

17. Hesston College presents the Christmas-themed one-act English opera ***Amahl and the Night Visitors*** Thurs., Nov. 28 at 8 pm., and Sat., Nov. 30 at 4 pm., in the Hesston Mennonite Church Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students, and can be purchased through the Hesston College Bookstore by calling 620-327-8105, online at books.hesston.edu or at the door prior to performances.

18. The Wichita Chamber Chorale will perform its annual Christmas program as part of the **Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts** season at 7:30 pm., Thurs., Dec. 5, on the Hesston College campus in the Hesston Mennonite Church. The concert also features the Wichita Brass Quintet. Purchase tickets by calling 620-327-8158. Or email hesstonbethel.org .

19. **Weds., Dec. 4**—Sing along to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*, 11 am., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*, scores provided, and all are welcome

Fri., Dec. 6 – Christmas Gala Jazz Concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, 8 pm., *Krehbiel Auditorium*

Sun., Dec. 8 – Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 pm. on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria

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Our Mission : God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.
Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. On **Dec. 1**, Pastor Brad begins teaching “**Intro to the Bible**” during the Adult Sunday School hour. Join us as we dive into God’s word.
2. I will print the **Dec. 1 bulletin** on Tues. Nov. 26. Please have all announcements into the church office by Mon. Nov. 25.
3. **Sun., Dec 1st – Hanging of Greens at 6pm.** Come join in preparing our church for Christmas. We will have an informal time of decorating follow-up by a brief time to reflect and sing a few Christmas songs. Bring a finger food and join a great time of fellowship for the “Tasting Bee” in the basement following.
4. Everyone is invited to **Christmas Open House** at the Pohls, 224 S. Wedel, on Sat. Dec. 7 from 2-5 pm.
5. We extend a warm **Thank You** to everyone who helped make this year's Community Thanksgiving Meal a success. We had delicious food, great music and about 300 smiling faces as we all joined together to share this time together. --Jeff Snyder - On behalf of the Meal Organizers and the Community of Moundridge.
6. Subscriptions to **The Mennonite** are due, and are \$39 per year. Make checks out to West Zion church, in the memo put “the Mennonite”, give the check to the church secretary by Sun. Dec. 8.
7. A 2013 yearbook is on the table for updates. If you wish to recycle your old yearbook put it in the box under the table in the foyer.

General Announcements

8.No Life Enrichment at Bethel Thanksgiving Break

9. Everyone is invited to join First Mennonite Church, Newton Choir to perform Handel's Messiah or, come hear the concert. The concert is Sun., Dec. 15 at 7 pm. Rehearsals are Sun. from 2:30 - 4 pm. in sanctuary. The concert includes a 60 plus voice choir, orchestra and the following soloists: Amy Schroeder, Kay Schroeder, Christopher Kliewer, and Matthew Schloneger. A free will offering taken.

10. **Region 3 Mennonite Disaster Service Annual Meeting** is Nov. 22-23 at the Memorial Road Mennonite Brethren Church in Edmond, OK. See the bulletin board for more information.

11. **Comforter Tops Needed.** The 2014 Comforter Blitz is March 10 and 11, 2014. We need of 60 x 80 (or 82 x 90) pieced tops to use for the blitz. Bring bright and colorful cotton or cotton blend pieced fabric to the MCC Center to be set aside for the blitz!

12. This year's **Winter Luminary Walk**, at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston focuses on the theme "The Nutcracker", everyone is invited . The Walk is Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec.6 and 7. from 5:30 to 8 pm. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 students, and \$2 for ages 3 to 15. Proceeds go toward maintenance of the arboretum. This year's event features life-sized Nutcrackers and music from the Nutcracker ballet along the walking path, s'mores at the bonfire, and holiday concerts at the Prairie Pavilion from Angel Feet Ministry, the Suzuki Strings and Dance Ensembles of the Bethel College Academy for the Performing Arts, Hesston College Bel Canto Singers. Call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org for more information.

13. “**Christmas Tea**” at Eden Mennonite Church is Sat. Dec. 7, at 9 am. More information on the bulletin board.

14. **Help the People of the Philippines:** Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has begun its response to Typhoon Haiyan, providing funding for immediate needs and supporting partners in an initial assessment team and determining needs for long-term recovery. To donate to this effort, please go to mcc.org/typhoon-response. Thank you for your prayers for people grieving and suffering in the storm’s wake.

15. **Start here...and jump into the biblical text!** Join Michele Hershberger and Hesston College students for two weekends as they learn about the **Psalms**, Paul’s **epistles** and **I Corinthians verse by verse!** The weekends are January 24-26 and March 20-23 (includes Thursday evening) on the college campus. Call [620-327-8290](tel:620-327-8290) to register and for info on costs, discounts and other details.

16. **Everyone is Invited to A Prairie Bluegrass Christmas:** Dec.1, 6:30 PM at Whitestone Mennonite Church. More info is on the bulletin board.

~We Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week

November 27: Ken Becker & Jerod Kaufman

November 29: Rick Kaufmann

~We Wish "**Happy Anniversary**" this week

November 27: Larry & Karen Loganbill

Joys and Concerns

Gib Koehn and family at the passing of Irene.

Tyler Kukuk and the Kukuk family. Tyler is a preemie baby born to a family in Moundridge. He is currently in KC receiving treatment from various complication.

Pray for those affected by tornadoes across the Midwest, including those in Washington, IL, where many of Pastor Brad's family live.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Corin Wenger is participating in the mission training program of PROMINOA, a mission program of the Argentina Mennonite Church, and helping with youth ministry. He serves through a partnership that also includes North Central Mennonite Conference and MMN.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Give thanks to God who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing – chosen in Christ to be holy and blameless, forgiven in accord with the riches of God's grace, and sealed by the Holy Spirit for our eternal redemption (Ephesians 1:3-14).

Attendance: Sunday School:25 Worship: 63

Next Week – December 1

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Pastor Brad

Greeters: Will & Ellen Kaufman

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Karen Loganbill

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

Nov. 27: **No** Choir Practice

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving, Office Closed

Nov. 29: Office Closed

Dec. 1: Hanging of the Greens 6 pm

Dec. 4: 5:45-6:15 pm MYM and WZ supper, Choir Practice 7-8 pm

Dec. 7: "Christmas Tea" @ Eden Mennonite Church, 9 am

Christmas Open House at the Pohl's 2-5 pm

Dec. 8: Christian Homemakers Christmas get together 6 pm @
Connie Graber's

Dec. 11: 5:45-6:15 pm MYM and WZ supper, Choir Practice 7-8 pm

Dec. 15: Pre School Christmas Program 2 pm

Dec. 17: Worship Team Meeting 7 pm

Dec. 18: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM and parents and program,
Choir Practice 7-8 pm

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 25-27: Office Closed

Dec. 27: Basement in use

Dec 29: Harold Thieszen preaching

Jan. 19: Noon Meal and Annual Meeting

