**West Zion Mennonite Church**

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143) Email: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

August 31, 2025

Prelude Carla Stucky

Welcome  Connie Kaufman

Announcements

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

Sharing on FEWZ youth trip Samantha Strausz

\*\*Call to Worship *Come and See*

*(Kyrie Eleison: KEE-ree-ay ee-LAY-ee-sohn)*

*10,000 Reasons*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer Pastor Mike Hiebert

Message Ephesians 6:10-18 Pastor Mike

“Stand Your Ground – The Shoes of Peace”

\*\*Sending Song *The Lord Lift You Up*

\*\*Benediction Pastor Mike

\*\*Postlude

\*\*Please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

**Our Mission**: God calls us into community to worship God and

follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Summer Prayer Concerns**

Pray for military, Moundridge police, firemen and EMT’s who protect our community.

**West Zion Prayers**

Praise for successful minor surgery for Melvin Graber

Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner in the Czech Republic

Physical and mental health journeys

**Next Sunday, September 7**

**Greeter(s)**: Dave & Zettie Wedel

**Worship Leader**: Vicky Kessler

**9:15 a.m.**: Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.**: Worship Service

**Accompanist**: Ellen Kaufman

**Message:** Pastor Jim Burns

**Coming Events and Church Use**

Sept. 1: No STEPMC meeting

Sept. 4: Christian Homemakers planning meeting 2 p.m.

Sept. 8: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.

Sept. 12: Craft Night 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 15: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.

Sept. 17: Women’s Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

Sept. 24: Meal & Moundridge Youth Ministries (MYM) begin

October 28: MCC Meat Canning

August 24 attendance: 58

**Secretary Carla Stucky**

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

**Cell:** 620-386-0414

**Email**: secretary@westzionmc.org

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

*Go to* [*www.youtube.com*](http://www.youtube.com) *and search West Zion Mennonite*

**BUDGET SUMMARY This Year Last Year**

Regular collections – this week $ 1,422.00 $ 2,401.00

Regular collections – year to date $ 99,011.73 $ 106,708.25

Budget $178,431.00 $173,035.00

Less: expended to date ( 85,542.64) ( 76,785.17)

Less: cash balance ( 63,317.36) ( 53,038.84)

Receipts needed to meet budget $ 29,571.00 $ 43,210.99

Avg. offering per Sunday needed

 to meet budget $ 1,643 $ 2,401



DEACON’S CORNER

We’ve all heard it,” please be in prayer for…”, so let’s be specific to ask God to have His mighty hands over West Zion’s future.  The Search Committee has started to seek God’s direction in opportunities.  God is working!  Please be in prayer for God to reveal who He is leading to be our next Pastor.

Galatians 6:2 says it this way…“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Give your friends and loved one the free but priceless gift of prayer.  Don’t worry about becoming a great prayer warrior overnight – just get started somewhere and remember, it’s not a guarantee of automatic answers but God’s design is for us to demonstrate our faith in Him to provide.

 Feel free to call or text us.

 Lory Fisher 620-794-6125

 Melvin Graber 620-747-0024

 Will Kaufman 620-345-6787

 **West Zion Announcements**

*Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon*

1. **Thank you** to Sam Strausz for sharing about the recent youth group trip this morning. West Zion, First Mennonite Church of Christian, and Eden Mennonite combine youth to form the FEWZ youth group which is led by Pastor Derek King of Eden.

2. New to West Zion? **If you are interested** in being included in West Zion emails and church-wide text/phone messages, having a church mailbox, or having your birthday listed in the bulletin, please see Carla Stucky.

3. **Moundridge Youth Ministries (MYM)** will be starting up Sept. 24 and run through Nov. 12. Connie Kaufman is needing volunteers to help with the meal preparations for MYM. If you are willing to help 2 times during the fall and 2 times during the spring, PLEASE let Connie know. It’s a great way to minister to the little ones in our community!!

4. Are you afraid of what others might think of you? Is it difficult for you to trust God? We will discuss how Christians are called to deal with the reality of our fears in a **new women’s bible study** called “When Fear Meets Faith.” The study will begin Wednesday, September 17 and we’ll meet from 7-8 p.m. If you are interested in this study, please let Carla Stucky know by September 12.

5. **Sunday School** will begin again on **September 7 at 9:15** and will go for 13 weeks, meeting in the Conference Room. Melvin Graber will lead a study on the book of Hebrews with the Life Application Study Bible series. All are invited to attend! The books are free and will be distributed before September 7.

6. The next **craft night** is 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12 at West Zion. If you don’t have a craft or project you are working on, Tracy will have coloring pages available to color which will be used for the Kairos Outside weekend.

7. Thank you to all who donated Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) **school kit supplies.** This is the last Sunday for collecting.

8. **All women of the church** are invited to join the Christian Homemakers for a short planning meeting on September 4 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting is in the Fellowship Hall at West Zion. Christian Homemakers is a group of women who meet once a month September through May and help with service projects like tying and sewing quilts for MCC as well as hosting a women’s salad supper.

9. **Kansas Kairos Outside**, a ministry to support women who have been affected by incarceration, will take place September 19-21. A brochure with more information is in the foyer. There are many ways to get involved! Talk to Tracy Duffman for more information.

**General Announcements**

10. The **Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** annual banquet will be held on October 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the Burrton City Auditorium (203 N. Burrton Ave.). Peter Buller, recent Bethel College graduate, will speak about his experience this summer at Reba Place in Chicago. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Schwisters. RSVP to Dave Stucky at bigdstucky@gmail.com by Oct. 11 or text or call 620-532-4408.  Cost is $25 and can be paid at the door or online at [www.swissmennonite.org](http://www.swissmennonite.org/). This is open to anyone, even if you do not have Swiss Mennonite ancestry.

11. The **Et Cetera Shop**, a local thrift shop in Newton, needs volunteers to process items and clerk in our shop. The shop supports missions locally and globally, providing hope and sustainability worldwide. Do you feel called to help others? Then the Newton Et Cetera Shop is the place for you! Volunteer applications can be picked up in the shop: 619 N Main, Newton, or filled out online at [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com/).



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

September 2:  Ken Stucky