

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! (Psalm 99:1)*

Prelude                      Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ Candle                      Kaleigh Guhr

Welcome                      Geneva Wedel

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

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship                      His Love for Me                      Chancel Choir  
By Patricia Mock & Brian Buda

Call to Worship, Psalm 99 (on screen)

Greeting in Christ's peace

Immortal, invisible, God only wise                      HWB 70

Scripture                      2 Peter 1:16-21                      Leon Guhr  
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How brightly beams the morning                      HWB 222

Scripture                      Matthew 17:1-9  
Pg 973

Choral Anthem                      Jesus Is the Song                      Chancel Choir  
By David Danner & Mary McDonald

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

Message                      "A lamp shining in a dark place"                      Pastor Harold Thieszen

**Song of Response**                      Christ upon the mountain peak                      HWB 232

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*\* Sending Song                      You shall go out with joy                      HWB 427

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

Greeters: Dale and Elda Jantzen

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Little Flock: Connie Kaufman

~Wish "Happy Birthday" to~

February 26: Desiree Antle

February 28: Robbie Loganbill

March 1: Lee Wenger

March 2: Duane Becker

March 3: Diane Amstutz

March 4: Wilda Schrag

### Prayer Concerns

The Roth family at the passig of Brad's grandmother.

### **Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network**

Praise God for the teaching ministries of Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig, serving through MMN. This year, Gary taught in a school in Liberia that re-opened after the Ebola epidemic. Pray that he will find a teaching ministry in Ivory Coast, so the family can be together again.

### **Prayer Requests from Western District Conference**

Pray for WDC members participating in a Hispanic women's gathering in Dallas this weekend.

### **Mission Mosaic**

Anne & Daniel Kompaore, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso Pg 9

Attendance: Sunday School:17    Worship Service:67

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

## **Sunday, March 5, 2017**

**9:30 am:** Sunday School  
**Candle Lighter:** Mateo Roth  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad  
**Message:** Pastor Brad  
**Greeters:** Leon & Virginia Guhr  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld  
**Little Flock:** Zettie Wedel

**10:30 am:** Worship Service  
**Scripture:** Carla Stucky  
**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Music:** Praise Team

## **Coming Events**

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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Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

**Sec. hours:** Tues. & Wed. 2:30-3:30 PM, Thurs. 2:30-5:30 PM

Church: 620-345-8143

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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. Pastor Brad and family are traveling in Illinois to attend the funeral for Brad's grandmother. They will return Monday afternoon.
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. After seeing how prayer animated Jesus' life, his disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to prayer." What is prayer, and how do we do it? What can we learn about prayer by observing how people interact with Jesus in the gospels? Pastor Brad will teach an adult Sunday School class on prayer beginning March 5 at 9:30 AM. Everyone is invited. You don't have to have been a part of Sunday School in the past.
5. Anthony and Krystal are having a baby boy in April! We are throwing them a Baby shower on Sat., March 11th at 6 PM @ West Zion. This is a Couples Baby Shower, all are welcome to attend. RSVP to Lici at 620-386-4194
6. 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.
7. MCC Comforter Blitz is Mon.- March 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 plan 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 Tues. and Wed.

8. During the month of March, we will receive a freewill offering to help cover pre-sale expenses for the Mennonite Relief Sale. The theme for the sale is "You did it for Me". Please mark on you checks KMRS.

9. During the month of March is the Mennonite Central Committee's "Coins Count". There are two ways to give. We will have the traditional coin offering during the offertory time of worship service. The "Quarters for MCC Tower" located in the foyer will continue. A foot of quarters is approximately \$45 dollars, let's fill the tower.

10. West Zion will hold a MCC Fellowship Meal on Sunday, April 2, following worship. The cost is \$20.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child. All the proceeds go to MCC. RSVP is required by March 13. Look for registrations forms in your church mail boxes or call Sharon Becker to register 620-747-0924.

11. Sat., March 4, Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Join Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at 7:30 AM in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

12. Sun., March 5, Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra joint concert, 8 PM., *Memorial Hall*. Featuring music by Stucky, Gilmore, Mahler, Buxtehude and Wagner, with special guest Soyoun Chun, voice.

13. **"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

14. Life Enrichment at Bethel College March 1

**9:30 AM:** "Stories from a Tropical Forest: Landscape Transformations Since Maya Times to the Present," Sergio Lopez, professor, Univeridad de Ciencias y Artes de Chiapas (Mexico)

**10:15:** Coffee break

**10:35:** "Talking about Turning," John Buckner, wood craftsman, North Newton

**11:30:** "Mennonite Central Committee Mexicoo: Aftershock (46 Years Later)," volunteers, Newton

15. 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.

16. "Make a Joyful Song: Celebrating the Legacy of Walter Jost" is the theme of the Newton Chorale's 40th season concert on Sun., March 5, 6:30 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church in N. Newton. Director Renae Schmidt Peters has included many of Jost's favorite works, including Harold Moyer's "Songs of Faith." Admission is free with an offering taken to help cover concert expenses. Poster in the foyer.

17. 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. A freewill offering taken goes 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).

18. Sat., March 11, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston, is the 7th Annual Go Green Leprechaun Run, including 10K and 2-mile races, a costume contest, refreshments and games. Festivities begin at 8:30 AM start of the 10K race and last until 11:30 AM. Registration is available online at [www.dyckarboretum.org/event/leprechaun-run/](http://www.dyckarboretum.org/event/leprechaun-run/). Participants can print their registration form and submit the completed form with payment to the Arboretum office. Registration forms submitted after March 1st will incur an additional \$5 fee.

Volunteers are needed for this event. For more information call 620-327-8127 or contact [arboretum@hesston.edu](mailto:arboretum@hesston.edu).

19. 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.

20. Retirees Relaxation Retreat coming up in April We'll gather April 24-26 to hear stories of faith, courage, and fun. Calling 620-297-3290 for brochures or register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

21. Garden Community Church is hosting a marriage seminar on April 1 with Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley. The seminar is entitled: "A Crazy Little Thing Called Marriage" and will look at ways couples can strengthen their marriage. Cost is \$25/couple or \$15/individual. For more information, visit [gardencommunitychurch.org](http://gardencommunitychurch.org).

22. 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](mailto: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.

23. Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Annual Meeting, is Sun., March 12 at 2:30 PM in the First Mennonite Church, 429 East First Street, Newton, KS. The speaker 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.