wineskin for New Wine" Susan Richardson

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 *Come & Fill Our Hearts*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

Welcome and thank you to Susan Richardson for bringing the message this morning! Susan Richardson is the daughter of Darold & Geneva Wedel. She lives in Clarkton, MO along with her husband, Jeff. They have three daughters and sons-in-law and 4 grandkids. Susan earned a BS degree in Business Administration with a minor in speech from College of the Ozarks and Jeff is a farm owner/operator. They attend Lynn Oak General Baptist Church in Clarkton.

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Next Sunday, November 5, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Sharon Gehring **Scripture:** Leon Guhr
Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Coming Events

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. 12: Gail Graber brings the message
Nov. 15: (last meal) Chicken casserole 6 PM, MYM & FEWZ
Church Council 7:00 PM
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 Thursday noon.

1. **Potluck and Budget Meeting:** Our Annual Budget Meeting will be held *next Sunday*, November 5 following a noon meal. Will Kaufman has accepted the nomination for second term as Deacon and we will have an affirmation vote that morning 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. **Carla Stucky** will be changing her day to work at the church office back to Thursdays. This will begin on Thursday, Nov. 2. **Please have all announcements for the Nov. 5 bulletin to the office by noon on Nov. 2.**

General Announcements

7. In conjunction with the City of Moundridge, the Associated Ministries, and USD 423, **Cradle to Crayons** is undergoing an effort to build an Early Childhood Center for Moundridge. Cradle to Crayons has outgrown the current building but still has approximately 80 children on the waiting list. Cradle to Crayons will be hosting a German dinner fundraiser on Monday, November 6 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Senior Center in Moundridge to help raise funds for this new building. Come dine in and watch a presentation for the new

building, carry out, or call 620-345-6390 on Nov. 6 (from 10-2) to schedule a delivery within city limits. Suggested donations are \$15 a meal.

8. The annual **Mission Supper** provided by First Mennonite in Halstead will be Saturday, November 11 from 5:00-7:00 PM at 427 W 4th Street. The German meal by donation will benefit missionaries and local mission projects.

9. A new **Schweitzer Salt newsletter** from the Swiss Mennonite Cultural & Historical Association (SMCHA) can be found on the foyer board.

10. **An opportunity for the theatrically inclined!** One of the events celebrating 150 years since ancestors came to the U.S. in 1874 is a musical drama to be given on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, 2024, by *Schweitzers and Friends*. The first informational meeting will be Sunday, November 12, at 2:00 PM at Eden Mennonite. Interested in being part of a drama depicting a history of Anabaptist Mennonites? There are parts for children and adults, as well as a choir. Rehearsals will begin the last week of January and be held twice a week (the evening that works best and Sunday afternoons). Questions: contact Jenny Schrag by text or phone 620-747-9158. -- Kathy Goering for the 150th Steering Committee

11. **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.

12. **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 are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel or call 1-888-563-4676.

13. **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.

14. On Saturday, November, 18, 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 2nd 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 for questions.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 320.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$103,693.83	\$124,618.26
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Expended to date	\$86,277.45	\$122,360.78
MCC Meat Canning – To Date	\$1,300.00	

West Zion Prayers

Sandy Jantz recovering from spine surgery on Oct. 26
 Carol Hanna's mother, Eddis Davis, dealing with health concerns
 Geneva Wedel at Newton Medical for health concerns
 Those with ongoing mental and physical health concerns
 Search Committee, leadership, interim pastor and pulpit supply

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

From generation to generation your mighty works have been. I also ask that your mighty works be manifested amid the times in which we live. Make us understand your desires and appreciate and carry out your projects and vision of these last days. In the name of Jesus we ask you. Amen -WDC Church Planting Commission

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Today brings closure to a five-day gathering of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service leaders and participants in Tucson, Arizona. Pray that this gathering inspired each participant to grow in their faith and in their practice of discipleship throughout the coming year.

Mission Mosaic Prayer

Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Peru, a young church with children & youth ministries

October 22 attendance: 43



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 October 29: Carl Duffman
 November 2: Aline Bachman