

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Lent 2

Words for silent meditation: *The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. (Psalm 121:7)*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ Candle Elijah Roth
Welcome Pastor Brad

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

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship Be Thou My Vision Chancel Choir
 Arranged by Larry Shackley

Call to Worship, Psalm 121 (on screen)

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in Song**

Holy Spirit, come with power HWB 26
To God be the glory HWB 102

Scripture John 3:1-21 Donna Stucky
 Pg 1051

Anthem Blessings Chancel Choir
 by Laura Mixon Story arr. by Heather Sorenson

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

Message "One foot in front of the other" Pastor Brad

The wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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 Who has known the mind of Jesus? STJ 58

Offering and Coins Count Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

** Sending Song God be with you HWB 430
 (1 and 3)

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeters: Sharon & Bob Gehring

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Little Flock: Mindy Hill

Sermon Notes

One foot in front of the other

John 3:1-21

Theme

Life's confusion can lead through to God's truth.

Key Verse

(John 3:8) The wind blows wherever it pleases.

Notes

A Prayer

God who is bigger than all our expectations, lead us into your unfailing truth.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

Find us on Facebook!

Sunday, March 19, 2017

9:30 am: Sunday School **10:30 am:** Worship Service
Candle Lighter: Lexi Heslop **Scripture:** Harvey Thiesen
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Message: Pastor Brad
Greeters: Mike & Connie Kaufman
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld
Little Flock: Lorene Lohrenz

Coming Events

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

March 23: Fellowship Hall in use.

March 23-26: Pastor Brad to Liberal for *Camino de Santidad*
 congregational anniversary

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

March 30: Fund Raiser Daycare, fellowship hall

April 5: 6 PM - Mission Communion Service,
 7 PM Chancel Choir

April 6: Christian Homemakers bake night for MCC Sale

April 6-8: Pastor Brad out to Sent mission conference in Ft.
 Myers, FL

April 7-8: MCC Sale

April 12: 7 PM Chancel Choir

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. Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale contributions as of 3/5/17 are:

Quarter tube \$160.75

Other coin \$21.90

Cash \$1195.00

Total KMRS \$1377.65

2. In the spirit of our Year of Breaking Bread, consider ways that you can extend hospitality to folks within the church and without. Why not start a crockpot meal before you leave for church on Sunday morning and then invite a few individuals or families (especially someone new!) to join you for a meal?

3. Are you traveling? Let Pastor Brad know or mention it during sharing time so that we can pray for you!

4. Prayer circles are starting up again. If you would like to spend time in prayer--or if you have a need for prayer--join us at the front of the church immediately following worship. Questions? Talk to Carl Duffman.

5. Join us on April 5 at 6:00 PM for a service of prayer and communion. We'll pray that Holy Week and Easter might be a time for people to connect to Jesus, and, in the spirit of the Year of Breaking Bread, we'll share communion together.

6. Life happens. Might some of the hard things that come our way also be openings for God's grace and provision? This week Pastor Brad continues his sermon series for Lent entitled "Hard Gifts." Come and learn more about how life's hard places can become God's grace places.

7. After seeing how prayer animated Jesus' life, his disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray." 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 is teaching an adult Sunday School class on prayer starting this week. Everyone is invited. You don't have to have been a part of Sunday School in the past.

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.

General Announcements

11. Life Enrichment at Bethel College March 15

9:30 AM: "You have given me the heritage of those who fear your name," Ron Moyo, Pastor(formerly of Zimbabwe), North Newton

10:15: Coffee break

10:35: "Children of the Promise," Angela Bates, Kansas Humanities Council speaker, Bogue

11:30: "Children of the Promise" continues; stories from Nicodemus, Kansas

12. Tues., March 14 is Andrew Thiesen's senior trombone recital, 7:30 PM *Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.*

13. Weds., March 15, the Bethel College Jazz Combos 1 & 2, Jazz Ensemble II, performs at 7 PM, in *Mojo's Coffee Bar at Bethel College*

14. 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.

15. Cradle to Crayons is hosting a walking taco/hot dog fundraiser on March 30th at West Zion Church from 5:30-7:30 PM it's free will donation. The money raised goes towards purchasing new chairs for our infant room and new classroom learning toys.

16. 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 looks at ways couples can strengthen their marriage. Cost is \$25/couple or \$15/individual. For more information, visit gardencommunitychurch.org.

17. The MCC Sale is fast approaching. Bohne berrogie bake day is April 1 at the Moundridge High School cafeteria. There are two shifts, starting at 7AM and at 10 AM. To volunteer, call Marla Gillmore at [620-921-0428](tel:620-921-0428) or email bmj@lrmutual.com.

Please wear a head covering. Together we can serve others.

18. 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.

~Wish "Happy Birthday" to~

March 12: Jan Graber

March 13: Leola Koehn

March 14: Samara Wenger

March 16: Bentley Isaac

March 17: AJ Kessler & Rhonda James

March 18: Maleya White

Prayer Concerns

Tammy Voorhees, a former student of Donna Stucky, who recently suffered from a stroke.

Asher and Lindsey Fast, who recently began a term of service with Eastern Mennonite Missions in Botswana. Asher is Mark and Donna Stucky's nephew.

Those impacted by wildfires across Kansas and Oklahoma, and for the safety of those fighting those fires.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Oscar Siwali and MMN's Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen are working through Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency to train peer mediators for mediation and peace clubs this month. Pray for the students who are using their school holidays for this training.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for participants leaving this week on a Come and See learning tour of Israel/Palestine, including Byron and Hilda Pellecer and Sandra Martinez from WDC.

Mission Mosaic

Janet Stucky, Cotonou, Benin Pg 10 A Couple serving in West and Central Africa Pg 10

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