

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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*During the prelude we invite you to prepare your heart for worship by meditating on the words for silent meditation which are taken from the psalm for the day.*

Words for silent meditation: *What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. (Psalm 8:4-5)*

Prelude`    Donna Stucky

\*\* Entrance hymn                      *O come, all ye faithful*                      HWB 212

Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 8  
O LORD, our Sovereign / **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Greeting in Christ's peace

\*\***Celebrating in song**  
*The first Noel, the angel did say*                      HWB 199  
*Oh, have you not heard*                      HWB 606

Scripture                      1 John 1:1-5                      Connie Graber

Message      "The heavens declare the glory of God"      James Wenger

**Song of Response**                      *Wonderful Words of Life*                      (on screen)

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*\*Sending Song                      *Precious Lord, take my hand*                      HWB 575

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

**\*\*please stand if able**

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

*Please give a warm welcome to James Wenger, our speaker for today! James is a Regional Conference Minister with South Central Mennonite Conference and member of Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston.*

*Thank you to Norman Funk for choosing his favorite hymns "Have you not Heard", "Sing Them Over", and "Precious Lord" to sing this morning.*

Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr  
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

### Sermon Notes

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

## **Sunday, January 6, 2019**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School      **10:30 AM:** Worship Service  
**Message:** Pastor Brad Roth      **Scripture:** Connie Graber  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad      **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky  
**Greeter(s):** Dale & Elda Jantzen      **Music:** Praise Team  
**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

## **Coming Events**

Jan. 7:      Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM in Conference Rm  
Jan. 13:      Annual meeting and meal  
Jan. 14-16:      Pastor Brad out to Eastern Mennonite Seminary  
Jan. 16:      MYM and meals begin  
Jan. 19:      SPACE women's fellowship 9:00 AM  
Jan. 24:      Pastor Brad to Denver for Evangelical Covenant  
                 Church conference  
Feb. 3:      Mennonite Education Sunday at West Zion  
Feb. 24:      Baptismal Sunday

**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

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838

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

**Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:** Thurs. 9-11, 1-4 PM

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Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

1. Join us in January for an **adult Sunday School** working through Mennonite Church USA's *Journey Forward* curriculum. *Journey Forward* is a church-wide renewal process that, over the course of four weeks, invites us to look at our identity as Mennonites, what it means to follow Jesus, how we witness to God's peace, and ways we experience transformation. Pastor Brad will lead the class. You can learn more at:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/journey-forward/>

<http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/pathways-study-guide/>

2. Yearbook reports and names of new committee members for appointed teams need to be **to the secretary by January 14**. Reports are needed from CDT, Homemakers, Deacons, Mission Team, Hospitality Committee (and funeral), Pastor, Treasurer, Trustees, and Worship Team. Thanks!

3. The current **yearbook addresses** can be found in foyer. Please check your information (and family members who no longer attend) and make changes as needed, thanks.

4. For those who are **greeting**, your schedule is in your church mailbox. Please contact Carla Stucky if you have questions.

5. Christian Homemakers are still **collecting all kinds of used greeting cards**. Please include the entire card and the useable parts will be cut for use. Place your cards in the box on the foyer shelf above the coat rack. They will be sent to the St. Jude's Children's Ranch to be used for certain projects.

6. This holiday season the Associated Ministries of Moundridge will again be **selling coffee grown in Honduras** by the family of Moundridge native Julia Niehage Williams. This specialty, organic coffee is available in 1 lb. bags of either whole bean or ground. The coffee sales will support the work of the Associated Ministries of Moundridge. Order forms are available in the foyer through Dec. 30.

## General Announcements

7. The first concert of 2019 at the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring The Barefoot Movement, will be on Sunday, January 13th at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of

great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

8. Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual Reaching Out Letter Writing Events! Thursday, January 10 from 7-9pm at MCC Central States (121 E 30th Street, North Newton) and Monday, January 21 from 1-5pm at OVM (900 N Poplar, Newton). Letters and cards will be delivered to individuals incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on February 14. If you have any questions, contact [ben@offendervictimministries](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries).

9. Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) presents The Prison Theater Project, a collaboration between Bethel College and Hutchinson Correctional Facility, on Friday, January 25, 7pm at HCF East Unit (400 S Halstead Rd, Hutchinson). RSVP to [ben@offendervictimministries.org](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries.org) by Friday, January 11 to attend. Preceding this event at 5pm, all are welcome to join us for OVM's Annual Meeting at St. Teresa Church (211 E 5th, Hutchinson). Soup supper provided.

## **Prayers for Joys and Concerns**

Baby Boy Roth and Lici, as his due date draws near (Feb.7)

## **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Pray for Iglesia Palabra Viva, a new WDC church-plant in Liberal, KS, as they reach out to share God's love with their community.

## **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations and as they share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:

December 30: Peter Stucky

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