

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

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November 23, 2025

Prelude Carla Stucky

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship Ellen Kaufman

****Songs** *Now Thank We All Our God HWB 86*
 Give Thanks

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer Pastor Mike Hiebert

Message "The Lord's Prayer Part III" Matthew 6:9-15 Pastor Mike
(teaching notes on the back of the bulletin)

****Sending Song** *Praise God From Whom HWB 118*

****Benediction** Pastor Mike

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Berna & Jennifer Suarez

Our Mission: God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. As part of our mission, let us fervently....

Pray – for growth spiritually and physically

Invite – others, the Holy Spirit will do the rest

Fall – More in Love with the WORD of GOD

West Zion Prayers

Carolyn Schmidt recovering from knee surgery (Nov. 21)

Carolyn's dad, Gordon, who is in rehab after a fall

Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner in the Czech Republic

Physical and mental health journeys

1st Advent Sunday, November 30

Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman

9:15 a.m.: Sunday School

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Sharon Schrag and Carla Stucky

Message: Pastor Mike Hiebert

Coming Events and Church Use

November 24: STEP MC 4-8 p.m., PV lunch with pastor 11:30 a.m.

November 25: Hieb @ the Hub 1:30 p.m.

December 1: STEP MC 4-8 p.m., PV lunch with pastor 11:30 a.m.

December 2: Hieb @ the Hub 1:30 p.m.

December 7: Sunday School 9:15a.m. Advent study on Hope,
Jan Larson & Gerry Major have special music
Christian Homemakers at Virginia Guhrs at 6:00 p.m.

December 8: STEP MC 4-8 p.m., PV lunch with pastor 11:30 a.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m. prelude, 6:00 service

November 16 attendance: 58

*Livestream can be found on our West Zion YouTube page
Check out our WZ Facebook page!*

Tenets of the Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:5-15

Worship: _____

Submission: _____

Thankfulness: _____

Forgiveness: _____

Empowerment: _____

Authority _____

13. **Give back on Giving Tuesday** at MCC, Dec. 2 from 6:30-8PM! Bring your kids, grandkids, and friends to MCC (121 E. 30th St, North Newton) for a fun evening of packing hygiene kits for MCC! Giving Tuesday is a casual, come-and-go, all-ages event. Pack hygiene kits, tie comforters, make a cardboard comforter block craft, and enjoy snacks. Kick off your holiday shopping by picking gifts for your friends and family from the MCC Christmas Giving Guide. Find out more at mcc.org/giving-Tuesday.

14. **The Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers** will be Sunday, December 7, 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus, Newton. The prelude will begin at 2:45 featuring The Schrag Siblings. The program will include Treble Clef Chorus, Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble, and Hearts 4 Him. A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund that will be awarded to high school seniors who are pursuing a music major. We invite you to be our guest and begin your Christmas Season with us.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 1,279.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 118,293.73	\$ 131,736.36
 Budget	 \$178,431.00	 \$173,035.00
Less: expended to date	(123,938.72)	(115,369.72)
Less: cash balance	(44,634.84)	(39,530.06)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 9,857.44	\$ 18,135.22
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 1,643	\$ 3,023



We wish a **Happy Birthday** to:
November 27: Jerod Kaufman

Pastor Mike Hiebert

Office Hours: 9 am – 11:15 on Mon

9 am – Noon on Tues & Wed

9 am - Noon, 1– 4 pm on Thursday

8-11 a.m. Friday

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West Zion Announcements

Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon

1. **White Christmas Offering:** Each year our church gathers items (or money) during December to give to others in need. This year's White Christmas Offering will support Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) hygiene kits which are given to families who have fled their homes because of disaster/war, or given to schools & orphanages. You can give money in the offering box or collect the following items (NEW items only) and bring to the church:

- 1 adult-sized toothbrush (in packaging)
- 1 large bar of bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark/bright color, approx. 16x26 in.)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6-8 in.)

If you would like to give a check, write check to West Zion and put White Christmas in the memo and put in offering box.

2. **Stay for pizza and decorating after worship!** We'll eat some lunch and go upstairs to decorate our big tree and the sanctuary. For those who might not be able to help, you are welcome to supervise from a pew and listen to Christmas music.

3. Due to Thanksgiving, **the bulletin will be printed on Friday, November 28** by noon. Please have bulletin announcements to the secretary Carla Stucky by Wednesday evening, November 26.

4. **Alyssa Pollman is our new janitor.** She is the current Moundridge STEPNC coach so many of you know her. We are excited to have her on board as church staff!

5. **Christian Homemakers** remember the Christmas Fellowship will be December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Virginia Guhr's home. Plan to bring snack-like food for the meal and your thoughts of a memorable Christmas event or program in West Zion's past.

6. **Carla Stucky will be putting together** a 2026 Greeter schedule soon. Please let her know by December 14th if you would like to be taken off of the greeting schedule, or if you would like to be added.

7. **An Advent Study** on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love by Max Lucado will begin during the Sunday School hour (9:15 a.m.) on December 7

and continue through December. This will be taught by various teachers. Please come join us!

8. **The Worship Team** would like to continue to have worship leaders on Sunday. This gives Pastor Mike a greater ability to focus on the sermon and a chance to use different gifts of the congregation. To help with this goal, we will need more worship leaders. This involves a short welcome, a call to worship, introducing songs, asking for joys/concerns, and writing them down for the pastor. This can be written out by someone else for you to read or you can write it out yourself. Pray about this and let Carla know if you feel the slightest nudge!!

9. **Pastor Mike announced** that on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. he will be available at the Hub in downtown Moundridge for conversation and coffee (calling it Hieb @ the Hub!). Anyone is welcome!

10. **The Music Committee** has received a few sheets of favorite worship songs and hymns. We would love to have more! If you do have favorites you would like to sing, please write down and put in the Music Committee box (bottom row of the mailboxes). We will do our best to use these songs throughout the year in our worship services.

General Announcements

11. The **Schowalter Singers** will be performing Christmas music several places. Come enjoy some beautiful music at:

Dyck Arboretum Prairie Lights, Nov. 30 @ 5:45 p.m.

Schowalter Villa Chapel, Dec. 10 @ 3:00 p.m.

Hesston Mennonite Brethren Church, Dec. 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

12. **Eden Mennonite Church** invites you to our production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. In this hilarious Christmas play, a couple struggling to put on a Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids- probably the most inventively awful kids in history. Admission is free and performances are Saturday December 13th at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) and Sunday December 14th at 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) at Eden Mennonite, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge.