

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: Jesus calls us
to praise and prayer,
to song and silence;

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us
to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity;

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us
to advocacy and action;

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: We hear the call of Christ.

All: We worship together with joy.

**Celebrating in song words on screen
Praise to God, immortal praise HWB 91
Lord, should rising whirlwinds HWB 92
(songs will be sung with no break in-between)

Scripture Genesis 26:12-33 Donna Stucky

Message "God's Wide Expanse" Rev. Gail Graber

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 is my light STJ 97*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

Welcome and thank you to Pastor Gail Graber for bringing our morning message! She is a retired pastor and chaplain. Gail served as Associate Pastor of Visitation at Eden Mennonite for almost eight years and as Chaplain at Bethesda Home in Goessel for 15 years (the first seven years simultaneously with Eden). She is a Spiritual Director, and enjoys spending time with family and friends and going on MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) Service and Learning trips.

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Next Sunday, November 19, 2023

9:30 AM: Worship Service at Eden Mennonite
Sunday School following
Noon fundraiser meal served by FEWZ youth

Coming Events

Nov. 13: Yoga (through Rec Commission) 4-5 PM
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. 21: Yoga 4-5 PM
Nov. 26: Praise & Worship service, song & scripture
Nov. 27: Yoga 4-5 PM
Nov. 29: Decorating the church for Christmas
Dec. 3: First Sunday in Advent, Steve Sherbenou preaches
Dec. 9: Fellowship & Prayer 9 AM
Dec. 10: Steve Sherbenou preaches
Dec. 17: Steve Sherbenou preaches

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 bulletin announcements to the office by Thursday noon.

1. **Next Sunday** West Zion and First Church of Christian will join together at Eden Mennonite to celebrate Fall Mission Sunday on November 19. Michelle Hershberger, 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. **Make your checks out to Eden Mennonite with FEWZ in the memo line.** There will not be a service at West Zion.

2. **Will Kaufman was affirmed** for another 3-year term as Deacon last Sunday. Jim Stucky has resigned as Deacon due to health concerns. The Gifts Discernment Committee will be taking names for a Deacon today to fill the remaining 2 years of Jim's term. Thank you Jim for your work and Will for serving another term. Please be in prayer for the Deacons as they work to find an interim and fill the pulpit, in addition to caring for our congregation.

3. **College care packages:** You are invited to encourage our college students as they anticipate semester finals by bringing care package items to the church and putting in the red bucket in the foyer. Collections will be received through Sunday, December 3. You can also send encouraging notes to our college students at the addresses listed below:

Kaleigh Guhr	Daniel Kaufman
Sterling College, Student Box 317	Bethel College
125 West Cooper St	300 E 27 th St
Sterling, KS 67579	N. Newton, KS 67117

Jerod Kaufman
1135 Ohio Street, Apt 10
Lawrence, KS 66044

4. **Pine Village** raised \$37,000 through a series of recent fundraisers. Thank you to all who contributed or helped in some way.

5. Due to Thanksgiving, the **November 26 bulletin will be printed on Wednesday, Nov. 22.** Announcements will be due by Wednesday noon that week.

General Announcements

6. You are invited to attend this year's **PRAIRIE LIGHTS event** (formerly called Luminary Walk) at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Prairie Lights will be from 5:30 to 8 PM on November 24, 25 and 26, and on December 1, 2, and 3. Admission is \$5 for Adults and FREE for children 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the Arboretum office or online at <https://dyckarboretum.org/prairie-lights>. Traditional outdoor highlights include the walking path lit up by thousands of twinkle lights, a nativity scene in the leaf house, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. Music, education and storytelling are scheduled each night from 6:15 to 8:00 PM in the Prairie Pavilion "snow globe". The Hesston scout troop will provide hot drinks for a free will donation.

7. **Get busy giving on Giving Tuesday at an Evening of Service at MCC!** Nov. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at MCC in North Newton, KS. Bring *new dark colored* hand towels with you to pack hygiene kits (the more towels you bring, the more kits we can pack!). MCC partner Offender Victim Ministries will be here with supplies to write holiday greetings to prisoners and we'll have comforters to tie and delicious snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give on Giving Tuesday!

8. **MCC Comforter update** – thank you to all the hardworking MCC comforter makers who make beautiful, high-quality gifts to share with our partners around the world! The MCC guidelines for comforters were recently updated after receiving feedback from partners around the world. For complete MCC comforter information, including the updated guidelines, check out the [Comforters page of our website \(mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters\)](https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters). Please reach out to the Workroom Supervisor, Kate Mast (katemast@mcc.org), with any comforter questions!

9. **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.

10. **Everence** will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 PM. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,755.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$105,748.83	\$127,198.26
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Expended to date	\$87,552.44	\$123,878.89

West Zion Prayers

Terry Kessler appreciates his physical therapy/care at Pine Village.
 Sandy Jantz is now at home and continuing to improve.
 Norman Funk family as he died on November 3.
 Search for a new pastor, interim pastor, and pulpit supply
 Carl Duffman’s heart cath went well with no issues

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, and for those who are considering a call to ministry, that they would be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in times of change.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Center (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. Pray for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.

Mission Mosaic Prayer

Theodore Yoder, Erin McWilliams, Elizabeth Breckbill and Jacob Myers serving in MVS in Colorado

November 5 attendance: 45



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 November 14: Bo Bachman

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:
 November 16: Clark & Connie Graber