

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. (Psalm 72:6)*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Lord, every nation on earth / **will adore you.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**

What a Friend (words on 573) HWB # 574
Count Your Blessings Bulletin Insert

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12 Connie Graber

Message "Epiphany Boldness" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *How brightly beams the morning* HWB # 222

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *We will follow* STS # 40

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

****please stand if able**

Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, S&R-green hardbound

Greeters: Kirk & Carla Stucky
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Jim and Joanne Stucky picked two of their favorite hymns for this morning: "What a friend we have in Jesus" and "Count your blessings."

Sermon Notes

Epiphany Boldness
Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12

Theme

Epiphany reminds us to have bold faith in God's love.

Key Verse

(Ephesians 3:12) In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Notes

A Prayer

Loving God, in this new year make bold our faith in you.

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

Sunday, January 14, 2017

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeters: Harvey & Lois Thiessen **Scripture:** Pastor Brad
Message: Wayne and Jeannie Larson
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler
Special offering will be taken for the Larsons

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.

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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. Next week 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. **A special offering will be taken in support of the Larsons.**
2. Christian Homemakers will meet on Monday, January 8 at 11:30 AM at the church to go to the Breadbasket for lunch and then be at the MCC Center in North Newton at 1:00 to work.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. *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

7. 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 faspa (light meal) and stories from the past year, and hear about exciting initiatives to come in 2018.

8. The KIPCOR Film Series continues with *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* (co-sponsored by MCC Central States) on January 14 at 3 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. *Awake* is a 2017 documentary about citizen resistance, led by the Standing Rock Sioux nation, to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Talk-back follows with film co-director and Native American journalist Myron Dewey.

9. Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will take place on January 15 with Ken E. Nwadike Jr., a peace activist, inspirational speaker and video journalist popularly known as "the Free Hugs Guy," and poetry reading by Bethel students at 7 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium.

10. 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.

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.



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

January 7: Bob Gehring

January 9: Sherry Wedel

January 10: Neal Galle

January 12: Taylor Stucky

January 13: Corey Lohrenz

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network partners Juanita and Lawrence Coetzee lead Grace Community Church in Cradock, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Pray for them as they also work in a local prison for juveniles and help the young men there find new meaning in their lives.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC’s Israel-Palestine Relations Task Force, as they meet this week and discern ways to join God’s work of justice and peace-making.

Mission Mosaic in the pew: Linda Gabino in Dominican Republic and Gamaliel & Amanda Fall in Columbia, page 39

Mennonite Church USA

Prayer for the New Year: As Mennonite Church USA, we’re embarking on our Journey Forward in this new year. We invite prayers that we may seek the beauty and hope of God’s spirit drawing us into this community of faith. Let us continue joining our voices in song, in prayer, in fellowship—that even the mountains and the hills may join.