

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Morning Worship

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Baptism of the Lord

Words for silent meditation: *Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness (Psalm 29:2).*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Mateo Roth

**Entrance hymn: Come, Light of the world STS 3

Welcome Christ's peace be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 29:2-4)

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful,
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Greeting in Christ's peace

Scripture Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Crysta Guhr
Pg 1016

****Celebrating in song** Mercy is Falling (on screen)
Come, thou fount HWB 521
Oh, Lord have mercy STJ 47

Scripture Titus 3:3-8
Pg 1182

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

Message "Spirit / Fire / Water" Pastor Brad

Hymn of Response Water has held us STJ 82

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song There's a wideness in God's mercy HWB 145

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeters: Mel and Kathi Becker

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffmann

Jr. Usher: Mateo Roth

Sermon Notes

Spirit / Fire / Water

Scripture, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Scripture, Titus 3:3-8

Theme

In baptism we receive and are called to mercy.

Key Verse

(Titus 3:5-6) He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Notes

A Prayer

Holy God, give us a thirst to drink from the well of your deep mercy.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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

Pastor's Office hours: Tues. and Wed. 10 am -12:30 pm

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. Have you considered becoming a member of West Zion? Membership is a covenant between you and the church. Members support the church with their time, finances, and prayers, and are entitled to vote in business meetings and serve on leadership Teams. Cemetery fees are waived for the West Zion Cemetery. Pastor Brad plans to lead a membership class on Wednesday night Jan. 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, for two hours each evening. Talk to him for more information.
2. All women are invited to come fellowship together on Saturday, January 16 at 9 AM at the church for SPACE (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement). We visit, share prayer requests, and pray together. Breakfast is available and childcare can be provided if needed (call Carla at 345-6471 if needed).
3. Next Sunday (Jan.17), we will celebrate communion. Let's prepare our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord at his table!
4. Are you interested in exploring what our worship will look like for Lent/Easter 2016? The Worship Team invites you to join us for a Worship Visioning Summit on Tuesday, January 12 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 Lent and Easter.
5. The Annual meeting is Sunday, January 17th – lunch is provided by FEWZ youth group. Annual meeting immediately following lunch. Come support our combined High School youth then hear about the work going on in our church at the Annual meeting.
6. Christian Homemakers will meet Monday, January 11, to work at the MCC Center. We will meet at 11:30 AM at the church to carpool to the Breadbasket for lunch and then meet at MCC at 1PM and will work until 3:30 or 4:00. All men and women of the church are invited to join us. Any questions, contact Connie Graber.
7. The directory for the upcoming yearbook is out in the foyer. Please make changes where needed.

General Announcements.

8. It's for the Youth! Camp Mennoscah is offering a Youth Volunteer Weekend for youth grades 7-12 on March 11-12, 2016. Patrick Loganbill and Rachel Miller, counselors and camp staff will lead the group in various tasks and activities and worship. Space is limited. Online registration now available at www.campmennoscah.org.
9. Pine Village has hired Ginger Seeber as the new Chaplain. A native of Moundridge, Ginger is a Certified Lay Speaker and a member of the Moundridge United Methodist Church where she serves as a youth Sunday school teacher, President of the United Methodist's Women's group and church treasurer. Ginger has long felt a calling to ministry and decided 7 years ago to pursue her certification to become a lay speaker. With this she has given messages at her church, as well as others in the area. She and her husband, Allen, also developed a contemporary worship service at their church to reach out to more in the community.
10. The Prairie Window fifth Concert is Sunday, January 17 at 4 PM at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. It features the Walnut Valley Festival legends [Betse & Ike](#), formerly of The Wilders. 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](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.
11. **In honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., Bethel College offers two special events: Sunday, Jan. 17, 7 PM** – screening of *In Prison My Whole Life*, an award-winning 2007 documentary on the court case of imprisoned political activist Mumia Abu-Jamal, with open discussion to follow with Jerrell Williams, director of Prison Ministries for OVM-Newton; **Monday, Jan. 18, 7 PM** – “The New Jane Crow,” a program with keynote speaker Michelle Armster, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee-Central States. Both events are in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, and are free and open to the public with a freewill offering taken Monday to support the work of Newton Community for Racial Justice.

~ Wish **"Happy Birthday"** this week

January 10: Michelle Kaufman & Neal Galle

January 12: Taylor Stucky

January 13: Corey Lohrenz

January 14: Shery Kessler

Joys and Concerns

Rosanne Hayes' mother Rosella Klassen Bolen passed away Dec. 26, 2015. Please remember Rosanne and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Willing candidates for open Team positions.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Odessa Theological Seminary is closed for four months during the winter to save on heating costs. Pray for Mary Raber of MMN as she prepares courses for classes scheduled to resume in March.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Give thanks for WDC congregations extending support and hospitality to refugees and immigrants seeking a home.

Attendance Sunday School: 27 Worship: 60

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: TBA

Greeters: Mel and Kathi Becker

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Jr. Usher: TBA

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Mateo Roth

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Music Gerry Major & Jan Larson

Coming Events

- Jan 12: 7 PM Worship Planning Summit for Lent and Easter
- Jan. 13: New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm
- Jan. 16: SPACE at 9 AM
- Jan. 17: Annual Meeting
- Jan. 20: New Member Class 6:30-7:45PM, in Conference Rm
- Jan. 20: Church Council 8 PM
- Jan. 24: Game Night 5:30-8 PM
- Jan. 27: New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm
- Jan. 31: Larry & Karen Loganbill & Jennifer Kaufman sharing about Israel 6:30 PM
- Feb. 3: New Member Class 6:30-8:30 PM, in Conference Rm
- Feb. 14: 2-10 PM. Fellowship Hall in use