

## West Zion Mennonite Church

**August 16, 2026**

Prelude Layton Kessler & Grady Rainey

Welcome and Announcements Vicky Kessler  
Offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

\*\*Songs *Rain Down STJ 49*  
*Morning Has Broken HWB 648*

Mystery Box Connie Kaufman  
Children are dismissed to go to the nursery

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Prayer

Message "Characteristics of the Holy Spirit" Pastor Mike  
Romans 8:1-28

\*\*Sending Song *You Shall go Out With Joy HWB 427*

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

\*\*Please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Sharon Gehring

*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...

**Pray** – for growth spiritually and physical

**Invite** – others, the Holy Spirit will do the rest

**Fall** – more in love with the Word of God

## West Zion Prayers

Praise for Pastor Mike back in office!

Praise for baptisms last Sunday!

College students Mac Bretz, Sam Strausz, Kaleigh Bell as well as all students, teachers and administration returning to school  
Crysta Guhr's nephew, Kaden, continuing journey of recovery  
Physical and mental health journeys  
Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner



We wish a **Happy Birthday** to:

August 16: Lucinda Hiebert

August 18: Jay Kessler, Berna Suarez

We wish a **Happy Anniversary** to:

August 20: David & Marlene Wiens

## Next Sunday, August 23

**Greeter(s):** Connie Graber

**Nursery Help:** Marlene Wiens

**Worship Leader:** Connie Kaufman

**9:15 a.m.:** Sunday School in Conference Room

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

**Accompanist:** Sharon Schrag

**Message:** Pastor Mike Hiebert

## Coming Events and Church Use

August 17: PV lunch w/ pastor, STEP MC 4-8 p.m., NO KIGG

August 19: PV chapel led by Pastor Mike 1:15 p.m.

Church Council 7:00 p.m.

August 23: Church Chat 6:30 p.m.

August 24: PV lunch w/ pastor, STEP MC 4-8 p.m., NO KIGG

August 26: Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

August 29: Men's 2717 Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

August 30: Fifth Sunday Acts Experiment for worship

August 31: STEP MC BBQ fundraiser 5-7, FH & kitchen reserved

September 2: Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

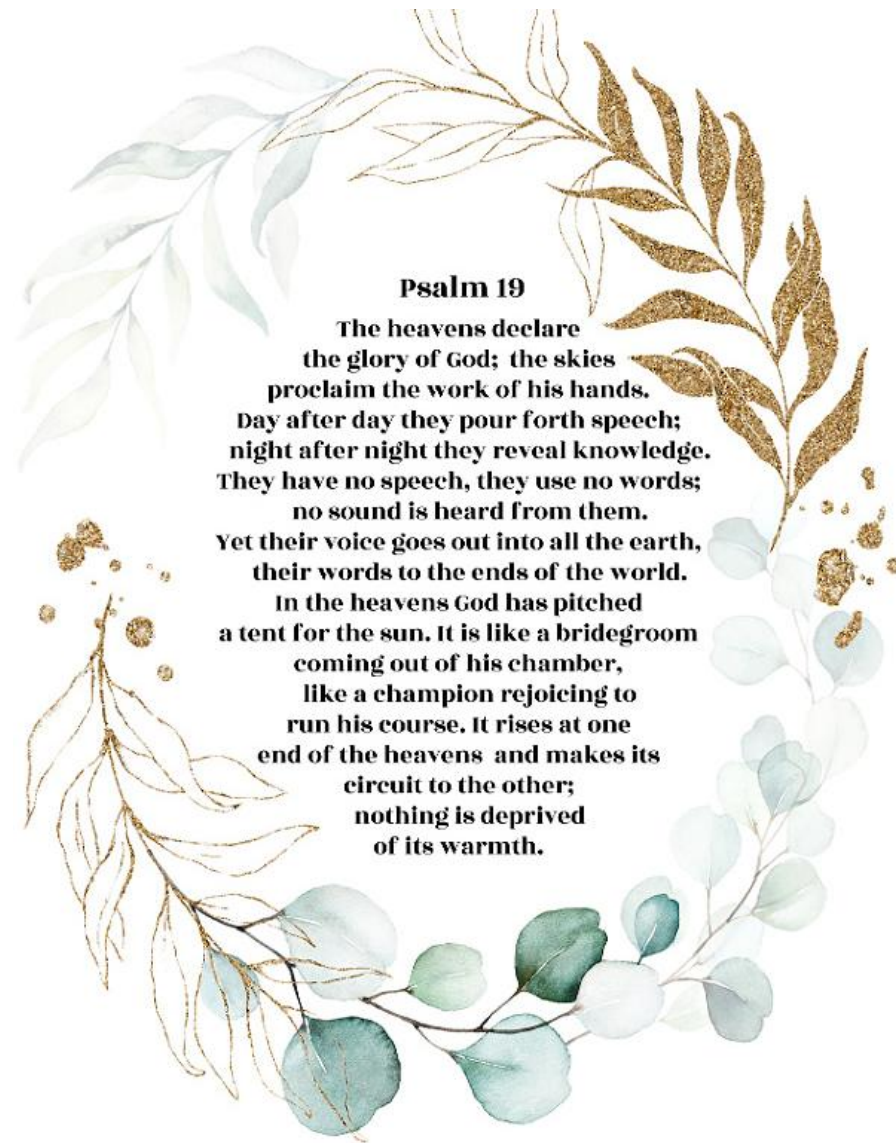
August 9 attendance: 53

**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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#### BUDGET SUMMARY

|                                                   | This Year        | Last Year        |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Regular collections – this week                   | \$ 1,455.00      | \$ 365.00        |
| Regular collections – year to date                | \$ 104,028.69    | \$ 96,326.73     |
| <br>Budget                                        | <br>\$183,767.00 | <br>\$178,431.00 |
| Less: expended to date                            | ( 91,990.53)     | ( 80,446.70)     |
| Less: cash balance                                | ( 65,320.27)     | ( 65,728.38)     |
| Receipts needed to meet budget                    | \$ 26,456.20     | \$ 32,255.92     |
| Avg. offering per Sunday needed<br>to meet budget | \$ 1,323         | \$ 1,613         |



#### Psalm 19

The heavens declare  
 the glory of God; the skies  
 proclaim the work of his hands.  
 Day after day they pour forth speech;  
 night after night they reveal knowledge.  
 They have no speech, they use no words;  
 no sound is heard from them.  
 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
 their words to the ends of the world.  
 In the heavens God has pitched  
 a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom  
 coming out of his chamber,  
 like a champion rejoicing to  
 run his course. It rises at one  
 end of the heavens and makes its  
 circuit to the other;  
 nothing is deprived  
 of its warmth.

**West Zion Mennonite Church**  
 Moundridge, KS  
 Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

August 16, 2026

## **West Zion Announcements**

*Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon*

**1. Welcome to West Zion! If you are a visitor here, we invite you to fill out a yellow visitor card found at the end of each bench and drop into the offering box at the back of the sanctuary (there are also cards by the offering box).**

**2. Welcome back Pastor Mike!** We are thankful for the gains in healing and that you are back in the office and preaching again!

**3. Welcome and thank you** to Layton and Grady for helping us with music this morning! Layton is the grandson of Jay and Vicky Kessler and Grady is a friend accompanying on the guitar.

**4. The next Church Chat** will be Sunday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Topics to discuss will be the August 30 Acts Experiment, the church air conditioning concerns, the overflow, and other topics as needed. This is a time for honest conversations about your joys and concerns on topics related to the church.

**5. Pastor Mike** will begin leading **Bible Study on Wednesday**, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet downstairs. Come dive into the Word!

**6. The next Men's 2717 breakfast** will be Saturday, August 29 at 8:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet can be found in the foyer.

**7. New Addresses for your yearbook:**

Samantha Strausz  
1400 Old Claflin Rd  
203 West Hall  
Manhattan, KS 66506

Kreighton & Lexi Kanitz  
1002 S. National Ave, Apt. 8  
Fort Scott, KS 66701

Kendrick & Kaleigh Bell  
325 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Sterling, KS 67579

**8. The Acts Experiment:** Pastor Mike and the Worship Team would like to use Fifth Sundays to reflect on what worship might have looked like in Acts 2:42-47. For worship on August 30, our main goal will be

to focus on who God is and allow the Holy Spirit to lead. We will have prayer, a message, opportunity to share, communion, and a potluck meal. **There will be no bulletin but a list of announcements will be available.** Please keep this service in prayer.

**9. There are several persons** in our church who need a ride to Sunday School and/or church on Sunday mornings. They all live in Moundridge. If you would be willing to offer transportation, visit with Connie Graber and she will set up a schedule.

**10. New Books in the Library:**

The Shack by William Paul Young: In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant, the story wrestles with the timeless question "Where is God in a world filled with unspeakable pain?"

My Beloved by Jan Karon: A mystery evolves after a Christmas love letter is missing.

Where We Belong by Kim Vogel Sawyer: Heartwarming tale of love and determination from New York to Marion, KS. The Orphan Train children are involved.

Life in a Jar by Jack Mayer: Story of high school students' project in finding unknown people. The project uncovers the true story of Irene Sender during World War II.

Mascot on a Mission and Wolves Can't Fly by Dan Meers: experiences and testimony of the former KC Chiefs mascot.

## **General Announcements**

**11. Celebrate Senior Citizens!** Pine Village will honor and celebrate National Senior Citizens Days on Friday, August 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wellness Center. The Mayor will officially sign and present the proclamation and a light brunch will follow. All are invited to help recognize the wisdom, experience and contributions of the Moundridge senior community.

**12. Kit bags needed at MCC!** The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is running critically low on these sewn bags. Consider hosting a kit bag making event with your family or church; you sew them and MCC will add the strings to tie them. Contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) for instructions and questions.

**13. STEP MC Fundraiser!** A BBQ meal will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31 at West Zion to help raise funds for STEP MC. Mark your calendar and plan to get a delicious meal.