

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah (Psalm 46:7,11).*

Prelude Carla Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Kaleigh Guhr

Welcome Vicky Kessler

May God, our refuge and strength, be with you all
/ **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, God is our refuge and strength STJ 26
 Psalm 46 (*congregation joins on last measure*)

Greeting in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song**

How firm a foundation HWB 567

Scripture John 10:1-10 Duane Becker
 Pg 1062

Children dismissed to Little Flock (for ages toddler - 1st grade)

Special Music "He is able" Kristi Porter

Message "I am the gate" (*I AM series*) Pastor Brad

Song of Response Jesus, Rock of ages HWB 515

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** A mighty fortress is our God HWB 165

****Benediction**

****Postlude** Carla Stucky

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

Sermon Notes

I am the gate

John 10:1-10

Theme

Take refuge in Jesus, lead the good and abundant life.

Key Verse

John 10:9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.
He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

Notes

A Prayer

Blessed God who alone is worthy of all our praise and adoration, by your Spirit, grant us refuge in the holy name of your Son Jesus.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

14. Bethel College Events

Sun., April 19, Dr. Robert E. Weems Jr. speaks at Kauffman

Museum, 3 PM. This is the third program connected to the exhibit "Sorting Out Race." Weems is Willard W. Garvey Distinguished Professor of Business History at Wichita State University and will speak on "Defining the 'Other': A History of Racial Stereotypes."

Sun., April 19, Bethel College Wind Ensemble at 7 PM with guests William Browning, baritone, and the McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews, *Memorial Hall*

DATE/TIME CHANGE: Fri., April 24 – Michelle Unruh senior piano recital, 6 PM., Ad Building chapel at Bethel College

Thurs., April 23, Artist reception for Student Art Exhibit, 6-8 PM. *outside Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center,*

Thurs., Fri. and Sat., April 23-25, spring play, *The Dining Room*, 7:30 PM., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (ticket purchase required); **Fri.,**

April 24, student research presentations beginning at 11 AM (see www.bethelks.edu for schedule and locations).

Sun., April 26, Kauffman Museum's Earth Day Adventure, 2 PM. *at the museum.* Children are invited to help launch a new collaborative project with Trees for Life/Books for Life International by participating in a brainstorming workshop with creative writing facilitator Gail Pryce. A representative from Trees for Life will also speak. For more information, contact Andi Schmidt Andres or Annette LeZotte at [316-283-1612](tel:316-283-1612).

Sun., April 26 – Bethel College Men's Ensemble, performance with Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, **7PM., Memorial Hall**

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

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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. Five pies are needed for the Pine Village Pulled Pork BBQ on April 25th. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Have pies at Pine Village by 2:30 PM on the 25th. Any kind of pie is welcome.
2. Sunday, April 16 is Mennonite Education Sunday. Peter Goerzen, chaplain at Bethel College, will lead Sunday School on the Roman Imperial context of the New Testament and will preach on journeying with the risen Lord. First Mennonite will join us for worship. Worship is followed by a meal, which will be a fundraiser for the FEWZ youth group--the combined Moundridge Mennonite youth headed to Kansas City for the Mennonite Church USA convention in July.
3. Please give a warm welcome to Kristi Porter and kids as Kristi brings special music today!
4. Join us for an open game night on May 24, 5:00-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Bring your favorite games and snacks to share. Consider inviting a non-church guest to join the fun.

General Announcements

5. Life Enrichment at Bethel April 22
9:30 AM-*Creating Curriculum for "Sorting out Race,"* Anette LeZotte
10:35-*Scandinavian Travels,* Craig and Cindy Simmons
11:30-*The Rewards and Challenges of Student Recruitment,* BC Admissions staff
6. Everence Financial will present an informational webinar, *Understanding long-term care insurance,* on Thurs., April 23, at 4 PM or 8 PM. (EDT). Financial Advisor Craig Foor, CLU[®], ChFC[®], CASL[®] will discuss how you can cover the high cost of long-term care – without wiping out your life savings. He'll also talk about ensuring quality of care and maintaining your independence. You'll get the information you need to make informed decisions. There will be time for your questions. To participate, contact your church's Everence Advocate or Melissa Short at Everence: [800\) 222-5054 ext. 3392](tel:8002225054) or melissa.short@everence.com
7. Multi-media arts program to celebrate Spring, Sun., April 19 at Bethel College Mennonite Church in N. Newton at 3 PM. "This is My Father's World – A Celebration of Beauty in Nature, Music and Art".

Presenters include Vada Snider, flute; Karen Loucks, piano; and Duane Graham, photography. Art by Bob Regier, humorous drawings by Jesse Graber and slides of Morocco by Susan Reimer. The program is free and open to the public. The freewill offering taken will benefit CASA: A Voice for Children. Sandra Bradley, CASA executive director, will speak briefly.

8. The final concert of Prairie Window Concert Series at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston, is Sun., April 19 at 4 PM. featuring indie folk rock duo Barnaby Bright. Join us for an evening of great music and good food. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Call 620-327-8127 to reserve seats.
9. The FloraKansas Spring Plant Sale is April 24-27, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Kansas' largest native plant sale offering many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. Memberships can be purchased on the day of the sale and participate in the members only sale on Thursday, April 23, 1 to 7 PM Current Dyck Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales. For more information, call [620-327-8127](tel:6203278127) or visit www.dyckarboretum.org.
10. Camp Mennoscah is looking for applicants for the following summer staff positions: lifeguard, nature, and crafts. These are leadership positions with a weekly stipend and room & board. Application forms can be found at www.campmennoscah.org under Resources. The people who hold these positions are vital to our camping ministry and have the opportunity to make a great impact on the lives of campers and other staff. It's an amazing and fun way to spend a summer!
11. Head cooks, kitchen helpers, and nurses are needed for Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps! The weeks we still need wonderful and incredible people vary, depending on the position. Contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:6202973290) for more information or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.
12. Retirees Retreat on April 27-29--There are still spaces available at Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Retreat. We're revisiting Ukraine with speakers Justina Neufeld, Keith Sprunger, and Karen McCabe-Juhnke, to name a few. There will also be time to enjoy the camp

grounds and share conversation over coffee/tea. Contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) to join the fun!

13. Hesston College Theatre hosts a summer theatre camp June 1-6 for middle school students ages 11 to 13. The workshops give participants opportunities to work in every aspect of staging a performance from creating the script to painting the set, working backstage, and performing. Registration is \$40. Financial assistance is available upon request. Register by May 11 online at hesston.edu/theatrecamp or by contacting Laura Kraybill at [620-327-8142](tel:620-327-8142) or laurak@hesston.edu.

~ Wish “**Happy Birthday**” this week
April 20: Rodney Dyck
April 21: Royce Jantz & Joyce Dirks

Joys and Concerns

Pete and Ruby Koehn, as Pete continues chemotherapy
Pete Koehn and family, at the passing of Pete’s sister-in-law,
Luella Koehn.

Earl Neufeld, as he continues chemotherapy.

Pastor Brad’s grandmother, who is on hospice care and recently
fell and broke her hip.

Harvey and Mary Graber, as Harvey recovers from respiratory issues
at Moundridge Mercy Hospital.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

JCS International, the umbrella agency through which MMN ministers
in Mongolia, is searching for an executive director. Kwai Lin Stephens
is no renewing her role when she completes her current term. Pray
that the person God is calling to this role will say, “Yes.”

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for wise discernment for the Search Committee and Chair
Sondra Bandy Koontz as they seek a new Executive Conference
Minister for WDC. Pray for candidates and their discernment as well.

Mission Signs

*The Mission Team is sponsoring this new bulletin blurb as a way to
encourage and equip our congregation for outreach. Each week, we'll
highlight a tip for how we can grow in our missional commitment at
West Zion.*

Research has shown that 40% of visitors make up their mind about a
church before they even see the pastor. Visitors will form an
impression about our friendliness within the first 2 minutes of worship.
Use those 2 minutes wisely-- greet someone new! (from "50 Ways to
Welcome New People" from churchleadership.com)

Sunday-April 26 2015 **Mennonite Education Sunday**

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Brad Roth

Message: Peter Goerzen

Candle Lighter: Mateo Roth

Greeter: Will & Ellen Kaufman

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Mateo Roth

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Ellen Kaufman

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

April 20: 7 PM @ Senior Center, Assoc. Churches Meeting

April 22: 7:30 PM Church Council,
Prayer 5-5:25 PM Conference room

April 26: 7 PM Mennonite Men’s Choir performing in Memorial Hall
at Bethel College N. Newton Bethel

April 29: Prayer 5-5:25 PM Conference room

April 30: 9 AM Worship Team, 7 PM Mission Team Meeting

May 3: 2 PM VBS Meeting, 7 PM Mennonite Men’s Choir
performing in Presser Hall at Bethany College in
Lindsborg.

May 6: Deacons meeting 4:30 PM

May 7: 4 PM Christian Discipleship Team Meeting

Attendance: Sunday School: 22 Worship: 60

