

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker (Psalm 95:6).*

Prelude Gerry Major
Lighting of the Christ candle Lexi Heslop

****Entrance hymn** *All people that on earth do dwell* HWB # 42

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 95:1-7a
Come before God with thanksgiving / **and sings psalms of praise!**

Greeting in Christ's peace

Children's moment Karen Loganbill

****Celebrating in song** *O worship the King* HWB # 66

Scripture Ezra 9 Pastor Brad

Message "For a Moment" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *Had God brought us out* STS # 96

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Lord, let us now depart in peace* HWB # 428

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

****please stand if able**
Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, S&R-green hardbound

Greeters: Larry and Karen Loganbill
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld

Sermon Notes

For a Moment
Ezra 9

Theme
God gives us what we need to live for him.

Key Verse
Ezra 9:8 "But now, for a brief moment, the LORD our God has been gracious in leaving us a remnant and giving us a firm place in his sanctuary, and so our God gives light to our eyes and a little relief in our bondage.

Notes

A Prayer
Holy God, sanctify us that we may perfectly love you and glorify your name in our lives.

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

Sunday, December 3, 2017

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeters: Mike & Connie Kaufman **Scripture:** Curtis Guhr
Message: Pastor Brad **Candle Lighter:** Kaleigh Guhr
Special Music: Praise Team
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Today: Hanging of the Greens 5:30, followed by Tasting Bee
Nov. 29: Children's Choir 6:30, Chancel Choir 7:00
Dec. 6: Children's Choir 6:30, Chancel Choir 7:00
Dec. 13: Children's Choir 6:30, no Chancel Choir practice until
January 24
Dec. 17: Game night in WZ basement, 6-8 PM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service
Dec. 26-Jan. 1: Pastor Brad out to Illinois (Pastor Eric Buller
preaches on Dec. 31)
Jan. 14: Potluck meal and Annual Meeting
Jan. 19: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 7-9 PM
Jan. 20: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 9 AM-3 PM
Feb. 4: Mennonite Education Sunday at 1st Mennonite Church
Feb. 15: Over 70 Dinner 5:30-6:30 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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Sec. Hours: Thurs. 9-11, 1-4 PM

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Carla Stucky's cell: 620-386-0414

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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. Many thanks to Geneva Wedel and Carl Duffman for being willing to be on the ballot for the deacon election. On November 19, Carl was elected to a three year term.
2. Starting this week, and each week through the season of Advent, you will find daily prayer requests for mission in the bulletin insert. Consider placing the list in your Bible, on your fridge, or wherever you will see it throughout the week and be prompted to pray.
3. The Trustees would like to announce that Carla Stucky has been hired as the West Zion secretary. Her office hours will be 9-11 and 1-4 on Thursdays and you can reach her by calling or texting 620-386-0414. The email for the church secretary continues as secretary@westzionmc.org. We are thankful for the energy, time and love that Becky Pohl gave to West Zion, she will be truly missed.
4. A Children's Choir will perform on Sunday morning, Dec. 17 during the 10:30 morning worship. Practices will be from 6:30-7:00 PM on Wednesdays Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13. All children Kindergarten through 8th are welcome to join this choir. Ellen Kaufman will direct and Carla Stucky will play piano. Invite some neighborhood children!
5. Join us on December 17 for a game night from 6:00-8:00 PM in the West Zion basement.
6. The Associated Ministries of Moundridge is selling coffee this Christmas season to help support the seven ministries within the organization. Green order forms can be found on the foyer table.
7. The Senior Center would like to do some special activities during the Christmas holiday season. If you would be willing to bring some peppernuts and/or frosted sugar cookies to serve, please contact Pat Krehbiel at 345-2729 or bring to the Senior Center. If you could bring them by December 8, it would be appreciated. Thanks for helping make the Center an enjoyable, friendly place to visit.

8. The Moundridge Food Pantry gives out boxes of food twice a month to those are in need. In the last quarter we served 237 people. This was an increase of 37% from the same time in 2016. Your support of food items and monetary donations are much appreciated this time of year. For more information, contact Marge Goering at 620-345-2444.

9. Western District Conference Year of Evangelism Kick-off will be January 19-20 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite in Goessel. Hone your skills in sharing faith and seeing your neighborhood through missional eyes. Cost is \$25 for four or more registrants, but Mission Team is covering the cost for all who would like to attend. Talk to Pastor Brad or Carl Duffman.

10. Wayne and Jeannie Larson, our mission partners, will join us on January 14. We will receive a special offering that day to support their mission among Muslim people on the Arabian Peninsula.

11. If you are not currently greeting at the church but would like to, please contact Carla Stucky at 620-386-0414. Greeting times include being at the church at 9:15 to greet before Sunday School and then at 10:15 to greet before church.

12. There is a growing accumulation of dishes, pans, containers in the kitchen by the south door. Please check to see if one of them could be yours and take home, thanks!

General Announcements

13. Bethel College and MCC-Central States will partner for #GivingTuesday, Nov. 28. We are asking for financial gifts to the Bethel Bethel Annual Fund and dark-colored, medium-weight, new bath towels to help MCC replenish their relief kits. These kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disasters in areas such as Syria, Iraq and Ukraine. Bring donations Nov. 28 between 5-9 p.m. to either Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton or Hope Mennonite in Wichita. There will be a short program and update on the college at 7 p.m. Each location has a goal of bringing in \$2,500 and 250 towels. If you are unable to make it to an event but would still like to give, go to www.bethelks.edu/gift and designate your gift as #GivingTuesday to one of the four locations listed. Dessert and refreshments will be provided. For more

information, contact Brad Kohlman, alumni development director, [316-284-5357](tel:316-284-5357), or bkohlman@bethelks.edu

14. First Mennonite Church in McPherson will be hosting a German Supper December 2nd, 2017 from 4:30-7 PM. This will be a free will donation dinner. We will be serving verenika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, bohne beroggi, zweiback, and cherry moos. In addition to the dinner, we will be having a bake sale of poppy seed rolls, peppernuts, and a variety of other goodies. The church is at 1161 E Ave A (corner of Maxwell and Ave A).

15. Hesston College has several students from other countries that need someplace to stay when the dorms are closed for Christmas break. Host families are needed from December 15 through January 9. Even if your family is only available part of the time, you may still be able to help. If you have any questions or are interested in being a host family please contact Carlota Ponds, Director of International Student Support, at [620-327-8210](tel:620-327-8210) or carlota.ponds@hesston.edu.

16. Everence® Financial will present on retirement income strategy which will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks than can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. It will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 4. This will be held at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800 or email michelle.ramer@everence.com.

We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

November 27: Jerod Kaufman, Ken Becker

November 29: Rick Kaufmann

December 1: Terry Jantzen

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:

November 27: Larry & Karen Loganbill

December 1: John & Harriet DeLay

Prayer Concerns

Mary Graber, recovering at home after a heart catheter procedure.

Randy Kessler, recovering at home after some time in the hospital.

Maleya, Trianna’s daughter and Carl and Tracy’s granddaughter.

Sherry Wedel, recovering at home after a fall.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Kendra Selzer serves through Mennonite Mission Network’s Mennonite Voluntary Service in Puerto Rico. Pray for her and the Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, where she works with pre-kindergarten – grade 10 students and also helps with community clean-up after the September hurricanes.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Thank God for the many ways WDC congregations support and join God’s work of mission in local communities and around the world.

Mission Mosaic: Yuliana, Petrus, Yonas, & Hizkia Handoyo, Sihanouk City, Cambodia Pg 27

Attendance for Sunday School: 25

Attendance for Worship: 60