

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

September 28, 2025

Prelude Carla Stucky

Welcome Connie Kaufman

Announcements

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

Congregational vote

Call to Worship On screen

****Songs** *Trust in God – Elevation Worship (video)*
Blessed Assurance HWB 332

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayer Pastor Mike Hiebert

Message Ephesians 6:10-18 Pastor Mike
“Stand Your Ground – The Shield of Faith”

****Sending Song** *Amazing Grace HWB 143 (vss. 1-3)*

****Benediction** Pastor Mike

****Postlude** *Amen! (sing 3 times)*

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

Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

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

Clark & Connie Graber as Clark deals with health concerns
Mason and Jacy Dyck who are expecting twins!
Praise for the joy of grandchildren and grandparents!
Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner in the Czech Republic
Physical and mental health journeys

Sunday, October 5

Greeter(s): Lory Fisher

Worship Leader: Carla Stucky

9:15 a.m.: Sunday School

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Delonna Barnett

Message: Pastor Mike Hiebert

Deacon nomination

Coming Events and Church Use

Sept. 29: STEP MC 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 3: Craft Night 6:00 p.m.
October 5: Deacon nomination
October 6: STEP MC 4-8 p.m.
October 8: Tator tot casserole meal & MYM
Women's Bible Study 7-8 p.m.
October 28: MCC Meat Canning
November 9: Deacon election, Potluck meal, Budget meeting

September 21 attendance: 60

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
Check out our WZ Facebook page!*

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 2,255.00	\$ 380.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 105,583.73	\$ 114,440.25
 Budget	 \$178,431.00	 \$173,035.00
Less: expended to date	(111,174.48)	(103,658.93)
Less: cash balance	<u>(44,663.81)</u>	<u>(33,912.91)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 22,592.71	\$ 35,463.16
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 1,614	\$ 2,533
 Meat Canning to-date	 \$ 600	



Autumn Prayer

Lord, thank You for the
beauty of this season.
As the leaves fall, remind me
that change can be good,
and that letting go makes
room for new beginnings.
Fill my heart with gratitude
for every harvest,
every blessing, and
every lesson learned.
Help me rest in Your timing,
trusting that You are at work
in every season of my life.

Amen.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for
everything, and a season for every
activity under the heavens."*

DEACON'S CORNER

In 2023, Lory Fisher stepped into the role of Deacon to finish a term for a Deacon brother experiencing health concerns. The Deacon term is generally for three (3) years but at this time for nominations, Lory's desire is to open it up for everyone to consider. Accordingly, Lory can continue to serve another year but would like to encourage each one of you to consider serving God in this role.

Consider the position of Deacon to be one for serving our Lord. If you are sensing that God is speaking to you to serve in this way, write your name on the ballot. Equally, if you sense a Christian brother or sister who has impressed you that they should consider, write their name on the ballot.

The opportunity to volunteer and/or nominate will happen Sunday, October 5. Please pray and ask God how to respond to writing on the ballot.

May God continue His great plan for West Zion!

Feel free to call or text us.

Lory Fisher 620-794-6125 (Jan. 2026)

Will Kaufman 620-345-6787 (Jan. 2027)

Melvin Graber 620-747-0024 (Jan. 2028)

West Zion Announcements

Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon

1. **This Sunday morning, September 28, we will be voting** to call Pastor Mike Hiebert as our full-time pastor. Ballots will be handed out to members as you enter the church, picked up during announcements, and results will be announced during the service. Thank you to all involved in this process over the last several months, and thanks to God for His guidance.

2. The **Gifts Discernment Team** will be asking for nominations for a Deacon on Sunday, October 5 during morning worship. Please be in prayer for this nominating process.

3. **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.

4. **Rodney Dyck is moving** and a different church custodian will need to be hired. If you have any suggestions, please give Curtis Guhr their contact information. Thank you to Rodney for his work in keeping the church looking great!

5. **You are invited to give** to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Meat Canner to cover expenses. The Meat Canner will be coming to the MCC Center in North Newton on Tuesday, October 28. Our goal is to raise \$1,500. Make checks out to West Zion and write Meat Canner in the memo. The current amount given by West Zion will be listed in the budget summary on the back of the bulletin.

6. **Thank you to Daniel Kaufman and Lexi Bretz** for being willing to be administrators of our West Zion Facebook page. Be sure to check it out and share posts and events as you wish.

7. **The next craft night** is coming up on Friday, October 3 at West Zion in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy fellowship and get nothing done, or bring a project, enjoy fellowship and get a little done. Or bring a project, find a quiet corner and get it all done. It's all good! Phone a friend and bring snacks if you wish.

8. The **Wednesday evening meals** have begun and all are invited to attend. 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.

9. There are **free Christian books** and art in the foyer! Take what you would like. This will be the last Sunday they are available.

General Announcements

10. 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.

11. **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:
October 3: Randy Kessler

Have you noticed the sunflower decorations in our church?

Just like the sunflower....follow the SON!