

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

Church phone (620-345-8143)

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February 11, 2024

Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.

People: We believe that God is at work in our world, turning hopeless and evil situations into good.

Leader: We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end and that oppression cannot last forever.

People: One day all tears will be wiped away and the lamb will lie down with the lion.

Leader: True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

All: This is our faith. This is our hope.

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

**Songs *We are often tossed and driven*
Open my eyes HWB 517

Message Pastor Phil Slabaugh
"Listen to What the Spirit Says" – Smyrna, Revelation 2:8-11

**Sending Song *I know not why HWB 338*

**Benediction

Pastor Phil

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Message: "Listen to What the Spirit Says" – Pergamum, Pastor Phil

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Scripture:** Rev. 2:12-17

Accompanist: Donna Stucky **Worship Leader:** Connie Kaufman

Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Coming Events

- Feb. 14: Taco meal & MYM, Lent begins
Ash Wednesday service 7:00 PM
- Feb. 19: Church Council 7:00 PM (Monday)
- Feb. 21: Chicken casserole meal & MYM
- Feb. 28: Tator tot casserole meal & MYM
- March 6: Pancake/sausage meal & MYM
- March 31: Easter Sunday

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

Interim Pastor Phil Slabaugh

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West Zion Announcements

Please have bulletin announcements to the office by Thursday noon.

1. There will be an **Ash Wednesday service** on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to begin the season of Lent by focusing on repentance and prayer.
2. A **Women's Bible Study** on The Whole Armor of God will begin Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 PM. From Ephesians 6, we will explore each piece of armor needed to stand strong against the spiritual battles around us. Carla Stucky will lead in discussion and no books are needed. We will meet for 6 sessions. Let's study the Word together!

General Announcements

3. **Interested in working with MCC, or know someone who is? MCC is hiring a Community Engagement Coordinator!** The Community Engagement Coordinator, in North Newton connects with local churches, individuals, and partners to educate on MCC material resources, programs, and events. Apply at the following link: [Community Engagement Coordinator](#) or find the job and other openings at mcc.org/careers.
4. **MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide-toothed combs; laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min); fingernail clippers (good quality); and hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's T-shirts (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's underwear (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's crew socks; lotion (12 oz min); and adult backpacks. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.
5. **Rehearsals have begun** for "A Goodly Heritage: A Musical Drama Sharing a History of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites." Jenny Schrag has written and is directing this drama along with Dawn Abrahams. Bo

Howard is serving as musical director. Mark your calendars to attend the drama which will be performed at Eden Mennonite Church Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m.

6. We have a **rare opportunity to see a film about Ulrich Zwingli**, a priest in the Reformed Grossmunster Church in Switzerland, who opened scripture to the common man. The movie opened in Switzerland and topped the box office there in 2019. It has been released in cinemas around the world and Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association has permission to show it. The film is seen through the eyes of his wife, Anna. Zwingli is shown demanding that what is in the Bible should be taken seriously. This 90-minute movie with English sub-titles doesn't flinch from the harsher circumstances including the split between Zwingli and the Anabaptists. Zwingli said: "To be a Christian does not mean chattering about Christ, but rather to lead a life as Christ lived." Anna is caught between the doctrines of Catholic Church and what she reads in Scripture. "The Reformer" movie will be shown at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18. There is no charge and all are welcome. No reservations are necessary.

7. **Everence®** Make Medicare an Easy Step workshop will be held on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. 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. This will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Contact the office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com if interested.

8. **High School Essay Contest through MCC-** Are you a youth who attends a Mennonite high school or an Anabaptist church? This is your opportunity to express your views in essay format on critical issues facing U.S. Submissions are due Feb. 23 and may be in English or Spanish. The grand prize is \$1000! Find out more about the high school essay contest. <https://mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest> Submit essays to centralstates@mcc.org.

9. **March 10-15: MCC Young adult Peace Camp in Black Forest, Colorado** - Join us for an incredible week of hands-on peacebuilding training in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs! MCC's Peacebuilders Training is a learning experience for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults; root themselves in

intentional, theological reflection; and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. Find out more and register for the Peace Camp. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/peace-camps>

10. **Wanted**—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help feed and clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are tax deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620-367-8257. - KS MCC Sale Committee

11. Mark your calendar now for the 16th annual **MCC Comforter Blitz, March 4-6** just outside of Yoder. If you can tie a knot, you can make a difference! Curious to find out more? Please check mcc.org/comforter-blitz or the Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz page on Facebook. The blitz takes place on Monday, March 4 from 9am-5pm, Tuesday, March 5 from 9am-9pm and Wednesday, March 6 from 9am-4pm at the 3605 East Longview Rd. Haven, KS. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org.

12. **First Mennonite Church of Halstead** invites you to their annual Verenike Supper on February 17 from 4:30pm-7pm at the church, 427 W 4th. There will be a dine-in option and a carryout option (west side of the church on Santa Fe). The menu will be verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwieback, & pie. Proceeds will go to Halstead USD 440 school lunches and Halstead community utility bill assistance.

West Zion Prayers

Glenda Golden is back at home
 Terry Kessler continues to improve with great physical therapists!
 Sharon Gehring's mom, Eileen Nafziger, in her health struggles
 Tracy Duffman is dealing with ongoing health issues
 Search Committee and church leadership



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 February 14: Jennifer Suarez

February 4 attendance: 49

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,260.00	\$ 12,287.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 19,939.70	\$ 33,712.62
Budget	\$173,035.00	\$163,155.00
Less: expended to date	(8,550.42)	(8,090.17)
Less: cash balance	(34,237.67)	(31,201.63)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$130,246.91	\$123,863.20
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,771	\$ 2,693