

Pastor Brad Roth

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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.

2. The **elevator** is intended for no more than 2 people at once.
Thanks-The Trustees.

3. Pastor Brad is teaching **“Intro to the Bible”** during the Adult Sunday School hour. Join us as we dive into God’s word. There are books available from the Western District Loan Library about this topic on the library shelves in the foyer.

5 **Christmas Eve program practice** is Wed., Dec. 18, 6 PM and Mon., Dec. 23, 9 AM . On Christmas Eve, the service begins with the prelude at 6 PM with the service, “Welcome the Light” following at 6:30 pm.

6. 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.

8. Starting in **January**, we will ask those who have announcements to come up to the lectern before service begins. (If it is difficult for you to go the lectern, we will bring you a microphone). This should make announcements move more quickly. If you have any questions, please check with a member of Council. Thanks.

9. **Video recordings** of our worship services are now available for check out in the foyer.

10. **West Zion is now on YouTube!** You can catch Pastor Brad’s latest sermon any time by clicking on the West Zion Mennonite YouTube channel or following the link from our website:
www.westzionmc.org.

General Announcements

11. **Angel Tree:** If you would like to help a family there are Angel Trees located at Moundridge City Office and at Cradle to Crayons. The Angels are ready for pick up after Tues. Dec.10. We would like the Angels all distributed by Fri. Dec. 20. Please have your wrapped gift with the Angel you chose attached to the gift returned to either the city office or Cradle to Crayons by Mon. Dec. 23, at 5 PM. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Christina Graber at 345-2390 or cradletocrayons@mtelco.net or Pat Krehbiel at the Senior Center at 345-2729

14. Everyone is invited to **Handel’s Messiah** at the First Mennonite Church of Newton Sun., Dec. 15 at 7 pm. The concert includes First Mennonite’s choir plus community members, an orchestra , and soloists: Amy Schroeder, Kay Schroeder, Christopher Kliever, and Matthew Schloneger. A free- will offering will be taken.

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 the **MCC Christmas Open House Tues. Dec. 17**, from 3-6 pm. MCC Central States building is located at 121 E. 30th in North Newton. Meet Michelle Armster, our new Transitional Executive Director, dedicate our new solar panels at 4pm, visit with MCC staff, tour the MCC center and enjoy lots of Christmas goodies

Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship share their annual living nativity, **Night in the Barn**, Dec. 21 and 22 from 6-8 pm. Visitors are welcome to gather around a bonfire and enjoy hot drinks as part of the evening’s activities. Admission is free, donations for the youth group are accepted. More information is on the bulletin board.

Pine Village will host a **Dementia Educational Series** beginning Jan.7 from 7-8 p.m. This five session series focuses on how dementia works, stages, and resources available for caregivers and family members. Series dates are: Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4, 18 and March 11, all are from 7-8 p.m. in the Pine Village Wellness Center. The series is free to attend, but space is limited. Call [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901) to sign up; or for more information visit www.pinevillageks.org.

~Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week
December 15: James B. Schmidt
December 17: Brad Roth
December 20: Brandie Foster

~We Wish "**Happy Anniversary**" this week
December 15: B.C. & Joyce Dirks

Joys and Concerns

Marja Dubrecht, Sharon Gehring's niece, undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.

Gerry's brother Alfred in Akron, PA

Roseanne's daughter Amanda, suffering from whooping cough and pneumonia

Lorraine Kaufman hospitalization for her medical problems

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter of MMN request prayer for the Round Chapel where they worship and serve in the East End of London. Pray for unity of vision as members discern how God is calling the congregation to proactive discipleship.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

In the midst of this busy season, attend one of the many special programs that celebrate the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Celebrate in song, art, drama and worship! Thank God for church staff and volunteers who have dreamed and planned and offered their gifts to make these celebrations come alive.

Attendance: Sunday School: 40 Worship:65

Next Week – December 22

9:30 am: Sunday School
Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman
Message: Pastor Brad
Greeters: Terry & Shery Kessler
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel
10:30 am: Worship Service
Scripture: Pastor Brad
Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Music: Chancel Choir

Coming Events

Today: 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, Christmas Eve Practice 6 PM, Choir Practice 7-8 pm
Dec. 23: Christmas Eve Practice 9 AM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service 6 PM
Dec. 25-27: Office Closed
Dec 29: Harold Thieszen preaching
Jan. 8: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM
Jan. 13: Christian Homemakers meet at the church at noon to carpool to eat out at Newton and then to work at the MCC Center at 1:30
Jan. 19: Noon Meal and Annual Meeting