

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. (Psalm 119:34).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ Candle Elijah Roth

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 119:33-40 (w/antiphon)



O Lord, you have the words of life; O teach me your ways.

Greeting in Christ's peace

**Celebrating in Song

Brethren, we have met to worship HWB 8
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB 37

Scripture Mark 12:28-34 Becky Pohl
Pg 1005

Children dismissed to Little Flock (for preschool-age children)

Message "Of stones and neighbors" Pastor Brad

Song of Response How can I say STS 117

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

** Sending Song Thou true Vine, that heals HWB 373

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeters: Clark & Connie Graber

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld

Little Flock: Connie Graber

Sermon Notes

Of stones and neighbors
Mark 12:28-34

Theme

Love your neighbor.

Key Verse

Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31).

Notes

A Prayer

God who first loved us, grant us love for our neighbor.

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

Mission Mosaic

Door Dwell, Denver CO, Michael Watkins, Emma Moore, Helen Chao, Melissa Rift, & Jong Han Kim Hannam, Pg 51.

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:30 am: Sunday School
Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr
Worship Leader: Geneva Wedel
Message: Pastor Brad
Greeters: Bob & Sharon Gehring
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler
Little Flock: Connie Kaufman

10:30 am: Worship Service
Scripture: Sharon Gehring
Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Music: Chancel Choir

Coming Events

Feb. 20: Ruth Galle graveside service (10 AM) and memorial (11 AM) at West Zion.

Feb. 22: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
Menu Tater Tot Cass., Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM

Feb. 26: 3:30-4:30 PM Catechism

March 1: 6:30-7 PM, Ash Wednesday Service, in the sanctuary
5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
Menu Tacos, Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM

March 8: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
Menu Sloppy Joes, Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM

March 22: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
Menu Pancakes, Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM

March 29: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
Menu Tater Tot Cass., Chancel Choir Practice 7 PM

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. Michelle (Kaufman) Claassen has transferred her membership to First Mennonite Newton.
2. Life happens. Might some of the hard things that come our way also be openings for God's grace and provision? Pastor Brad is launching a new sermon series for Lent entitled "Hard Gifts." Come and learn more about how life's hard places can become God's grace places.
3. Join us for an Ash Wednesday service on March 1 at 6:30 in the sanctuary.
4. Do you have a passion for feeding hungry people? The Moundridge Food Bank is looking for someone to serve on their board. The board meets 5-6 times per year, organizes an appreciation tea for volunteers, and arranges for Christmas food baskets for folks in need. Sound intriguing? Talk to Pastor Brad.
5. The next SPACE (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement) gathering is on Sat., Feb. 25 (later date than usual due to a conflict). We will meet at Carla Stucky's house (413 Park Lane) from 9 -10 AM for breakfast, fellowship and prayer. All women are invited to come!
6. MCC Comforter Blitz is Mon.- March 6th. Christian Homemakers will leave church at 10:15 AM to eat lunch at Carriage Crossing then go to the Comforter Blitz. All Ladies are invited to join us if they would like to help tie MCC Comforters at Yoder. Anyone that can't go on Mon. but would like to go, contact Sharon G. I am planning to go again on Wed. time is flexible that day. The days/hours for the Blitz are March 6 – 12:30-5, March 7 & 8 – 9AM-5PM. You can come and go during any of the listed times. Lunch is served for a donation on site on Tues. and Wed.
7. The McPherson/Marion County CarePortal Active Community and representatives from the Department of Children and Families are at McPherson Free Methodist Church Thurs., Feb.23, from 12-1:30 PM. All are invited to take a dish to share and get to know our local social workers and more about how CarePortal works.
8. Are you ready for the 2017 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, on April 7 & 8? There are many ways to help: baking pies, join in the Comforter Blitz on March 6-8, becoming a member of the Verenike

Committee or help make verenike April 4, bring quarters for the quarter tower, or join other ladies of the church for bake night. We will also start collecting for "My Coins Count" the 1st Sunday in March. In March we will take a free will offering to help with the pre-sale expenses. Thanks in advance for helping with this need.

9. "Congregational Resourcing Event: Congregational Implications and Response to Sexual Abuse Outside the Church"
Sat., April 29, First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS is an educational event in response to situations similar to the one recently faced by Virginia Mennonite Conference (VMC) and recently addressed in Mennonite Church USA's recommendations to VMC and Lindale Mennonite Church and denominational commitments to prevent such abuse and to encourage healing when it does. What are best practices and proactive responses when a church member sexually abuses someone in a context outside of the congregation? No matter where the abuse happens, there are always congregational implications. Kathy Goering Reid, Executive Director of the Family Abuse Center, Austin, TX will lead us in considering theological, biblical, legal, and social implications of sexual abuse when the perpetrator is part of our congregation and how we may respond in healthy ways. All church leaders—church chairs, deacons, Christian educators, youth leaders and pastors are invited. Deacons are covering the cost of registration. Talk to Karen or Pastor Brad if you're interested in attending.

General Announcements

10. Life Enrichment at Bethel College Feb. 22
9:30 AM: "The School-to Prison Pipeline," Gary Flory, director, Ks Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Bethel College.
10:15: Coffee break
10:35: "Are College Students the Same in China? A Chemistry Teacher's Experience 2014-16," Gary Histan, professor of chemistry, Bethel College
11:30: "One Pastor's Perspective: Making Life Connections"
Harold Thieszen, North Newton
11. Betty Graber Hartzler, will lead a Genealogy Workshop with focus on Swiss Volhynians – Tues., Feb.21, 2:30-4:30 and/or 7-8:30 PM. in the Wellness Center at Pine Village. The workshop is sponsored by the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) \$5 or free if you join SMCHA (\$20/year) Contact Kathy Goering, 620-345-8532, kjgo@mtelco.net for more information.

12. Moundridge Senior Center Benefit Breakfast is Sat., March 4 from 7:30-10 AM at the Senior Center. The menu is biscuits & gravy, hash browns, juice, and coffee. The donations for the breakfast go towards the purchase of a new reach in freezer.

13. Hopeful Blues, a 5 piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, will hold a benefit concert March 5 at First Mennonite Church, Halstead, 427 W. 4th Street. The concert begins at 7 PM. Many of the selections performed originate in the Mennonite Church-USA conference hymnals and songbooks, ranging from traditional to gospel to jazz. A freewill offering taken will go to Camp Mennoscah. CD's are available for purchase. Members of Hopeful Blues are: Eldon Chlumsky (djembe), Galen Fast (saxophone and other woodwinds), Leon Greaser (guitar), Rod Kremer (bass), and Laurie Regehr (piano).

14. The Moundridge United Methodist Church will hold classes for the Dave Ramsey course, Financial Peace University from April 5-May 3 at 6 PM each Wed. evening! This is FREE to ALL attendees! It includes a light meal as well as babysitting. We would ask that you preregister so we can plan for the meals and babysitting. Please respond to [620-345-2124](tel:620-345-2124) with a message. We can email you a form or mail it to you.

15. All women in Western District and South Central Conferences are invited to attend the annual Mennonite Women Spring Supper March 23 at 6 PM at Bethel College. Supper provided by Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA). Make your reservation by March 16. More information on the poster on the bulletin board.

16. Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are almost here! Camp Mennoscah is ready to crop and craft on March 3-5 and March 17-19. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 for a brochure. There are brochures for the up-coming retreats on the bulletin board.

17. Retirees Relaxation Retreat coming up in April! Camp Mennoscah offers retirees of all ages a chance to slip away to the prairie for fellowship, worship, and learning. We'll gather April 24-26 to hear stories of faith, courage, and fun. Brochures are available by calling [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) or register online at campmennoscah.org.

18. Come and share some of your work with fellow writers at 701 Café in Newton Sun., March 19, 3:30-5:30 Mid-Winter Blues and Other Musings is our focus for this event sponsored by the StoryTellers of

the Great Plains. Submit up to 500 words of your favorite prose to share. Send by March 13 with \$5 to Laurie Oswald Robinson at 3 Grove Court, Newton, KS 67114 or email her at laurieor123@gmail.com for more information. Submission guidelines: uplifting, inspirational, thought provoking, humorous. Come read or listen and network with others who share your interest. Snacks available.

19. Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association will hold its Annual Meeting, Sun., March 12 at 2:30 PM in the First Mennonite Church, 429 East First Street, Newton, KS. The speaker for the program is Mr. Curt Goering, originally of Moundridge, Kansas. Currently he is with "Center for Victims of Torture," located in St. Paul, Minnesota. More information is posted on the bulletin board

~Wish "Happy Birthday" to~
February 22: Terry Kessler & Nancy Ottley
February 24: Kirk Stucky

~Wish "Happy Anniversary" to~
February 18: Dave & Julie Buller

Prayer Concerns

Carl Duffman's sister-in-law's sister Lisa Loucks
Tracy Duffman's nephew's wife Chris Lamb Thibadeau
Congratulations to Tyler Kaufman and Shelby Howard on their recent engagement!

The Galle family, at the passing of Ruth Galle.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

David and Rebekka Stutzman serve in post-Christian Germany through MMN, South German Mennonite Conference, and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray for them as they join people on their life journeys and find relevant ways of being the church.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Give thanks for WDC pastors gathering this afternoon in McPherson, KS, for financial stewardship education, fellowship, and entertainment sponsored by Everence.

Attendance: Sunday School: 20 Worship Service: 80

