

15. We are on the countdown for the Ten Thousand Village

Festival Sale in back of Prairie Harvest, Newton, Kansas.

Dates are:

Thursday, Dec. 4 - 9 AM - 8 PM

Friday, Dec. 5 - 9 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, Dec. 6 – 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, Dec. 7 – 1 PM - 4 PM

16. Events at Bethel

Weds., Dec. 3 – Sing along to Christmas portions of Handel’s *Messiah*, 11 AM., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*, with Bethel College soloists, conductors and instrumentalists; scores provided, and all are welcome.

Fri., Dec. 5 – Christmas Gala Jazz Concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, 8 PM., *Krehbiel Auditorium*

Sat., Dec. 6 – 5 Places of Christmas, 10 AM.- 4 PM., *Luyken Fine Arts Center and Kauffman Museum* on the Bethel College campus. FAC: Bethel College Women’s Association presents a variety of Christmas collections (Santas, angels, stars, books, villages, trees and other symbols of the season) from 25 local contributors. KM: indoor scavenger hunt with a chance to win an entire crèche; museum director Annette LeZotte speaking on “Nuns and Nativity Cradles” at 11 a.m. Free admission to all “5 Places.”

Sun., Dec. 7 – Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 PM on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria

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

Pastor Brad Roth

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Thurs. 1-4 pm

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. The **directory** for the yearbook is printed and posted on the table in the foyer. If there are additions or corrections please make changes.

2. **Tonight, 6 PM, Hanging of the Greens.** Join us to decorate the church and sing carols. Tasting Bee to follow. Please bring a snack to share for the Tasting Bee.

3. Our White Christmas Project this year will go to Camp Mennoscah. Be thinking how you might be able to share with Camp Mennoscah this holiday season. Be looking for our Camp Mennoscah Christmas wish list set up in the foyer.

4. This year for the **Food Pantry** holiday baskets, West Zion is asked to provide money for hams. Last year they gave away 30 baskets. Please mark your check or envelope for Food Pantry and put it in the offering plate.

5. A Gifts Discernment Survey is in your box. Please prayerfully mark places where you would be willing to serve God and his church in 2015 and return the survey to the Pastor's box by Dec.7. Thanks!

6. Join us on Dec.7 during the SS hour for our second funeral workshop, "*Your Body is a Temple: Crafting God-Centered Funerals.*" We'll talk about what the body is and who it belongs to in the Christian vision of life, and why that matters for funerals. The Worship Team will explain more about the meaning of the funeral pall/casket quilt and take time for questions.

7. "**Sisters In Spirit**" of Eden Church invite the women of West Zion to the "**Christmas Tea**" Sat., Dec. 6 at 9 AM. Vada Snider, Karen Loucks, and Duane Graham present the program. RSVP by Nov. 30 to Denise Stucky 345-2591 or Eden Church Office 345-8320 or edenmc@mtelco.net. RSVP for Nursery love offering accepted.

8. **Ariane Bergen** continues to serve with MCC in Nicaragua. She suggests the following ways to support her:

- 1.) Donate to MCC or attend MCC events. (MCC; 21 S 12th St; Akron, PA 17501; or donate online)
- 2.) Donate to Ariane specifically by writing a check to MCC and writing in the memo line "Ariane Bergen - PDA" (MCC covers all of Ariane's

basic needs, like housing, food, and transport. Money given to Ariane's PDA - "Personal Drawing Account" - helps her cover "extras," like ½ of the cost of internet access and gym membership. Note: PDA donations are not tax deductible.)

3.) Pray!

4.) Write her a letter:

Ariane Bergen

Comite Central Menonita

Apartado 5594

9. Mission Team is sponsoring West Zion members/attenders who would like to go to the Rural Ministry Seminar on Jan.24, 8:00-12:00. Lunch is included. This seminar is especially designed for congregational lay leaders in a rural setting. It will explore the unique mission of the church in a rural context, focusing on questions of God's unique calling for rural congregations and what makes for successful rural ministry. For more info, see: <http://www.ambs.edu/academics/Rural-Ministry-Seminar.cfm> . Talk to Pastor Brad or Geneva to register.

General Announcements

10. Life Enrichment at Bethel Dec. 3

9:30 AM: *KPTS Educates, Engages, Entertains and Enriches Kansans*, Michelle Gors.

10:15: Coffee break with Christmas goodies

11:00: *Messiah* sing at Bethel College Mennonite Church

11. Everyone is welcome to attend this year's **Luminary Walk** from 5:30 to 8 PM. on Dec. 5 and 6. The theme is "Joy to the WORLD: A Multicultural Celebration" at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for members, senior citizens and college students, and \$2 for children ages 3 to 15. Call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org for more information.

12. The "Greencards" preform at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston for the next Prairie Window Concert. The concert is Sun., Dec.7 at 4 PM. Join us for an evening of great music and good food. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

13. Everyone is invited to Mennonite Central Committee's Christmas Open House on Tues., Dec. 9 from 4-6 PM at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th). Join us to meet the new people in MCC

Central States, visit with MCC alumni and at 4:30pm hear a reflection from Carol Duerksen about her recent MCC Learning Tour to Palestine/Israel. We'll have lots of Christmas goodies for you to enjoy while you're here!

14. Area Wide BRASS Advent Program – Everyone is invited to enjoy your favorite Christmas carols and melodies. The McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews is performing at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Sun., Dec. 7 at 5 PM. The Alexanderwohl Church is located one mile north of Goessel on K-15 hiway. Bring your friends for a festive Christmas Event.

~ Wish “**Happy Birthday**” this week

December 1: Terry Jantzen

December 5: Jeff Becker & Dorothy Toews

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

December 1: John & Harriet DeLay

Joys and Concerns

Taylor Stucky is staying in St. Louis for intensive outpatient treatment of OCD and anxiety. He thanks you for your many cards and prayers! His address is: Taylor Stucky, Water Tower Inn, 3545 Lafayette Ave, St. Louis, MO 63104

Karen's mother and stepfather in Colorado

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Nearly 50 participants are three months into their Mennonite Voluntary Service assignments, a Christian Service program of MMe. Pray for these young adults as they adapt to life in community and work in fields that include public health, immigration law, and home repair

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for David Stevens who is installed as pastor today at Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS.

Attendance: Sunday School: 28 Worship: 70

Sunday- Dec. 7 ***Second Sunday of Advent***

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Samson Petersen

Greeters: Bob Sharon Gehring

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Samson Petersen

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Connie Kaufman

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

Nov. 30: Hanging of the Greens 6 PM

Dec. 3: Choir 7 PM

Dec. 4: West Zion @ Pine Village 4 PM

Dec. 6: Dan & Becky Pohl Christmas open house 2 PM, everyone invited. 224 S. Wedel Moundridge

Dec. 7: Christian Homemakers Christmas get together at Randy Kessler's' 6 PM.

Dec. 9: Worship Team 4 PM

Dec. 10: Choir 7 PM

Dec. 11: Mission Team Meeting 7 PM

Dec. 17: Church Council 8 PM

Jan. 18: Annual Business Meeting

