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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** Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 PM. Join us for a time of spiritual refreshment through song, Scripture, and prayer!
2. 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.
3. **Annual reports** for 2013 are due in the church office by Sun. Jan. 26.
4. Readers and worship leaders--please watch the bulletin to see when you have been scheduled to serve. A schedule through June will be in your boxes soon.

General Announcements

5. **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.
6. If your family uses Everence Financial service, **apply now for college** scholarships for next year. More details on the bulletin board or see Dale Jantzen. Applications due by Feb. 28, or visit Everence.com/scholarships.
7. The Mennonite congregations of Buhler and Inman invite everyone to join them in an **Anabaptist Mennonite Historical Series, Buhler and Inman Kansas Region** beginning Jan. 15 through March 12. More information is on the bulletin board.
8. **Retiring soon?** On Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, and April 15, at 4 and 7 PM, Everence Financial Advisors will present an introduction to Medicare and Social Security. Robert Wall, financial advisor with Everence will provide instructions on how to enroll, explain how continuing to work affects your benefits and answer related question. Everence is located at 371 N. Old Highway 81 in Hesston., .
9. **Reading the Bible in an Instagram World** is the theme for this year's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series, **Feb. 21 to 23**, at Hesston College. In today's social media-saturated world, we hunger

for something real, lasting and relevant. Connecting with the MC USA Year of the Bible, this year's conference provides a fresh take on the college's Biblical Literature curriculum. Presenters are Michele Hershberger, Marion Bontrager, Ted Swartz and Jeremy Kempf.

10. **Bethel College's annual celebration** of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., includes a screening of the **77-minute documentary, *The Loving Story*, Sun., Jan. 19, 7 PM., Krehbiel Auditorium**, and a **keynote address** by Ewuare Osayande, Anti-Oppression ministry coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee U.S., **Mon., Jan. 20, 7 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium**.

11. At Lindsborg at the **Birger Sandzén Gallery, Jan. 14-Feb. 23**, retired Bethel College art faculty members Bob Regier and Paul Friesen have an exhibit of **pastels and wood sculpture**. Artist reception is Sun., Jan. 19, 2-4 PM. More information at www.sandzen.org.

12. **MCC has a number of Rep and Area Director Leadership Openings for 2014**. These positions carry primary administrative responsibility for MCC programs around the world and are central to the work of MCC. Anyone interested in serving and finding job descriptions go to serve.mcc.org. Opening include: MCC Reps in Democratic Republic of Congo, North East Asia (China, ROK, DPRK), and Egypt; and Area Directors for Southern Africa and Central West Africa. Direct questions, inquiries or candidate suggestions to Susan Wenger, HR AA-International Leadership Placement, susanwenger@mcc.org, [717-859-1152](tel:717-859-1152), ext. 204.

13. **A Year of the Bible Opportunity:** John D. Roth, professor of history at Goshen College, will teach and preach at First Mennonite, Newton, on Feb. 1 and 2. On Sat. Feb. 1, John will lead a discussion on "Testing the Spirits: Why the Reformation Debate over the Bible Still Matters Today." A brunch is provided. On Sunday morning, Roth will preach a sermon entitled, "By Whose Authority? Witnessing to the Living Word in a Skeptical World." Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to [316-283-0273](tel:316-283-0273) if you plan to attend the brunch

14. **Peace Sunday at Eden Mennonite is Feb. 2**. Everyone is invited to hear Sister Helen Prejean bring the sermon during worship at 9:30 AM on "Dead Man Walking--The Journey Continues" and respond to questions during Sunday school.

15. Opportunities for people to serve at the **MCC sale** are posted on the bulletin board.

~Wish “**Happy Birthday**” this week

January 20: Chet Koehn

January 21: Curtis Guhr & Rebecca Boltz

January 23: Leon Guhr

January 25: Colton Kessler

~Wish “**Happy Birthday**” the week to

January 20: Verle & Shirley Warner

January 21: Jerome & Bonnie Kaufman

Joys and Concerns

Bill and Sharon Kempf—as Sharon is back at Showalter.

Matthew, son-in-law of Dave and Zettie Wedel, deployed again to Afghanistan.

Ron & Marilyn Decker (Sherry Kessler’s sister)

Remember our mission partners, the Larsons

Wayne’s birthday is January 30—sign card in foyer.

Pray for their openness and ability to act on God’s leading in his strength.

Pray for deepening relationships with Gulf young people.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Mark and Mary Hurst of MMN are grieving many losses. Mark’s father died Thanksgiving morning, and a special Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand colleague died a few weeks later. Yet another great sorrow is the loss of the 1643 Community house. Pray for comfort and hope for Mark and Mary.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for the Houston Mennonite Church as they develop plans to build new facilities.

Attendance: Sunday School: 41 Worship: 86

Next Week – January 26

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Brad Roth

Greeters: Bob & Sharon Gehring

Candle Lighter: Eduardo Martinez

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Wynona Becker

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Music: Women’s Ensemble

Coming Events

Today: 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. 26: VBS meeting 2 PM

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