

# Harvest Mission Sunday

First Mennonite Church of Christian

West Zion Mennonite Church

Eden Mennonite Church

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**Prelude**

Candy Unrau



**Welcome**

Pastor Dianne Schmidt



**Call to Worship**

Pastors

Litany: *Declare God's Marvelous Works* by Patricia J. Shelly



**Opening Song 10,000 Reasons**

Eden Worship Band



**Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 8:1-11

Pastor Pete Emery



**Time with Children**

Pastor Brad Roth



**Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 4:1-6, 14-16

Pastor Pete Emery



**Song**

*Let Us Build a House*



**Introduction of Guest Speaker**



**Message**

Sara Wenger Shenk

"Are we tongue-tied about faith, and if so, why does it matter?"



**Song of Response HWB 327**

*Great Is thy Faithfulness*



**Prayers of the People**



**Announcements**



**Closing Song**

*And All the People Said Amen*



**Benediction**



**Postlude**

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We welcome Sara Wenger Shenk, former president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary as our guest preacher. All adults are invited to stay for Sunday school in the sanctuary following worship as we explore further with Sara about why we struggle to talk about faith and encouragement to notice and name God's work in the world.

### **Eden Remember in Prayer**

**Joe Lichti:** Newton Medical Center

**Marilyn Preheim:** Under Hospice care at Pine Village

**Gary and Bo Howard,** grieving after the death of Gary's brother, Johnnie Howard, on Tuesday, November 9.

**WDC:** Give thanks for WDC's online book discussion this Thursday, focusing on *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*, and pray for wisdom as we reckon with the legacy that continues to have devastating effects on Indigenous Peoples around the globe.

### **Eden Mennonite Church Announcements**

**Glenna Schrag passed away on Monday, November 8.** Memorial service and burial were held on Saturday, November 13. We extend our sympathy to her husband Kenny and the rest of the family.

**Irvin Harms passed away on Monday, November 8.** Memorial service and burial will be on Friday, November 19, 10:30 a.m. We extend our sympathy to his wife Evelyn and the rest of the family.

**Sing, Sing, Praise and Sing!** Get ready to join our voices together in praise and gratitude as we dedicate the new hymnal during worship on Nov 21. The Worship Commission is excited to announce that 132 new hymnals have arrived, and we are ready to transition to *Voices Together*. While we wait for funds to purchase enough hymnals for the pew racks, the hymnals will be stored on 3 rolling carts that will be placed at the doors of the sanctuary beginning November 21. The congregation is asked to pick up hymnals from the 3 carts, carry them into the sanctuary for worship and return the hymnals to the cart following the worship service. Everyone is encouraged to share hymnals when possible so that there are enough for all to use during worship. Current songbooks will be removed from the pew racks and placed on tables at the north end of fellowship hall. Anyone is welcome to take copies home to keep. The Worship Commission thanks all who have contributed to the hymnal fund thus far to make this transition possible!

**Sunday school classes with mission partners:** Please plan to take an offering for your mission partners on Nov.14. Give the money to Neva Kaufman or take it to the church office. Make checks to Eden with the name of your mission partner in the memo line.

**MCC Meat Canning** is Monday, Nov. 15. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or contact Brandon Kaufman 620-386-0986.

### **Looking Ahead**

**November 15:** MCC Meat Canning

**November 15:** 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission mtg. at church

**November 18:** 7:00 p.m. Education/Discipleship mtg.

### **First Mennonite Church Announcements**

**You are invited** to join us in a celebration of the up-coming arrival of a new son in the lives of Arturo Vivanco, Jr. and Trinady Avalos. Due to the presence of COVID in our lives, we will not be doing the usual gathering with food and fellowship. Instead, we will have a table in the foyer to receive gifts, cards, and well wishes starting November 7 and concluding November 21 when Arturo, Jr. and Trinady will be invited to pick up items collected.

**Meat Canning** for MCC will take place on November 15, at the MCC Center in N. Newton. The signup sheet is on the south bulletin board. There is an article on the south bulletin board about last year's canning.

**Sunday, November 28 "Hanging of the Greens"**. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. to decorate the church for Christmas. After the decorating is done, for those that want to stay, we will have a soup supper. Bring a pot of soup, any kind. Crackers, dessert and drinks will be furnished.

### **West Zion Church Announcements**

**Next Sunday, November 21**, the West Zion congregation is invited to a potluck meal following worship. Table service and drinks will be provided. Following the meal, we will hold our **Annual Budget Meeting** where the 2022 budget will be presented and members will vote on it.

**A hymn sing** will take place on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in West Zion Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested (community and West Zion) is invited to come and sing your favorites.

**Yearbook change:** Carl and Tracy Duffman's new address is 110 James St. in Moundridge and their landline number is 620-345-2462. The cell numbers stay the same. Please make this change in your yearbook.

**The Name Change Committee (NCC) presented a proposal** to Council on 10/27/21 to change the name of our church to "Eastside Fellowship." Council approved moving forward with this name. NCC has put the name change proposal along with answers to frequently asked questions in your church mailboxes. An informational and storytelling meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The vote to change our name will take place on Sunday, January 23 at the Annual Meeting. Continue to pray for this process, the NCC Committee and our congregation.

**MCC meat canning** will be Monday, November 15. Sign-up sheets are in the West Zion church foyer.

**Christian Homemakers will again collect used greeting cards** for the St. Jude Children's Project. Put the entire card into the box on the foyer shelf at West Zion.

**Christian Homemakers will meet November 18** from 1:00-5:00 p.m. for a work afternoon and December 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Sharon Gehring's home for a **Christmas gathering with finger foods**. All women of the church are welcome to come for fellowship.

### **Next Sunday, November 21 at West Zion**

**10:00 AM:** Prayer Lab in Conf. Rm

**Message:** Pastor Brad

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad

**Greeter (s):** Geneva Wedel

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service

**Accompanist:** Carla Stucky

**Scripture:** Pastor Brad

**Singers:** Jennifer & Lexi

### **Coming Events at West Zion**

Nov. 15: MCC Meat Canning

Nov. 18: Christian Homemakers work day 1-5 PM

Nov. 21: Noon potluck meal and budget meeting

Dec. 5: Christian Homemakers meet at Sharon Gehring's

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

Jan. 15: Name change informational & storytelling meeting at 7 PM

Jan. 23: Annual meeting and vote on name change

### **West Zion birthdays/anniversaries**

November 14: Bo Bachman

November 16: Clark & Connie Graber