

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

October 5, 2025

Prelude Delonna Barnett

Welcome Carla Stucky

Announcements

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

Deacon nomination

Call to Worship On screen

****Songs** *Be Thou My Vision HWB 545*
All Creatures of our God and King HWB 48 (vs. 1,2 & 7)

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayer Pastor Mike Hiebert

Message Ephesians 6:10-18 Pastor Mike
"Stand Your Ground – The Helmet of Salvation"

****Sending Song** *Take Thou My Hand, O Father HWB 581*

****Benediction** Pastor Mike

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Lory Fisher

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

Family of Dale Jantzen who died on Sept. 27

Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner in the Czech Republic

Physical and mental health journeys

Sunday, October 12

Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

Worship Leader: Ellen Kaufman

9:15 a.m.: Sunday School

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Message: Pastor Mike Hiebert

Coming Events and Church Use

October 6: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.

October 8: Tator tot casserole meal & MYM

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

October 12: Church picnic at Lohrenzs 4:00 p.m., Meal 5:30

October 13: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.

October 15: Chicken casserole meal & MYM

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

October 20: STEPMC 4-8 p.m.

October 21: FCE 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

October 22: Taco meal & MYM

October 23: Study Club 2:00-5:00 p.m.

October 28: MCC Meat Canning

November 6: Christian Homemakers 2:00 p.m.

November 9: Deacon election, Potluck meal, Budget meeting

September 28 attendance: 59

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
Check out our WZ Facebook page!*

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 860.00	\$ 2,075.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 106,443.73	\$ 116,515.25
Budget	\$178,431.00	\$173,035.00
Less: expended to date	(113,424.48)	(106,719.79)
Less: cash balance	<u>(43,273.81)</u>	<u>(32,943.17)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 21,732.71	\$ 33,372.04
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 1,672	\$ 2,567
Meat Canning to-date	\$ 800	

8. Consider giving to the **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Meat Canner**. The Meat Canner will be coming to the MCC Center in North Newton on October 28. Our goal is to raise \$1,500. Make checks out to West Zion and write Meat Canner in the memo. Current amount given can be found in the bulletin.

9. **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.

General Announcements

10. **STEPMC is selling raffle tickets** to win an awesome KC Chiefs firepit. We will draw for the winner on Black Friday, November 28th, 2025. You do not need to be present to win. Information on how to enter and a picture of the firepit is in the foyer. Cost is \$25 per entry or 5 entries for \$100.

11. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, October 17 from noon to 6:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org for an appointment and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thank you for your support. For questions call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112.

12. **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.

DEACON'S CORNER

WE HAVE A PASTOR...

On Sunday, September 28th, West Zion voted to offer the position of Pastor to Mike Hiebert. The results were clear with 100% YES votes. Mike Hiebert has accepted our offer.

PRAISE BE TO GOD!!!

God has heard the prayers of His people to bring us a shepherd.

WE HAVE A PASTOR...TO APPRECIATE!

As the Shepherd takes care of us – let us also take care of our Shepherd, Pastor Mike Hiebert.

Officially in 1994, the American Christian organization Focus on the Family began to encourage **Clergy Appreciation Month** as a way to outwardly show appreciation for religious leaders on a national level. What an important idea which can be found within the scriptures. Take time to consider these verses that tell about the God-ordained role of pastors and faith leaders:

“Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.”

1 Thessalonian 5:12-13

“Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.” **Jeremiah 3:15**

Here's a bit of insight...

Pastor Mike has sincerely expressed that God has touched his heart to serve as a pastor and shepherd for God's people here at West Zion. Consider this beautiful verse from

Romans 10:15: *“And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”*

Paul was reminding us of this verse from **Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)**:
“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’”

The time is right! Next Sunday, October 12 just happens to be “Pastor Appreciation Day.” Let’s rejoice together and express our love and appreciation to God, Our Father and to Mike Hiebert, our new Pastor.

Feel free to call or text a Deacon:

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. Last Sunday, **Pastor Mike Hiebert was voted to be our next full-time pastor.** We are thankful to God for His provision. Pastor Mike will be finishing up his current job and will be in the church office sometime in mid-October, date to be determined. We are excited to have him on board soon!

2. **This Sunday morning, October 5,** we will be writing down names of church members who you would like to nominate as a Deacon. We will hand out paper as you walk in. Please write one name down and we will have you turn the paper in during announcements.

3. **Fall Picnic!** Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 12 for our church picnic** at Phil and Lorene Lohrenz’s farm. You are welcome to arrive early at 4:00 for some fishing, games, and fellowship. Hot dogs will be served at 5:30 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, beans, drinks, smores and table service will be provided. Bring lawn chairs, a salad OR dessert and your fishing pole if you are interested in fishing in Phil’s pond. (In case of bad weather, October 19 is the alternative date)

4. **Prelude volume:** It is kindly asked that you turn down the volume of your voice as you visit when the church prelude begins. Some people like to hear the music and prepare their hearts for the upcoming service.

5. **A graveside service only will be held for Frances Neufeld** on Friday, October 10 at 4:00 p.m. at the West Zion Mennonite Cemetery.

6. A celebration of **Jeannette Logback’s 90th birthday** will be held on Saturday, October 18 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Community Center (225 S. Christian) in Moundridge. You can also mail cards to P.O. Box 670 in Moundridge. If you can attend, please RSVP to charlottegaree12@comcast.net or call 612-819-9694.

7. **Rodney Dyck has moved** and a different church custodian will need to be hired. If you have any suggestions, please give Curtis Guhr contact information.