

## West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

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September 7, 2025

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Prelude "Be Still and Know (with Day by Day)" Ellen Kaufman

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 *Praise, I will Praise You Lord HWB 76*  
*Glorify Thy Name*

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Prayer

Pastor Jim Burns

Message "When God Reveals His Power to You" Pastor Jim

\*\*Sending Song *When We Walk with the Lord HWB 544*

\*\*Benediction Pastor Jim

\*\*Postlude

\*\*Please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

**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

Geneva Wedel as her brother-in-law Robert Wiens died  
Crysta Guhr's parents as her dad, Keith, struggles with health  
Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner in the Czech Republic  
Physical and mental health journeys

## Next Sunday, September 14

**Greeter(s):** Geneva Wedel

**Worship Leader:** Sharon Gehring

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

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

**Accompanist:** Carla Stucky

**Message:** Ellen Kaufman

## Coming Events and Church Use

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 7-7:30 p.m.

Church Council 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 22: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.

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

Women's Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

October 28: MCC Meat Canning

August 31 attendance: 46

**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*

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,002.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 100,486.73	\$ 107,710.25
 Budget	 \$178,431.00	 \$173,035.00
Less: expended to date	( 86,368.54)	( 77,755.33)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 63,976.85)</u>	<u>( 53,086.51)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 28,085.61	\$ 42,193.16
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 1,652	\$ 2,482

## General Announcements

12. 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. Come and shop ALL things quilting! SPECIAL ITEM FOR SALE: Husqvarna-Viking Designer Epic 1 sewing and embroidery machine with many accessories - \$4,500. Contact for this item Charlotte Wenger: [wengercd@gmail.com](mailto:wengercd@gmail.com) All proceeds support MCC work around the world.

13. **Pine Village** is gearing up for our 2025 Benefit Day Auction and Sausage Supper on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](http://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.

14. As part of the **Salt City Film Fest in Hutchinson** at the Fox Theater, the film "Where the Cottonwoods Grow" by Dale Hildebrand (Canada) will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 25. Tickets are \$5. The film tells the story of the Mennonite migration from Ukraine and Russia to North America. Please join us! - SCFF Programming Director, Sheri Kaufman

15. 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 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](mailto:bigdstucky@gmail.com) by Oct. 11 or text/call 620-532-4408. Cost is \$25 and can be paid at [www.swissmennonite.org](http://www.swissmennonite.org) or at the door.

16. The **Et Cetera Shop**, a local thrift shop in Newton, needs volunteers to process items and clerk in our shop. Et Cetera supports missions locally and globally, providing hope and sustainability worldwide. Volunteer applications can be picked up at the shop at 619 N Main, Newton, or filled out online at [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com).

## DEACON'S CORNER

### **Our Walk With God**

Learn to say something good about God  
to somebody each day.

Each of us can speak about God's blessings every day, and we all have opportunities to talk to others. Even if the other person is a believer, a simple word like, "God's been good to me today," "I'm grateful the Lord put food on my table," or "God gave me a good rest last night" can be encouraging.

Here is why I encourage you to take this step as you walk with the Lord: If you practice speaking about God each day, you might be more likely to tell a nonbeliever about Jesus. If you get up each morning praying, "Lord, help me to speak something good about You today," you will look for opportunities. You will think about the spiritual condition of other people you encounter. Your heart will grow increasingly burdened for nonbelievers to know Jesus. Jesus saw the crowds of people and felt deep compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36

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 Jim Burns for bringing our morning message! Pastor Jim grew up in Burrton and his wife, Coletta, was born and raised in Ohio. They have served together in pastoral church ministries in Washington D.C., West Virginia, Hutchinson and Ohio. You can hear Pastor Jim in a 1-minute daily radio challenge which can be heard Monday through Friday at 6:35 a.m. on KWBW 1450 AM & 98.5 FM out of Hutchinson. The 1-minute message called "Something to Think About" shares practical stories and principles to give people hope and help non-believers consider Christ.

2. **It was announced** last Sunday that Pastor Mike Hiebert has applied to be our pastor and has met with the Search Committee. Pastor Mike shared before his sermon that the most important thing we can do in this process is to pray. Please be in prayer as Pastor Mike and Search Committee continue interviews.

3. On the Wednesday evenings of September 10, 17, and 24 First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge will have **a series examining the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist movement** and what it means for us. Retired Bethel professor Dale Schrag will be our guest to conduct the series. The presentation will be held in the fellowship hall at 6:00 pm. Snacks will be provided.

4. The **September Czech-in newsletter** from Karen Hess was emailed to the congregation. There are extra copies by the bulletins for those who don't have email.

5. The **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Meat Canner** will come to Newton on October 28. More information about the Canner is available in the foyer. If you would like to donate, make checks out to West Zion and put MCC Meat Canner in the memo line.

6. **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!!

7. 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 **women's bible study** called "When Fear Meets Faith." The 4-week study will begin Wednesday, September 17 and we'll meet only 7:00-7:30 p.m. to hand out books and introduce the study. If you are interested in this study, please let Carla Stucky know by September 12.

8. **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.

9. 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.

10. **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.

11. 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.



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:  
September 10: Richard Golden  
September 11: Samantha Strausz