

## West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

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

July 21, 2024

Prelude Donna Stucky

Welcome Vicky Kessler

Announcements *(raise your hand for the microphone or come to the front)*

\*\*Call to Worship *Open my eyes STS 65*

Offering / Song of Meditation

Mission Team Update Geneva Wedel

Sharing of Joys and Concerns *(raise your hand for the microphone)*

Prayer

\*\*Song *Great is thy faithfulness HWB 327*

Message "Open our Eyes, Lord" Pastor Phil  
2 Kings 6:8-23

\*\*Sending Song *Open my eyes, that I may see HWB 517*

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

\*\*please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel

You may give an offering in the lock box at the back of the sanctuary.

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

## West Zion Prayers

Friends and family of Frances Neufeld who died July 14  
Thankful for God's leading in Andrea, Maleya and Trianna's lives  
Search Committee, church leadership, West Zion's future  
Mental and physical health journeys



### Prayer Garden

Pray for Missionary Karen Hess

## Next Sunday, July 28

**Greeter(s):** Brian & Laura Bretz

**9:30 AM:** Bible memorization in Conference Room

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Worship Leader:** Ellen Kaufman

**Scripture:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**Message:** "Jonah" - Pastor Phil

## Coming Events

July 28: Gather for Bible Memorization 9:30 AM

July 14 attendance: 47

### Interim Pastor Phil Slabaugh

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

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### Secretary Carla Stucky

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*Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page  
Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search West Zion Mennonite*

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**West Zion Announcements**  
(Bulletin information due by Thursday noon)



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:  
July 22: Jean Regier, Sharon Schrag  
July 27: Mike Kaufman

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:  
July 25: Mark & Donna Stucky

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 347.01	\$ 1,130.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 97,758.93	\$ 76,601.67
Budget	\$173,035.00	\$163,155.00
Less: expended to date	( 61,218.09)	( 55,621.51)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 59,638.30)</u>	<u>( 26,867.05)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 52,178.61	\$ 80,666.44
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,174	\$ 3,507

1. **Pastor Phil** will leave immediately after worship this morning and will be gone until Thursday. Please contact a Deacon for pastoral needs during this time.

2. **Vacation Bible School**, hosted by West Zion July 8-11, was successful this year. A total of 85 children attended and 47 people volunteered. Ellen Kaufman represented West Zion on the VBS Committee and Jeanette Logback, Laura Bretz, and Carla Stucky helped with snacks and cleaning. Thank you to the Trustees and Goering Hardware for the help with the AC several days. It was a warm VBS this year!

3. **The Mission Team and Church Council** have decided to end financial support to Wayne & Jeannie Larson who are serving under the Mennonite Mission Network. Plans now are to give financial and prayer support to **missionary Karen Hess** who is serving in the Czech Republic under the Eastern Mennonite Missions (affiliated with Evana Network). There are reports and a card about Karen that can be picked up for personal information. More will be ordered if needed.

4. **Thank you** so much for your contribution to Promesa School in Peru. Several leaders from the Eastern Mennonite Mission Office reported today on their trip to Peru, and the encouragement of seeing Promesa. – Joe & Yvonne Garber

5. Garden Community Church will again be offering **GriefShare and DivorceCare seminars** August 15-November 7. These seminars, under the Journey of Hope ministry, feature some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on grief recovery and divorce recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. More information is in the foyer.

6. A presentation will be given on Friday, August 2 entitled **“From Russia to Kansas: A Story of the 1874 Mennonite Immigration.”** This narrated pictorial presentation, with firsthand accounts, will describe the journey of the Alexanderwohl immigrants leaving South Russia and finding a new home in Kansas. It will be held at the Goessel High School Auditorium at 7:00 PM. Donations will be accepted for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.

## General Announcements

### 7. **150<sup>th</sup> Celebration August 23-25 at Eden Mennonite:** ***Fliers with schedule information can be found on foyer board.***

-- **Registration is open** on the [swissmennonite.org](http://swissmennonite.org) website for the August 23-25 Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our ancestors coming to US in 1874. On the site, click on Registration and Celebration Information and then on Step 1 to register and to see available seminars. After indicating choice of seminar, there is an invitation to join the mass choir and a request to indicate which part you sing. On Step 2 you can reserve and/or purchase your ethnic meal on Saturday evening 5:00 provided by Bread Basket in Newton. You can pay here or reserve and pay at the door. Call Kathy Goering at 316-371-6189 for questions.

-- **Anyone who likes** to sing is invited to join the Mass Choir that will sing Sunday morning, August 25, at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Rehearsal is 3:00 on Saturday, and Sunday morning 8:30 AM. Sign up online. Bonita Howard asks you to bring a 3-ring black binder to rehearsals.

-- **We are searching** for families who would be interested in hosting a visiting family who will be coming from a distance. If you are willing to be a host family, please call, text or email E. Fred Goering of Moundridge at 620-345-9890 or [fredgoering65@gmail.com](mailto:fredgoering65@gmail.com). The celebration is Friday, August 23 to Sunday, August 25. You would be hosting for one or two nights. The information that Fred needs are: your first & last name, physical address, cell phone number, email address, and the total number of kids and adults you could host.

-- **Hopefield Church** will be open for visitation 9:00-2:00 on Saturday, serving coffee, lemonade, and cookies. The **Moundridge Museum** will be open for visitors 1:30-4:30 Saturday afternoon if you want to check that out.

8. **Soft Plastic and Cardboard Recycling at MCC!** Did you know you can recycle soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) and cardboard at MCC Central States in North Newton? This is a *new* and *ongoing* recycling project. Follow the signs at MCC for Donations & Recycling and you will find bins outside the warehouse to drop your recycling in. Questions, please contact [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org).

9. The Pine Village Benefit Day **Bierock Dinner** is coming up on August 9th from 5:30-7pm! Dinner is \$7 and you can add an extra bierock for only \$3 more! We would love for you to join us in person! We are now taking bierock pre-orders until Monday, August 5th. You may order a half dozen for \$20 or a dozen for \$35. **Order forms are in the foyer.** Return forms to Pine Village or order online at <https://www.pinevillageks.org/shop>. Pre-order pick up will be on August 9th from 3-6pm at Pine Village Wellness Center. Thank you for your support of Pine Village!

10. **Colorado Peaches are coming!** The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are looking to be a good crop once again. Peaches will be available to order from July 1-31. Orders can be made by contacting the MCC Central States Office at [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or calling 316-283-2720. Two sizes are available: 9 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41. Payment for peaches in the form of cash or checks is due by August 1 to MCC. Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "peaches" in the memo line. Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Office, 121 East 30th, North Newton, on Monday, August 19 (tentative date). This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Castle Rock, Colorado, October 18-19.