

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! (Psalm 148:1)*

Prelude Donna Stucky, organ
Still, Still, Still Peter Buller, piano

Lighting of the Christ candle Kaleigh Guhr

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 148
All you people / **Praise the Lord!**

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song** *Praise the Lord* HWB # 50

What Child is This Peter Buller, oboe
(arr. Jeanine Yeager)

Scripture Luke 2:22-40 Carla Stucky

God rest ye, merry gentlemen Peter Buller, oboe
old English tune

Message "Actively Looking For God" Pastor Eric Buller

Song of Response *Holy Child within the manger* STS # 28

Offering and offertory *Silent Night* Peter Buller
(arr. Jeanine Yeager)

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

Greeter: Ken Stucky

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

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

Sunday, January 7, 2017

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad Roth **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeters: Kirk & Carla Stucky **Scripture:** Connie Graber
Message: Pastor Brad Roth
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Coming Events

Jan. 14: The Larsons lead SS and bring message
 Potluck meal and Annual Meeting
 Celebration for Chet Koehn in Fellowship Hall 3-4:30
Jan. 19: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 7-9 PM
Jan. 20: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 9 AM-3 PM
Jan. 21: Marvin Lorenzana brings the message
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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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.
Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. Chet Koehn turns 100 on January 20th! The family of Chet invites friends and family to join them at West Zion in Fellowship Hall on January 14 from 3-4:30 PM for a come and go celebration.
2. Remember to save all your unwanted greeting cards from any occasion. Christian Homemakers will send them to St. Jude Children Ranch for their use in recycling.
3. A copy of the past yearbook addresses is on table in the foyer. Please put a checkmark by your contact information if it is correct, or correct as needed. Take time to check family members as well if they don't attend, thanks.
4. Mark your calendars for January 14. Our mission partners in the Arabian Peninsula, Wayne and Jeannie Larson, will share during the Sunday School hour and worship service. We'll have a potluck meal downstairs, and the Annual Meeting will follow.
5. *Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness* has a host of great workshop leaders who will offer practical ideas to take home to your church and neighborhood. This will be held at Alexanderwohl Mennonite in Goessel, January 19-20, 2018. 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 if you are interested.

General Announcements

6. Help us kick off 45 years of restorative justice and prison ministries! Offender/Victim Ministries' 2018 annual meeting will be Sunday, January 14 at 4:00 PM at Shalom Mennonite Church. Join us for faspá (light meal) and stories from the past year, and hear about exciting initiatives to come in 2018.
7. Jerry Toews is looking for someone to haul a small John Deere Tractor from Bakersfield, CA to Goessel, KS for the KS MCC Sale on April 13-14, 2018. Also wanted are good cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, farm machinery, etc. to donate to the KS MCC Sale - new to antique. If you are thinking of getting a new car, consider

donating your trade-in to the MCC Sale as a tax deductible donation. Contact Jerry Toews for more info at 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com.

8. Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series with an event entitled "Your Medicare Options" on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 PM. Learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Everence staff will present and the workshop will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800 or michelle.ramer@everence.com to reserve a spot.
9. Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Jan. 1, but resumes Jan. 8. Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly, no previous experience required. For questions, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com.
10. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel on January 6 at 8:15 a.m. in the Kauffman 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.
11. Andrew Bolton will present "Is the Community of Christ Becoming Anabaptist?" on January 7 at 3 PM at Kauffman Museum. Bolton has served in administrative positions with the Community of Christ and was an organizer of the October 2017 symposium at the National World War I Museum and Memorial on conscientious objection to the Great War.
12. Registration is now open for the academic conference "Mennonites and the Holocaust," to be held on the Bethel College campus March 16-17, 2018, with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online.
13. Join friends & family of Russ Neufeld on January 13, 2018 in the inaugural running of The Neuf 9K & 2 mile run. The run starts at 10:00 AM at Mojo's Coffee Shop (Bethel College). Russ was a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee. The

run will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and a scholarship is Russ' name at Hesston College. Register online through Jan 10, or in person on the day of the race. Read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

January 1: Virginia Guhr
January 4: Shelly Loganbill
January 5: Chase Stucky

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:

January 4: Bob & Sharon Gehring
January 5: Byron & Susan Schrag

Prayer Concerns

Gerry's cousin's daughter Jeannette

Give thanks for Carl and Tracy's granddaughter Lucy!

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

As we look ahead to the New Year, pray for God's guidance for WDC as it empowers congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.

Mission Mosaic in the pew: Tom & Disa Rutschman; Jokkmokk, Sweden, Margot & Stephen Longley; Korpo, Finland Pg. 35 Joshua & Alisha Garber & Robin Gingerich Klaipeda, Lithuania, Pg 36, Mary Raber; Odessa Ukraine, Page 37