

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School 10:30 am: Morning Worship

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Words for silent meditation: *Praise the Lord from the earth...young men and women alike, old and young together! (Psalm 148:7,12)*

Prelude Donna Stucky

 ** O come, all ye faithful HWB 212

Announcements

Welcome and call to worship (on screen) Duane Becker

Greeting in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song** Good Christian friends, rejoice HWB 210

 What child is this HWB 215

The Old Testament: Isaiah 63:7-9 Harvey Thiessen
 Pg 741

Special Music Gesú Bambino Jan Dyck and Audrey Evans
 (Pietro A. Yon)

The Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 Harvey
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Message "Jesus Christ comes into our world" Harold Thieszen

Song of Response

 Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light HWB 203

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Angels we have heard on high HWB 197

****Benediction**

****Postlude** Donna Stucky

A Word about our Worship: During the Christmas season, we celebrate the Word become flesh, the Light come into the darkness, the birth of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

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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. Mid-Week Oasis begins Jan. 8th 6:30-7:00 PM. Join us for a time of spiritual refreshment through song, Scripture, and prayer!
3. 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.
4. Annual reports for 2013 are due in the church office by Sun. Jan. 26
5. 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.
6. **Video recordings** of our worship services are now available for check out in the foyer.
7. **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

8. **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.
9. 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.

10. **Pine Village** announced exciting news today. It recently received zero deficiencies (perfect score) on its annual survey from the Kansas Department of Aging for its Assisted Living Cottages. "The annual survey substantiates that we are achieving quality of care for our residents, which is one of our top priorities," said Jim Huxman, Administrator. "Not only does the survey attest to the care, but our Assisted Living consistently remains full."

11. **Apply now for college scholarships.** If your family uses Everence Financial service, you may apply for a college scholarship for next year. Everence wants to help you make full use of your God-given talents. More details on the church bulletin board or see Dale Jantzen. Applications due by Feb. 28, or visit Everence.com/scholarships .

12. Sun., Jan. 12 at 4 PM, The Stray Birds, a folk trio performs at the Prairie Window Concert Series, at Dyck Arboretum Hesston. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

13. Sun., Jan. 5, at 3:30 PM a gallery walk in the museum with Rachel Epp Buller and John Thiesen, is scheduled. This is the closing day of Kauffman Museum's special exhibit, "Art that Worked: WPA Art in Newton 1935-1943".

~Wish “**Happy Birthday**” this week

December 30: Peter Stucky

January 1: Virginia Guhr

January 4: Shelly Loganbill

~We Wish “**Happy Anniversary**” this week

January 4: Bob & Sharon Gehring

Joys and Concerns

Edna Anderson, recovering at home after an infection

Those traveling during the Christmas holiday.

Marilyn Decker, Shery Kessler’s older sister, who is undergoing a biopsy

Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek the Spirit’s leading as we share our gifts of service.

Prayer requests from the Larsons

Impact of testimony films (one video had 50,000 downloads in 6 months)

Continue coaching w/ people in nearby country

The start of workshops in schools

Young people, such as Masoud, Kareem, Jassim and

Dina, from previous workshops

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

The Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, a MMN partner, started as a mostly rural denomination, but is now focusing on creating urban congregations, too. Pray for the Mennonite witness as they share Jesus’ healing and salvation in cities.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Many WDC congregations are immersed in a Year of the Bible, and some are just beginning. Pray that God will guide in planning in Bible studies, preaching, worship, singing and art. May we approach the Scriptures with awe and thanksgiving in the New Year.

Attendance: Worship: 74

Next Week – January 5

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Brad Roth

Message: Brad Roth

Greeters: Mel & Kathi Becker

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Ellen Kaufman

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Music: Praise Songs

Coming Events

Jan 2: Men’s Ensemble 7 PM, Praise Team Practice 8 PM.

Jan. 8: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis,
7 pm Men’s Ensemble

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. 15: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis,
Women’s Ensemble 7 PM

Jan. 19: Noon Meal, Fund raiser for Mennonite College Fellowship
and Annual Meeting

Jan. 22: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis,
7 pm Women’s Ensemble

Jan. 29: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis,
7 pm Chancel Choir