

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

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February 18, 2024

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Prelude Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Open our ears

**People: to hear your word.**

Leader: Open our eyes

**People: to see your presence.**

Leader: Open our arms

**People: to the embrace of community.**

Leader: Open our minds

**People: to the beauty of truth.**

Leader: Open our hearts

**People: to the joy of new life**

\*\*Song *O Worship the Lord* HWB 124

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

\*\*Song *Oh, how happy are they* HWB 597

Message Pastor Phil Slabaugh  
"Listen to What the Spirit Says" – Pergamum, Rev. 2:12-17

\*\*Sending Song *My faith looks up to thee* HWB 565

\*\*Benediction

Pastor Phil

\*\*Postlude

\*\*please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Brian & Laura Bretz

## Next Sunday, February 25, 2024

**Message:** "Listen to What the Spirit Says" Thyatira – Pastor Phil

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service

**Scripture:** Rev. 2:18-29

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Worship Leader:** Carla Stucky

**Greeter(s):** Jim & Joanne Stucky

## Coming Events

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

April 12-13: MCC Sale in Hutchinson

**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**

**Office Hours:** Tues-Friday 9 AM – 4:30 PM

**Cell:** 319-461-5313

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### **Secretary Carla Stucky**

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

### West Zion Announcements

Please have bulletin announcements to the office by Thursday noon.

1. **Sunday School** will begin again this Sunday, February 18 from 9:30-10:15 AM. The book of James will be studied and led by various teachers. Bring your Bible!
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. **Ahoy Matey!** It's time again for the Pine Village Anchor's Banquet! Come and hear bluegrass group Kilometer 81 (Ken & Amy Regier family) at this year's Anchor's Banquet to benefit the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation. The event will be on Friday, March 22 in the Pine Village Wellness Center. Dinner will begin at 6 pm, with the meal being provided by Pine Village Catering. Tickets are \$100 and all the proceeds will go to the endowment fund. Make your reservations by calling Pine Village at 620-345-2901 or purchase tickets online at [www.pinevillageks.org](http://www.pinevillageks.org). **Reservation deadline is Monday, March 18.** Your continued support is greatly appreciated!
4. The **Moundridge Blood Drive** is scheduled for next Friday, February 23 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for an appointment and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Jerry at 501-388-0177 or email [jerryschrag@gmail.com](mailto:jerryschrag@gmail.com).
5. **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. Questions are always welcome, please contact 316-283-2720 or email [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org). A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

6. **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.

7. 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. The 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." "The Reformer" movie will be shown at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge this afternoon at 4:00 PM. There is no charge and all are welcome.

8. Mark your calendar now for the 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org).

## West Zion Prayers

Hope Biles and her health journey  
Search Committee and church leadership



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:  
February 15: Rodney Dyck (belated!)  
February 22: Terry Kessler  
February 24: Kirk Stucky

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (MCC Sale)  
April 12-13 at KS State Fairgrounds  
[www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

Find all information for volunteering, auctions and more on the sale website. ***If you need help signing up for something online, visit with Connie Kaufman.***

You can donate money now to the MCC Sale by writing check to West Zion and putting MCC in memo.

Coins Count! Bring your loose change to church and put in the jar in the back of the sanctuary. Search under cushions!

April 6 will be a day for making bohne beroggi in Moundridge and verenike in Hillsboro.

Deadline for entering a quilt to be in the auction book is March 8.

Wanted: Cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, RV’s, campers, etc. All donations are tax deductible. Call Jerry Toews for information at 620-367-8257.

February 11 attendance: 52

### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 12,620.00	\$ 1,350.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 32,559.70	\$ 35,062.62
Budget	\$173,035.00	\$163,155.00
Less: expended to date	( 12,323.14)	( 10,570.86)
Less: cash balance	( 43,084.95)	( 30,070.94)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$117,626.91	\$122,513.20
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,557	\$ 2,663