

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

November 17, 2024

Prelude Carla Stucky

Welcome Ellen Kaufman

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

****Call to Worship** *We Have Come Into His House*

Offering/Song of Meditation

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

Prayer

****Song** *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place STJ 43*

Message "Speed up, but Slow Down" Kevin Wilder
James 1:19-20

****Sending Song** *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee HWB 357*

****Benediction** Kevin Wilder

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Will & Ellen Kaufman

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

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

Welcome and thank you to Kevin Wilder for bringing our morning message! Kevin and Marilyn grew up in Indiana and moved to Kansas for Kevin to work at Grace Community Church in Newton in 1990's. They are parents are three adult children. Kevin worked at Hesston College as campus pastor and a professor for over twenty years. Kevin now works for Schowalter Villa. Kevin enjoys being with people, being outside and eating breakfast anytime of the day.

West Zion Prayers

Praise for Berna that he passed his citizenship test!

Praise for Terry Kessler as he returns to work and sports activities!

Search Committee, church leadership, West Zion's future

Physical health including Clark, Maddie, Sandy, and Sharon Gehring's mother, Eileen Nafziger

Mental health journeys

Next Sunday, November 24

Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

9:30 a.m.: Sunday School in Conference Room

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring

Message: Thanksgiving Service

Noon meal & decorating

Coming Events and Church Use

Nov. 18: STEPMC at WZ 4-8 p.m.

Nov. 20: Ensemble practice 6:30 p.m., Church Council 7:15

Nov. 23: STEPMC use FH & K for biscuits & gravy fundraiser

Nov. 25: STEPMC at WZ 4-8 p.m.

Dec. 1: Steve Sherbenou brings the message

Dec. 15: Christmas gathering for Christian Homemakers

Nov. 10 attendance: 40

Secretary Carla Stucky

Office Hours: Thursdays 9-11:30 AM, 1-4 PM

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*Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page
Go to www.youtube.com and search West Zion Mennonite*

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We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
November 21: David Wiens

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 550.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$130,657.36	\$106,298.83
Budget	\$173,035.00	\$163,155.00
Less: expended to date	(114,957.94)	(101,908.87)
Less: cash balance	<u>(38,862.84)</u>	<u>(10,104.12)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 19,214.22	\$ 51,142.01
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,745	\$ 7,306
Meat Canning - final	\$ 1,560	

West Zion Announcements
(Bulletin information due by Thursday noon)

1. **Melvin Graber accepted the nomination** for Deacon and received an affirmative vote on Sunday, November 10. Thank you to Melvin for accepting, and to Sharon Gehring who has given faithful leadership for the past six years. Please keep our Deacons in prayer.

2. **Church Decorating for Christmas:** On Sunday Nov. 24, immediately after the worship come join us for a light lunch of soup and rolls. You are welcome to bring cookies or snacks for dessert. After lunch we will work together to bring the joy and beauty of Christmas into our sanctuary.

3. **Adopt a Snowman!** The Moundridge Giving Trees (formerly Angel Trees) will be up and adorned with snowmen on November 18. Each snowman represents a child and will have identifying information on it as well as a family code. You are invited to help bring joy to a child in need this Christmas! **Take the snowman with you** (change from last year), **buy** a gift for that child, **wrap** the gift, and **label** the gift with the family code. Gifts can be dropped off at **West Zion** on Friday, December 13 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. The gifts will be distributed on December 16. You can call Alyssa Pollman at 918-306-2042 or email moundridgecoach@stepmc.org if you have questions or if the drop off date does not work. The Giving Trees are located at Bradbury, Goering Hardware, Moundridge Library and The Hub.

4. A **Thanksgiving worship service** is planned for November 24. We would like the month of November to be a time of *practicing gratitude* and making thankfulness a part of our daily lives. We invite you to use the bulletin insert as needed. Put your list of blessings in the Blessings Jar in the back or you can write on the paper provided. If you prefer, you can email or text the list (or a picture of it) to Lory or Carla. No names are needed. You may also take pictures of things you see that you are thankful for and send to us.

5. What a caring congregation we have at West Zion. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has remembered us with visits, phone calls, text messages, food, and prayers as we go through this heart diagnosis. The results of the treatment plan will be November 27. We look forward to worshipping with you soon. May God Bless You All!
- **Sandy & Royce Jantz**

6. Carla will begin putting together a **schedule for the greeters soon**. Greeting involves being at the church around 10:10 a.m. to help greet people at the door on Sunday morning. If you are interested in being removed from this list OR being added, please let Carla know by the middle of December. There will not be a scripture reader list made at this time.

General Announcements

7. A **Biscuits and Gravy free will donation breakfast** will be served by StepMC on November 23 from 6:00 – 11:00 a.m. at West Zion. Donations will go to their Team Leader Emergency Fund. You can also place a to-go order and have it delivered! Information can be found in the foyer.

8. A **Mission Supper** will be hosted by First Mennonite in Halstead on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 5-7 p.m. A free will donation will benefit missionaries as well as The Neighbors Store. Information is on the board.

9. **MCC Open House, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 2pm-4pm:** All are welcome to come see the updated space at MCC Central States in North Newton. Bring your Christmas shopping list to get your alternative Christmas gifts purchased from our tree! Visit with MCC staff and enjoy some snacks. We can't wait to see you at the Open House, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton! mcc.org/open-house

10. **Yule love this!** Join us for a live, online event on December 3, at 11:00 AM CST/10:00 AM MST as we take you behind the scenes of MCC's Christmas Giving Guide. Discover the impact behind each gift and how your generosity makes a difference. Learn more and register to join this event at mcc.org/yule-love-this.

11. **MCC Borderlands Peace Camp, Jan. 19-25, 2025** Young adults, ages 18-30, are invited to join MCC in El Paso, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico in January! This MCC Peace Camp will explore topics of peace and justice through the lens of migration, including the Biblical mandate of hospitality. Find out more and register by January 5 at mcc.org/borderlands-peace-camp.

12. **Serving And Learning Together (SALT) applications now open for 2025!** Each year, MCC offers 80+ unique opportunities to serve with our local partners working for relief, development and

peace around the world. Explore the numerous possibilities that match your passions, skills, and experience. If you're between the ages of 18-30, the SALT program might be the epic adventure you've been waiting for. Check it out at mcc.org/salt!

13. **Tabor College** has Christmas Festival Concerts on Dec. 3, 6, and 8. The Christmas Festival programs are designed for worship and encompass many styles of Christmas music from praise and worship to *Messiah*. More information is on the board.

14. **Everence** will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, November 19 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 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. If you are attending, please contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800 central.kansas@everence.com.

15. **Pine Village:** As the Christmas season approaches, we are preparing for our celebration with residents. Many do not have the chance to go home for the holidays, so we are planning to purchase gifts for them to bring joy and the spirit of Christmas into their lives. We would be grateful if your congregation would consider giving money by December 5 towards these purchases. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. - Thomas J Nichols, Chaplain

