

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

February 4, 2024

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, who called all life into being,

People: the earth, sea and sky are yours.

Leader: Your presence is all around us;

People: every atom is full of your energy.

Leader: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;

People: with her we yearn for justice to be done,

Leader: for creation to be freed from bondage,

People: for the hungry to be fed,

Leader: for captives to be released,

All: and for your kingdom of peace to come on earth! Amen.

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** *Holy Spirit, come with power HWB 26*
Spirit of the living God HWB 349

Message Pastor Phil Slabaugh
"Listen to What the Spirit Says" – Ephesus, Revelation 2:1-7

****Sending Song** *There are many gifts S&R 70*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Pastor Phil

****please stand if you are able**

Greeter(s): Will & Ellen Kaufman

CCLI # 9106321
Stream CCLI #20084674
OneLicense #A-738752

Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Message: "Listen to What the Spirit Says" – Smyrna, Pastor Phil
10:30 AM: Worship Service **Scripture:** Revelation 2:8-11
Accompanist: Carla Stucky **Worship Leader:** Ellen Kaufman
Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Coming Events

Feb. 7: Pancake/sausage meal & MYM
Feb. 10: Ladies & Girls Galentine Brunch 9:30 AM
Feb. 14: Taco meal & MYM, Lent begins
 Ash Wednesday service 7:00 PM
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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Secretary Carla Stucky

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West Zion Announcements

Please have bulletin announcements to the office by Thursday noon.

1. **Ladies and girls of the church:** Come to a brunch on Saturday, February 10 at 9:30 AM! This gathering will be at the Stan Johnson barn at 2288 Cimarron Rd. This is 5 miles north and ½ mile east of town. Carpooling can be available from the church at 9:10. This is a very informal affair to celebrate each other and to just be together. Call Bonnie Kaufman at 620-345-8962 if you would like to attend.
2. The **Wednesday evening meals** are open to our church. The MYM kids and staff go through at 5:45 PM and you are welcome to come eat at 6:00 PM. The meal being served can be found in the upcoming events.
3. 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.

General Announcements

4. **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.
5. **Prairie View fundraiser:** Freddy's Give Back Night February 20, 2024 5:00pm-9:00pm will give 15% of sales during this fundraiser to help PV continue providing behavioral healthcare in our community. Order Order digitally or at the physical Freddy's restaurant in NEWTON (520 SE 14th St). To order digitally, go to Freddy's mobile app or website using the code GIVEBACK. To participate at the restaurant, tell the cashier of your participation (before payment).
6. **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.

7. **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>
8. **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
9. **MCC Central States annual meeting**, Saturday, March 2 at 10 AM at their office, 121 E 30th St in North Newton. You are invited to join the meeting in-person or virtually to hear MCC Executive Director Ann Graber Hershberger share an update. Email centralstates@mcc.org if you would like the Zoom link to join virtually.
10. 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.
11. **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.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 880.00	\$ 637.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 16,679.70	\$ 21,425.62
Budget	\$173,035.00	\$163,155.00
Less: expended to date	(7,049.15)	(6,131.71)
Less: cash balance	<u>(32,471.99)</u>	<u>(20,869.44)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$133,513.86	\$136,153.85
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,782	\$ 2,837



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
February 10: Dale Jantzen

January 28 attendance: 43

West Zion Prayers

Thankful for Frances Neufeld’s improving health!
Carol Hanna’s great grandson, Dawson, who was hospitalized with RSV but is home now
Prayers for students, teachers, administration
Glenda Golden has been moved to Mercy Hospital for rehab
Search Committee and church leadership