

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Lent 3

Words for silent meditation: *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! (Psalm 27:14)*

Prelude                      Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle                      Mateo Roth

Welcome                      The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

introit                      Create in me a clean heart, O God    Chancel Choir  
by Carl F. Mueller

Call to Worship                      STS 162                      Pastor Brad

Greeting in Christ's peace

**\*\*Celebrating in Song**

Come to me, come to us                      STS 60  
Praise the One who breaks the darkness                      STS 1

Scripture                      Luke 13:1-9                      Leon Guhr  
Pg 1032

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

Special Music                      To Honor Christ                      Chancel Choir  
by Chris Machen & Heather Sorenson

Message                      "Repent and bear fruit"                      Pastor Brad

L: Seek the LORD while you can find him.

**P: Call on him now while he is near.**

L: Let the people turn from their wicked deeds.

**P: Let them banish from their minds the very thought of doing wrong!**

L: Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them.

**P/L: Turn to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Extinguishing the cross candle

*Each week we will extinguish a candle on the altar cross to mark our journey with Christ toward the darkness of the crucifixion. The final candle will be extinguished at our Maundy Thursday service.*

Song of Response                      Oh, Lord have mercy                      STJ 47

Receiving Harvey and Mary Graber as members

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*\*Sending Song                      I heard the voice of Jesus say                      HWB 493

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

Greeters: Mike & Connie Kaufman

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Mateo Roth

### Sermon Notes

Repent and bear fruit

Luke 13:1-9

Theme

Repent and experience God's mercy.

Key Verse

Luke 13:8 Lord, leave the tree alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it.

Notes

A Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, be patient with the slowness of our heart's growth.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org  
Find us on Facebook!*

**19. Life Enrichment at Bethel for March 2**

**9:30** *Newton YMCA project update*, Todd Tangerman, chief operating officer, Newton Medical Center.

**10:35** *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Political Candidate*, Barbara Bunting, community volunteer, Newton

**11:30** *Reconciling Parents in the United Methodist Church-Cleaning Closets: A Mother's Story*, Beverly Cole, Salina

**20.Sat., March 5**, Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk. Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen at 8 AM in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. (For help locating Kauffman Museum, see [www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/](http://www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/))

**Sun., March 6**, Jill Siebert senior voice recital, 4 PM, *Administration Building chapel at Bethel College*

**Tues., March 8**, Friends of the MLA presentation: Rachel Waltner Goossen, "Mennonite Women Challenge John Howard Yoder's Sexual Abuse," 7 PM, *Kauffman Museum auditorium*

**Sat., March 12**, Mika Patron senior piano and organ recital, 3 PM, *Administration Building chapel at Bethel College*

21. The Bethel College spring opera, is Iphigenia in Tauris by Christoph Gluck, not Bizet's Carmen as originally planned. Times for the performances are Friday, March 11, at 7PM and Sunday, March 13, at 3PM. (not 2 p.m. as appears on printed calendars). Tickets are on sale at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center.

**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. Join us on Wednesday March 16, 5:45 PM for a meal followed by a meeting (6:15-7:15) to discuss the possibility of **Pastor Brad taking a sabbatical in 2017**. Sabbaticals are an extended period of time away from the duties of ministry to refresh and recharge. The Council has affirmed Pastor Brad to explore a possible sabbatical for May-July 2017. Pastor Brad is applying for a significant grant that would allow him and his family to travel and would help the church cover costs while he is away. The meeting will be a time to hear more about his sabbatical plans, ask questions, and express concerns/support for a 2017 sabbatical.

2. Each Wednesday evening through March 30, West Zion prepares food for the Moundridge Youth Ministries K-4 program. The meal is a way we reach out to children and families in our community, and a beautiful sign of Christ's hospitality. Consider making a donation to help. Mark "Wednesday meals" in the memo line. Everyone is welcome to come and eat. Children are served around 5:45, and adults at 6:00. Come join us for supper!

3. Join us for Mission Prayer Circle at the front of the church after worship. Prayer stokes the church!

4. Join us for a new adult Sunday School class taught by Pastor Brad starting on March 6. The class will explore the biblical vision of mercy in the spirit of our Year of Mercy.

5. Western District Conference will hold two Reference Council sessions in 2016 to explore how we are held together in mission in both rural and urban settings. The sessions are opportunities to share worship, stories, and conversation about how God is at work in the diverse contexts of WDC:

**Spring Reference Council:** "Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Rural Context" - Saturday, April 23, 9 AM- 3 PM at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE (Pastor Brad is playing a role in this conference.)

**Fall Reference Council:** "Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Urban context" - Saturday, October 22 in Dallas, TX (schedule/location to be announced)

All WDC board, commission and committee members, delegates, pastors and congregation members are invited to attend Reference

Council sessions. Lunch and snacks are provided. Plan now to attend, and watch for more information on registration and schedules.

6. Today we receive Harvey and Mary Graber as members of West Zion! Stop after church to greet them and give them a warm West Zion welcome!

7. During the month of March, we will receive a freewill offering to help cover pre-sale expenses for the Mennonite Relief Sale. Please mark on your checks KMRS.

8. During the month of March we will participate in Mennonite Central Committee's "Coins Count" offering. There are two ways to give. We will have the traditional coin offering during the offertory time of our worship service. There will also be a "Quarters for MCC Tower" located in the foyer. A foot of quarters is approx. \$45 dollars, so let's fill that tower!

9. The Deacon Team recently enrolled West Zion in CarePortal, an online church engagement tool that brings the needs of hurting children and families in our community to our attention. CarePortal will email needs to Karen Loganbill; she will pass the needs on by email or phone. Needs could include money for essentials or physical items (for example: beds, dressers, or carbon monoxide detectors). You could help by providing the money or item, or by delivering items to a home. If interested in helping, contact Karen.

10. Christian Homemakers will participate in the comforter blitz at Yoder, Tues., March 8<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 8:30 AM and carpool to Yoder. Any women that would like to join us, please come and be ready to leave the church at 8:30. You may bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch for a donation at the blitz. Cars may return to Moundridge at different times depending on needs that day.

11. Vacation Bible School will be held July 11-15, 6-8 PM at West Zion. This year's theme is *Cave Quest* where kids are grounded in God's rock-solid love that gets us through dark times. Mark your calendars and watch for more information! You can follow on Facebook at: "Moundridge's 2016 VBS: Cave Quest".

12. Richard Golden and Karen Loganbill are raising money for MCC by participating in Run for Relief Saturday, April 9, at Rice Park. See the bulletin board for information. If you would like to join us in this endeavor, please let Karen Loganbill know.

## General Announcements.

13. WDC/SCC Women's Spring Supper is at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS on Thursday, March 17, at 6 PM. Send Reservations with name(s) to : [ksmennonitewomen@gmail.com](mailto:ksmennonitewomen@gmail.com) by March 10 to or [620-327-8201](tel:620-327-8201) (Angie at Hesston College).

14. Pine Village will host its 5<sup>th</sup> Dementia Education Series beginning March 31. This is a four class series, with classes on March 31, April 14, April 21, & April 28 from 7-8 PM at the Wellness Center on the Pine Village campus. The series teaches the basics of dementia, including how it works, its stages and what resources are available to family and caregivers. The Series is taught by Pine Village team members Jenna Lehrman, Director of Nursing, and Shelby Shaw, Director of Marketing. The Series is open to the public and free to attend, but space is limited. If interested, please sign up by contacting Shelby at [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901) or [shelby.shaw@pinevillageks.org](mailto:shelby.shaw@pinevillageks.org).

15. On Saturday, April 30, 2016 SMCHA is sponsoring a bus tour throughout the area featuring more than 55 sites of interest. Included are sites of interest to Mennonites, sites of general historical significance, and many human-interest items. For more information contact LaVern Stucky @ 620-983-2348 or [lavern@powwwer.net](mailto:lavern@powwwer.net)

16. The Peace Witness Commission from Eden Mennonite Church is hosting a Mennonite Central Committee Fellowship Meal on Sunday, March 6 at noon. It is at Krehbiel Apartments Commons. Please RSVP to Jean Regier at 386-0457, by Wednesday, March 2.

17. Sat., March 12, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, located at 177 West Hickory in Hesston, KS, will hold the **6th Annual Go Green Leprechaun** Run, including 10K and 2-mile races, a costume contest, refreshments and games. Festivities begin at 8:30 AM with a start of the 10K race and last until 11:30 AM. Volunteers are needed for this event. For more information, contact Dyck Arboretum at [arboretum@hesston.edu](mailto:arboretum@hesston.edu) or call 620-327-8127. Registration is also available online at [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org). Participants may print their registration form from the website and submit their completed form with payment to the Arboretum office. Registration forms submitted after March 1st will incur an additional \$5 fee.

18. Sunday, March 6 at 4 PM is the next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston,

featuring Matt & Shannon Heaton. 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.

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

February 28: Robbie Loganbill

March 1: Lee Wenger

March 2: Duane Becker

March 3: Diane Amstutz

March 4: Wilda Schrag

March 5: Kent Jantzen, Jeremy Kessler, Kevin Loganbill & Lyle Koehn

## Joys and Concerns

Prayer Requests from our Mission Partners

- For Wayne's work with local board making key ministry decisions for the next 12-18 months
- For the filming of a very important television series with Gulf believers
- For team members, especially Liena, dealing with many details right now when schedules are VERY full
- For partner board meetings with nearby country
- For Wayne's safe return and for Jeannie as she stays in Denver

### Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

MMN requests prayer for SOOP volunteers to work alongside staff doing office, maintenance and construction work, acting as teachers' aides, and assisting in the kitchen at Academia Menonita Betania, a bilingual Christian school located near the city of Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

### Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for pastoral search committees in WDC congregations, and for potential pastoral candidates, as they discern God's guidance for the future.

Attendance: Mennonite Education Sunday Feb. 21 at First Mennonite of Christian.

## Sunday, March 6, 2016

**9:30 am:** Sunday School  
**Worship Leader:** Connie Kaufman  
**Message:** Pastor Brad  
**Candle Lighter:** Elijah Roth  
**Greeters:** Will & Ellen Kaufman  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman  
**Jr. Usher:** Elijah Roth

**10:30 am:** Worship Service  
**Scripture:** Connie Graber  
**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Music-Praise Team**

## Coming Events

March 2: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)  
Menu-Tacos, Chancel Choir 7 PM

March 9: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)  
Menu Pancakes and Sausage -, Chancel Choir 7 PM

March 13: Daylight savings time begins

March 16: 5:45 PM meal followed by a meeting (6:15-7:15) to  
discuss the possibility of Pastor Brad taking a  
sabbatical in 2017, Chancel Choir 7 PM

March 20: Holy Week Service-12/noon meal at the Senior Center  
followed by a prayer walk

March 22: Holy Week Service, 7-8 PM at the Pine Village  
Wellness Center, Candelit service in the Taize style

March 23: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)  
Menu- Sloppy Joes, Chancel Choir 7 PM

March 24: 6 PM meal; 6:30 Maundy Thursday service

March 27: 7 AM Easter Sunrise Service in Russ Stucky's pasture  
(on Buckskin road, 1 mile east of Christian)

March 30: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)  
Menu- Tater Tot Cass., Chancel Choir 7 PM

## Join us for Associated Churches Holy Week services.

- March 20 (Palm Sunday) **12:00/noon meal at the Senior Center followed by a prayer walk at 12:45** (meal is a fundraiser for the ministries of the Associated Churches)
- March 22 (Tuesday), 7:00-8:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center, **Candlelit service in the Taizé style** (a service of singing and meditating on Scripture)

March 24 6:00 PM meal; 6:30 Maundy Thursday service with communion and footwashing--in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Sunrise service: March 27, 7:00 AM in Russ Stucky's pasture (on Buckskin road, 1 mile east of Christian)