

14. Life Enrichment at Bethel College: September 23

9:30 AM: *Etcetera Shop:40 Years on Main Street Newton*, Cynthia Linscheid, manager

10:35: *Harvesting Solar Energy on My House Top*, Nelson Kilmer, Hesston.

11:30: *On the Paths to Pilgrimly: A life in Poetry*, Siobhan Scarry, visiting professor of literary studies, Bethel College.

15. Sunday, Oct. 4 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 4 PM., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. “Starry Night” features works by William Schuman, Carl Nielsen, Charles Ives, Vincent Persichetti and the world premiere of “Starry Night” by Michael Kallstrom.

16. **CHANGE IN DATE** – The October bird walk on Sand Creek Trail, on the Bethel College campus, which would normally happen the first Saturday of the month, will take place during Fall Festival, on the second **Saturday, Oct. 10, beginning at 7:30 AM** in the *Kauffman Museum parking lot*. Gregg Friesen will lead the walk.

17. Reunions taking place during Fall Festival at Bethel College on Sat., Oct. 10 are the Industrial Arts program, the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery marchers, the 1955 Mennonite Singers and former BC cheerleaders. Check the activities at www.bethelks.edu/fallfest (click “Schedule”).

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. You may notice our new Connection Box which is attached to the lectern where the guestbook used to be. The Worship Team is now using Connection Cards to invite West Zion guests to leave their contact information. The cards will be kept on the lectern and greeters will ask guests to fill out the cards and place in the Connections Box or in the offering plate. A record of visits will be kept on the church computer. Thank you for continuing to extend invitations to others!

2. **Today**, Sept. 20, congregational vote to renew Pastor Brad's term during announcement time.

3. FALL CHURCH PICNIC – CDT is planning a fall church picnic on Sunday evening Sept. 27, the picnic is at Phil & Lorene Lohrenz's cabin beginning at 5PM. A hayrack ride will take place at 5:15 p.m. Hot dogs, buns, smores, and drink are provided. Bring a lawn chair, roasting sticks (if you have some), side dish OR chips. We look forward to a beautiful fall evening of fellowship and fun! Anyone needing a ride should contact Connie Kaufman. Directions to the Lohrenz's: From the four way stop in Moundridge: Go 4 miles south to Dutch Ave. Turn West (right) go 3 miles to North Golden Prairie Rd. Turn South (left) on sand road go 2 1/2 miles. Their driveway is to your right. DeKalb Seed Sign at the end of driveway.

4. October 11, Carl Duffman will be baptised and Tracy Duffman will be received as a member. We will celebrate Communion

5. October 11, after church--Celebrate West Zion! Join us for a time of celebration for all that God has been doing in the life of West Zion. Bring a main dish to share. Deacons are arranging dessert.

6. Are you interested in exploring what our worship will look like for the upcoming Advent/Christmas/Epiphany seasons? The Worship Team invites you to join us for a Worship Visioning Summit on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM in the West Zion conference room. We would love to hear YOUR ideas! We will take the ideas generated that evening to create Christ-filled worship for the upcoming holiday seasons. Reflect on the following questions to get your creative juices flowing:

***Our theme for Advent is "Hope."** What comes to mind when you hear this passage: "We have our hope set on the living God" (1 Timothy 4:10)?

* Look at our theme song, **STS 15 Hope is a candle**. How can we represent this song visually?

* Think about this verse for Christmas: "**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!**" (Luke 2:14).

7. Western District Conference is October 30-31. Contact Sharon Gehring by Oct 10th if you want to be a delegate for West Zion.

General Announcements.

8. October 30-31 Western District Annual Assembly at Bethel College, N. Newton. More information is posted on the bulletin board along with registration forms, or check on-line at www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/.

9. Sun., Sept. 20, Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum 3 PM. Ben Chappell, a professor of American studies at the University of Kansas, will speak on softball as a cultural resource, using the example of Mexican-American fast-pitch softball and Newton's annual summer tournament, the oldest in the country (part of the "Root for the Home Team" special exhibit programming).

10. Pine Village's Benefit Day Walk-a-Thon is Thur., Sept. 24 at 6 PM. The community is invited to attend; the walk kicks off at the Wellness Center and participants are encouraged to get sponsors for your walk. For more information contact Becki Yoder at the Wellness Center at [620.345.2900](tel:620.345.2900).

11. The Benefit Day Garage & Bake Sales are Friday, Sept. 25 & Sat., Sept. 26. On Fri. the sale is from 4-7 PM. and includes a Sloppy Joe Supper. Sat., a cinnamon roll breakfast begins at 7:30 AM. and the Sale opens at 8 AM and closes at Noon. The sales are at the Wellness Center. Mark your calendar for the final Benefit Day Event – Dinner & Auction on October 22. All proceeds from all the Benefit Day events go towards a new phone system. Your continued support is always greatly appreciated!

12. Your help is needed to make New Years Cookies for Bethel Fall Fest Sat. Oct. 10. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer on the bulletin board. Times and jobs available are posted. Not only do you work with wonderful people but you also get to sample the product. Quality control is very important. Questions contact Becky Pohl.

13. Spruce beetles have moved into trees at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) youth camp worked throughout the summer to address the issue and removed 80 trees containing beetles. Eighteen more trees containing beetles need to be removed. MDS is working on this project October 2-10. All skill levels are needed. If you can help that week, or even a day or two that week, call Paul Unruh 316-772-6308 or Gordon Unruh 620-747-0835. Food and lodging is provided by RMMC.

~ Wish “**Happy Birthday**” this week

September 20: Joshua Schmidt

September 21: Rod Gehring & John D. Toews

September 23: Craig Becker

September 25: Sandy Jantz & Lici Roth

September 26: Dana Loganbill

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

September 20: Rhonda & Jon James

September 26: Harvey & Lois Thiessen

Joys and Concerns

Edna Anderson, recovering after a fall

Norm Funk after the passing of Norm’s brother Jim. The funeral will be Monday at 10:00 AM at the Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro. Visitation, Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. at Jost Funeral Home, Hillsboro. Memorials may be made to Mennonite Central Committee.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Today is Peace Sunday. Pray that materials created by MMN’s Peace and Justice Support Network help Mennonite congregations speak out against the violence of racism within the church and in our societies throughout the coming year.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for God’s blessing on Rachel Ringenberg Miller at her installation as pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, KS, today.

Attendance: Sunday School:27 Worship: 74

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Mike Kaufman

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Elijah Roth

Greeters: Mel & Kathi Becker

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Elijah Roth

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Jerod Kaufman

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

Today: Congregational vote to renew Pastor Brad’s term

Sept. 23: 7 PM Chancel Choir

Sept. 26: 8 AM Men’s group

Sept. 27: 5 PM SS Picnic @ Lohrenz Cabin (see announcement)

Sept. 30: 7 PM Chancel Choir

Oct. 2: 8 PM Council

Oct. 3: 8 AM Men’s group

Oct. 7: 3:30 Deacon Meeting, 7 PM Chancel Choir

Oct. 10: Bethel Fall Fest

Oct. 11: Communion, Celebrate West Zion!

Oct. 14: 7 PM Chancel Choir

Oct. 17: 8 AM Men’s group, SPACE 9-10 AM

Oct. 21: 7 PM Chancel Choir

Oct. 22: 7:30 PM Worship Team

Oct. 24: 8 AM Men’s group

Oct. 28: 7 PM Chancel Choir

Oct. 31: 8 AM Men’s group

Nov. 7: 8 AM Men’s group

Nov. 8: 5-8 PM Game Night

Nov. 14: 8 AM Men’s group

Nov. 15: Congregational Budget Meeting

Nov. 21: 8 AM Men’s group, SPACE 9-10 AM

Mission Signs

Last week, Marvin Lorenzana challenged us with a simple question: Who are you discipling? All of us are called to grow as disciples of Jesus and to lead others into the walk of discipleship. Look around-- who can you invite to find faith or deepen their faith?

Mission Team Prayer Circle meets after worship during the month of September at the back of the sanctuary. Please join us!

