

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Sharon Gehring
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship (from Psalm 63)

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life.

People: Therefore our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live.

People: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Leader: For you have been our help,

People: And in your presence we sing for joy.

**Celebrating in song words on screen
When peace, like a river HWB 336
Savior, like a shepherd HWB 355

Scripture Psalm 23 (KJV) Leon Guhr

Message "The Good Shepherd" Sharon Gehring

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 *Gentle Shepherd HWB 352*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Next Sunday, November 12, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Gail Graber **Scripture:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Carla Stucky **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

Coming Events

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 bulletin announcements to the office by Thursday noon.

1. **All are invited** to stay for our potluck noon meal following worship! The Annual Budget Meeting will be held after the meal.
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. *There will not be a service at West Zion.*
3. **Carla Stucky** has changed her work day at the church office to Thursdays. Bulletin announcements are now due by Thursday noon.

General Announcements

4. **Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton** brings the store to First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson on November 11, 10:00am-2:00pm! This is a great opportunity to purchase books, gifts, Bible study resources and so much more. Think Christmas . . . or birthdays . . . or remembering a friend. If there are specific items you would like to purchase, call the store (316-283-2210) in advance to let them know what you are looking for. Bring a friend and do your shopping with us on November 11. First Mennonite Church is located at 52 Rambler Road in Hutchinson.
5. **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, we'll have comforters to tie and delicious snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give on Giving Tuesday!
6. **Are you heading to South Texas?** If so, MCC Central States in North Newton, KS is looking for your help! We need to transport 25 boxes of kits to a partner in McAllen, TX. Please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org with any questions or interest. Thanks!

7. **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 \(mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters\)](http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters). Please reach out to the Workroom Supervisor, Kate Mast (katemast@mcc.org), with any comforter questions!

8. **The Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty (KCADP)** Annual Conference will be held on Nov. 11 from 1-3 PM in Wichita. More information can be found on the foyer board.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. **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

12. **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.

13. **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, as well as offering trauma support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel or call 1-888-563-4676.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 575.00	\$ 320.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$104,268.83	\$125,443.26
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Expended to date	\$86,642.45	\$123,866.85

West Zion Prayers

Carl Duffman has a heart cath on Nov. 5 and PET scan on Nov. 15. Sandy Jantz's back surgery went well. She is currently staying at Pine Village to recuperate. Carol Hanna's mom is doing better and received antibiotics.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC's Israel Palestine Task Force, and for WDC congregations that are engaged in advocacy for peace and justice for all who suffer war and violence.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Johnstown Service Adventure unit, which is made up of Elias Wolff, Henriette Preuss, Leni Schreiber and Marie Haller, as well as unit leaders Josh and Stef Musser and their children, Jacob and Noah. Pray for a harmonious household, deepening faith and service that reflects God's love through clinics, Head Start, school and after-school programs.

Mission Mosaic Prayer

Kekchi Mennonite Church - a network of 125 churches in Guatemala

October 29 attendance: 34



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 November 8: Norman Funk
 November 9: Ruby Koehn