

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

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September 21, 2025

Prelude Delonna Barnett

Welcome Vicky Kessler

Announcements

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

Call to Worship On screen

****Songs** *We Gather Together HWB 17*
 Here I am Lord HWB 395
 (we will start singing with verse 1 on the bottom of the page)

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayer Pastor Mike Hiebert

Message Isaiah 6:1-9 Pastor Mike
 "Stand your Ground – Shoes of Peace" (from Eph. 6:10-18)

****Sending Song** *Lord Let us Now Depart in Peace HWB 428*

****Benediction** Pastor Mike

****Postlude**

****Please stand if you are able**

Greeter(s): Brian & Laura Bretz

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

Ken Stucky on the death of his brother-in-law, Roger Krehbiel
West Zion, Pastor Mike Hiebert, and God's leading
Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner in the Czech Republic
Physical and mental health journeys

Sunday, September 28

Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman

9:15 a.m.: Sunday School

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Message: Pastor Mike Hiebert

Vote during worship to call Pastor Mike as our pastor

Coming Events and Church Use

Sept. 22: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 24: Taco Meal & Moundridge Youth Ministries (MYM)
 Women's Bible Study 7-8 p.m.
Sept. 25: Study Club 2-5 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Sept. 28: Vote to call Pastor Mike Hiebert as our pastor
Sept. 29: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.
October 1: Pancake meal & MYM
 Women's Bible Study 7-8 p.m.
October 2: Christian Homemakers 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
October 5: Deacon nomination
October 28: MCC Meat Canning
November 5: Deacon election, Potluck meal, Budget meeting

September 14 attendance: 40

Secretary Carla Stucky
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*Livestream can be found on our West Zion YouTube page
Go to www.youtube.com and search West Zion Mennonite*

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 960.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 103,328.73	\$ 114,060.25
 Budget	 \$178,431.00	 \$173,035.00
Less: expended to date	(108,763.40)	(81,427.35)
Less: cash balance	<u>(44,819.89)</u>	<u>(55,764.49)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 24,847.71	\$ 35,843.16
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 1,657	\$ 2,390

Meat Canning to-date: \$ 550

General Announcements

9. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is having a **Quilter's Corner sale** on Friday, October 3, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. and October 4 from 8:00 to noon at the MCC Warehouse, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton. All proceeds support MCC work around the world.

10. **Pine Village** is gearing up for our 2025 Benefit Day Auction and Sausage Supper on October 23rd. Supper will be served from 5-6:30 pm and the live auction will begin at 6 pm. Auction items are on our website for viewing beforehand at www.pinevillageks.org. Our raffle item this year is a Patrick Mahomes Autographed Football Helmet in case. Gift cards/certificates and church baskets are available for online bidding. All links are on our website.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
September 25: Sandy Jantz

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:
Sept. 21: Berna & Jennifer Suarez

DEACON'S CORNER

Our Walk With God

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CHANGE

Hebrews 13:8 gives us the promise that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

We've seen a lot of changes over the course of years.

So...truth remains but practices change. While the truth about God is unchanging, methods and practices of communicating that truth can change. We used to have phones on the walls but today we can just push buttons to text a message.

So...let us embrace the moment we're in and rest assured that Christ has not erred in calling us to live out our faith now...in the 21st century. Peter's word to the first-century church holds true that God has given us everything we need 'for life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3).

But what do we need? What do others need? Consider change(s) and how it affects us. People are coming into our church tossed about on the waves of uncertainty and fear in the world brought about by economic anxiety and war. As you see people come into our congregation – familiar faces or new ones – they are all looking for peace in the midst of their own private storms - in a world that seems unsteady and shaky. Let us trust in the Lord, reflecting on the character of God who promises...“peace that passes all understanding” (Philippians 4:7).

Holding on to what we know - and what is true - helps us all endure tumultuous times. We can claim the promise of Jesus, whispered to his disciples before he went to the cross... “be courageous! I have conquered the world” (John 16:33).

Let us be open-handed toward changes in methods, environment, and approaches. We should ask ourselves constantly if we are willing to grow and change to reach our communities by taking their hand.

Most importantly, in times of change, we can be the church to help people who are looking for peace. Thankfully, West Zion can be a place for what is real, what is true, and what is sure. 1st Timothy 3:15 reminds us that the church is the pillar and foundation of truth.

Let us trust in the Lord and be calm during seasons of change. This inner calm produced by the Holy Spirit can become a genuine witness in a questionable and chaotic world.

Feel free to call or text us.

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West Zion Announcements

Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon

1. **Welcome and thank you to Pastor Mike Hiebert** for bringing our morning message. Pastor Mike has been recommended by the Search Committee to be our full-time pastor. Today is his candidating Sunday. Next Sunday (September 28) during the worship service, the congregation will vote to call him as our pastor. You must be a member of West Zion to vote. Please be in prayer for this process.
2. **All are invited** to the potluck meal following church. There will be plenty of food! Following the meal, there will be a time of questions and sharing with Pastor Mike.
3. The **Gifts Discernment Team** will be asking for nominations for a Deacon on Sunday, October 5 (change from last week's bulletin) during morning worship. Please be in prayer for this nominating process.
4. The **Mission Team** wants to thank the congregation for their generous response to the August Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) school kits donation request. There were 34 complete kits and extra supplies plus \$50 was given. **NOTE FROM MCC:** Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we met and exceeded our goal of 25,000 school kits. A total of **29,639 school kits** were packed!
5. **All women of the church** are welcome to join the Christian Homemakers as they meet for a work afternoon Thursday October 2 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A variety of easy projects will be worked on.
6. **Dale Jantzen** has been moved into full care at Pine Village. He is in room 409 in Heritage Hall.
7. The **Wednesday evening meals** will begin on September 24. All are invited to attend the meals. Look at the bulletin's upcoming events to see what will be served. Supper for the MYM kids begins at 5:45 p.m. and everyone else is served at 6:00 p.m.
8. There are **free Christian books** and art in the foyer! Take what you would like.