

## West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

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March 8, 2026

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Prelude Carla Stucky

Welcome and Announcements Sharon Gehring  
Offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

Call to Worship

\*\*Songs *Just as I am HWB 516* (vss, 1,2,3,6) words on screen  
*I Trust in God*

Children are dismissed to go to the nursery

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Prayer

Message "Living Forgiveness" wrap-up Pastor Mike Hiebert  
Romans 12:17-21

\*\*Sending Song *Oh How He Loves You and Me*

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

\*\*Please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

*Nursery is available for birth to 5 years old*

**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....

**P**ray – for growth spiritually and physically

**I**nvoke – others, the Holy Spirit will do the rest

**F**all – More in Love with the WORD of GOD

## West Zion Prayers

Darin Schmidt, healing from a heart procedure  
Kendrick Bell and group heading to Delaware on a mission trip  
Healing for physical and mental health  
Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner

## Sunday, March 15

**Greeter(s):** Terry & Shery Kessler

**Nursery Help:**

**Worship Leader:** Connie 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

- March 9: PV lunch with pastor, STEP MC graduation in WZ sanctuary 6 p.m. followed by meal downstairs
- March 10: CDT meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 11: Last meal (taco) 6:00 p.m., Last MYM 5:45-7 p.m.
- March 15: Bunco night in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- March 16: PV lunch with pastor, STEP MC 4-8 p.m.
- March 18: Pastor Mike leads PV chapel 1:15 p.m.  
Church Council 7:00 p.m.
- March 21: Fellowship Hall & Kitchen used for shower 1-4 p.m.
- March 22: Hymn Sing 6:30 p.m. in sanctuary
- March 25: Church Chat 7:00 p.m.
- March 28: Men's 2717 Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
- March 29: Palm Sunday
- April 2: Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. in sanctuary (no supper)
- April 5: Easter breakfast, no Sunday School
- April 10-11: KMRS Sale at State Fairgrounds
- April 11: Fellowship Hall & Kitchen used for shower 3-8 pm

March 1 attendance: 49

**Pastor Mike Hiebert**  
**Office Hours:** 9 – 11:15 am on Mon  
9 am – Noon on Tues & Wed  
9 am – Noon, 1– 4 pm on Thursday  
8 – 11 am on Friday  
**Cell:** 620-747-2310  
**Email:** [mike@westzionmc.org](mailto:mike@westzionmc.org)

**Secretary Carla Stucky**  
**Office Hours:** Thursdays 9 am – Noon, 1 – 4 pm  
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<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,535.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 55,093.89	\$ 34,980.72
Budget	\$183,767.00	\$178,431.00
Less: expended to date	( 20,205.74)	( 21,187.28)
Less: cash balance	( 87,850.78)	( 63,089.37)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 75,710.48	\$ 94,154.35
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 1,761	\$ 2,190

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale**  
**April 10-11, Kansas State Fairgrounds**  
[www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

The goals of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) who oversee this sale are to provide relief, help with development, and work with people in a way that educates them to solve problems in a peaceful way. Pray for the sale, the workers, the MCC partners and preparations for this big event. Other ways you can help are listed here.

**Volunteer** by going to the website and signing up or **Connie Kaufman, our MCC contact**, can help you sign up. There are many jobs available for all ages and abilities.

**Coins Count:** A jar has been placed on the back table to collect coins for MCC. Drop a coin in and make a difference. This year's coins will go towards education in overseas missions.

**Make a donation** before the sale by writing a check to West Zion and write in the memo line MCC Sale Expenses. The goal of the MCC Sale board is to have all expenses covered by sale day so money raised on sale day will go to missions.

**Children's Auction:** We are gathering new, in-the-package items for this year's Relief Sale Children's Auction. Consider talking with the youth in your church about what items they'd be excited to bid on—but you can never go wrong with favorites like Hot Wheels, Barbies, board games, LEGO sets, art kits, puzzles, plush animals, outdoor toys, and sports equipment.

## West Zion Announcements

*Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon*

1. **Church Bunco Night!** Join us for a fun-filled evening of laughter, fellowship and friendly competition at our **Saint Patrick's Day Bunco Night** on Sunday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. Come ready to roll the dice and enjoy great company. Whether you're a seasoned Bunco player or brand new to this easy to play game, everyone is welcome! Wear your green! **Prizes, snacks, and plenty of fun included!** Bring a friend and your lucky charm – we can't wait to see you there!

2. The **church yearbooks** are done and in the church mailboxes! You might have heard my "Hallelujah" on Monday. If you don't have a church mailbox or need more than one, there are extra copies on the table in the back. If you see something that needs corrected, let Carla Stucky know.

3. **West Zion T-shirts!** Pastor Mike wore the new West Zion t-shirt on Sunday evening. The black t-shirts have West Zion on the front and then "Trust in the Journey" on the back with Joshua 1:9. The cost of the t-shirt will be \$12. A sign-up sheet and a sample t-shirt will be in the foyer. **No money is needed at this time**, we are just wanting to know how many to order.

4. **Church Chat:** Church chats will begin on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. This is a time for fellowship and discussion, sharing your thoughts on different subjects related to the church. On March 25 we will discuss the name West Zion Mennonite and the future direction of our church over coffee and light snacks.

5. **Food Truck:** The manager of Tacos El Poderoso reached out a few weeks ago to ask about using our church parking lot as a spot to open for business. **Church Council** approved this and a contract was signed. Beginning March 5 Tacos El Poderoso will be at West Zion every other Thursday.

6. **Hymn Sing:** This is a time to gather and sing hymns together on Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m. March 22. There will be no set program, just come to the sanctuary, gather in pews close to the piano and Sharon will play piano as you choose your favorite hymns and sing!

## General Announcements

7. **I have been incredibly blessed** to be a part of this congregation during my difficult journey with a collapsed lung, surgery and long recovery in the hospital. I thank everyone for your support to me and Virginia, your concerns about my recovery, the wonderful cards, phone calls, the food and especially the prayers that pulled me through. Thank you Pastor Mike for your visits and prayers. God Is Good! All The Time! - Leon Guhr

8. **I want to thank everyone** for the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement. Thank you. You are awesome! – Tracy Duffman

9. Thank you to all those helping in the nursery. A **nursery sign-up sheet** is on the wall outside of the nursery and we are in need of filling some upcoming Sundays. If you can help in the nursery on a Sunday morning, please sign up there.

10. Our thoughts are in the days of Lent. As we reflect on the path of Jesus through the crucifixion, death and resurrection and through the faith given to us, we need encouragement. **Mission Team would encourage you to write a letter to Karen Hess.** It can be sent to Eastern Mennonite Missions, PO Box 8617, Lancaster, PA 17604-8617 or put into Geneva Wedel's mailbox by March 28 and Geneva will send it to her.

11. **All are invited** to the next STEPNC graduation night in our sanctuary on Monday, March 9. The ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m. Join this celebration of courage and inspiration as persons who attended and completed the 24-week Getting Ahead program will graduate and share parts of their stories.

12. **New Copier:** The lease ended on our copier and a new copier has been purchased. It should be delivered sometime in March. At some point, a training session will be offered and anyone interested will be invited to attend. Watch the bulletin for more information.

13. **New Books in Library:** Who Touches the Mountains by Deborah Raney and Home on the Range by Taryn Oakley.

14. **Margie Huxman** will be celebrating 100 years on March 15! Her family invites you to send her cards, memories and well wishes to help her celebrate this special day. Please send your card to 200 W. Cedar, Hesston, KS 67062.

15. **Camp Mennoscah** is pleased to report that our most recent work day saw final installation of cover plates on the electrical switches and outlets in the retreat center, as well as bathroom mirrors getting hung. Baseboards are nearly done, all bedrooms have been cleaned out, and bedroom and the basement common area carpets have been shampooed, making the basement essentially move-in ready! The continued support of twelve congregations with active matching challenges has made this possible, and we are so thankful! However, if your congregation does not have such a challenge, please consider visiting our website to initiate a recurring \$20/month gift to camp. For information on how to set that up, simply text the word "Monthly" to 620.755.2583.

16. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association's **annual meeting will be held on March 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Hopefield Mennonite Church, 1823 Aztec Lane, Moundridge.** Glen Ediger, a Bethel College graduate, will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking about "*Mennonites, Farming, Wheat and Threshing Stones*" The entertainment will be provided by Sam Shilts. It would be a great way to see the remodeled church. There is no need to rsvp. Of course, poppyseed rolls will be served after the meeting. We hope to see you there!