

West Zion Mennonite Church

August 9, 2026

Prelude Carla Stucky

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

****Songs** *Praise to the Lord the Almighty (video)*
Goodness of God (video)

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

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayer

Message "Are We Waiting Too Long?" Pastor Jim Burns
Joel 2:12-17 (ESV)

****Sending Song** *Shall we gather at the river HWB 615 (vss. 1&4)*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

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

Pastor Mike as he continues to heal
Crysta Guhr's nephew, Kaden, beginning a journey of recovery
Lory Fisher & family as her brother-in-law, Jack Sensintaffar, died and her sister, Marie, faces decisions
Physical and mental health journeys
Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner



We wish a **Happy Birthday** to:

August 11: Daniel Kaufman, Hannah Wenthe

August 15: Brian Bretz

We wish a **Happy Anniversary** to:

August 12: Will & Ellen Kaufman

August 13: Melvin & Jan Graber

Next Sunday, August 16

Greeter(s): Sharon Gehring

Nursery Help:

Worship Leader: Vicky Kessler

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

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Layton Kessler and Grady Rainey

Message: Pastor Mike Hiebert

Coming Events and Church Use

August 9: Baptism at Jay Kessler's, 6:00 p.m.
August 10: NO PV lunch w/ pastor, STEP MC 4-8 p.m., NO KIGG
August 17: PV lunch w/ pastor, STEP MC 4-8 p.m., NO KIGG
August 19: Church Council 7:00 p.m.
August 23: Church Chat 6:30 p.m.
August 30: Fifth Sunday Acts Experiment for worship
August 31: STEP MC BBQ fundraiser 5-7, FH & kitchen reserved

August 2 attendance: 38

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

Secretary Carla Stucky
Office Hours: Thursdays 9 am – Noon, 1 – 4 pm
Cell: 620-386-0414
Email: secretary@westzionmc.org

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 2,299.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 102,573.69	\$ 95,961.73
 Budget	 \$183,767.00	 \$178,431.00
Less: expended to date	(88,484.48)	(79,737.96)
Less: cash balance	<u>(67,371.32)</u>	<u>(66,072.04)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 27,911.20	\$ 32,621.00
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,553



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

August 9, 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. Baptism tonight, Sunday August 9! Come to Jay and Vicky Kessler's (558 Park Place) at 6:00 p.m. for the baptism of Daniel Bowen and Melvin Graber. Light snacks and drinks will be served. Bring a lawn chair if possible. Consider carpooling with others as parking will be limited. Come and celebrate!

3. I am getting better (slowly but surely!). Thank you to everyone for prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and texts! They are helping me greatly!!! My goal is to be back in the office this week but am unclear what that will look like yet. - **Pastor Mike**

You can continue to call or text as needed and scheduled visits are welcomed. Continue to pray for healing!

4. The Acts Experiment: As we walk through Acts, 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. On the next fifth Sunday, August 30, our main goal in the worship service will be to focus on who God is and allow the Holy Spirit to lead and direct. We will have prayer, a message, opportunity to share or reflect, fellowship and communion, and serve a potluck meal after worship. There will be no bulletin but a list of announcements will be available. Please keep this special service in prayer.

5. 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. Thank you for your consideration.

6. 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 Sendler 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.

7. The weekly **Wednesday Bible Study** that was to start on August 5 will be postponed. Watch the bulletin for a new beginning date.

8. KIGG (Knock, Invite, Give, Go) will begin again in September! We meet at the church at 6:30 to go out to more neighborhoods and doors, ending at 7:30 p.m. We have knocked on over 130 so far! You are also invited to come sit in the sanctuary and pray instead.

General Announcements

9. Kit bags needed at MCC! It's school kit season which means thousands of kit bags are needed to hold the school supplies and serve as backpacks for the recipients. 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 Brocia at brociamueller@mcc.org for instructions and questions.

10. 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 and support a great cause!

11. Bierocks! Pre-orders until Monday, August 10th. You may order a half dozen for \$20 or a dozen for \$35. Pick up a form in the foyer or order online at <https://www.pinevillageks.org/shop>. Pre-order pick up will be on August 14th from 3-6pm **OR** during the dinner at Pine Village Wellness Center. The Pine Village Benefit Day Bierock Dinner is on August 14th from 5:30-7pm! Dinner is \$7 and you can add an extra bierock for only \$3 more!