

Sunday, March 17, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Steve Schmidt **Scripture:** Harvey Thiessen
Worship Leader: Karen Loganbill **Accompanist:** Gerry Major
Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel **Music:** Pine Village Bell Choir
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Coming Events

March 13: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM, Choir 7 PM
March 16: Bicycle drive 8-10 AM, SPACE fellowship at 9:00 am at the church
March 18: Community women's Bible Study begins a new study Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm
March 24: Elbiata singers rescheduled
March 31: Baptismal Sunday and Communion
April 12-13: MCC Sale at KS State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson
April 14: Children's Choir sings in morning worship
Holy Week Svc at Eden, speaker Peter Goerzen 7 PM
April 17: Holy Week Prayer walk (gathering location and time to be decided)
April 18: Maundy Thursday service at WZ
April 21: Easter 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

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. During the season of Lent, Pastor Brad will lead us in a **sermon series on prayer** called "Praying the Way with Jesus." How can Jesus' life and teaching help us deepen our understanding and practice of prayer? Invite a friend as we learn together!
2. During the season of Lent, **join Mission Team** at the front of the sanctuary after church to **pray for the mission of our church--** especially our upcoming Easter celebration. Let's put what we're learning on prayer into practice!
3. **Thank you** for all the support, cards, prayers, flower arrangement, and money to purchase a tree in honor of our mother/grandmother Barb. What a privilege to be a part of such a caring church family.
- The Roths
4. Due to church being canceled last week, **Elbiata singers** have been rescheduled to join us on March 24.
5. **Baptismal Sunday** and celebration of Communion have been rescheduled for March 31 (a change from last week's bulletin).
6. **Pastor Brad** will be traveling to Massachusetts for a rural church conference on March 17. Steve Schmidt will bring the message.
7. March 16, 8:00-10:00 AM Mission Team is sponsoring a **bicycle drive for refugees in Wichita**. Many newcomers to our country use bicycles to get to work and school, especially while they're still getting established and don't yet have a driver's license. If the bicycle needs light repairs, that's okay. We welcome bicycles for all ages. You can also make monetary donations, which will go toward the purchase of helmets. Questions? Talk to Pastor Brad or Carl Duffman.
8. The **new yearbooks** are in your church mailboxes. Extras can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary. There is a recycling box under the table for old yearbooks. If you find that any changes need to be made, let Carla Stucky know, thanks.
9. A **children's choir** led by Ellen Kaufman will sing on Sunday, April 14 at West Zion. Practices will be Wednesdays, March 27, April 3 and April 10 from 6:30-7:00 pm. Ages pre-K to 8th grade are welcome!

10. The **community women's Bible Study** group led by Karen Brunk will begin a new study entitled "Trusting God" on Monday, March 18 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Cost of book is \$7.50. If interested, call Carla Stucky.

11. A **men's Bible study** on Paul's letter to the Philippians has begun and meets 6:30-7:30 AM on Wednesdays in the AG360 conference room downtown. It's a time for conversation and deepening our understanding of God's word. Join us!

General Announcements

12. Notes from the Pine Village Annual Corporation meeting can be found on the board.
13. Nancy Sprowell Geise, author of the biography, **Auschwitz #34207: The Joe Rubinstein Story**, will share about the Holocaust survivor's story and her relationship with him, at Hesston College on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. A reception and chance to meet the author will follow the presentation.
14. MCC Central States is **seeking items for Returning Citizen Care** kits. The full list of contents can be found on the Material Resources page of our website or by visiting our wish list on Amazon (can ship directly to MCC). Returning Citizen Care kits are distributed to MCC partner organization Working Men of Christ in Wichita where the kits help men and women feel supported and loved as they transition to life outside of prison. Items should be sent to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org.
15. A **program of classical guitar and spirituals** will be performed by the Stucky/Henderson Duo (Rodney Stucky and Mary Henderson Stucky) at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 23 at First Mennonite Church of Christian. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Call June Krehbiel at 620-345-2360 to reserve a ticket. Sponsored by Moundridge Arts Council.
16. Kip Wedel will discuss Anabaptist attitudes toward American civil religion at **SMCHA's annual meeting** on Sunday, March 10 at First Mennonite Church of McPherson at 2:30 p.m. More information is on the bulletin board.
17. What is well with your soul? All women are invited to find peace at the Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) **Spring Supper** on Thursday, March 21 at First Mennonite Church in McPherson.

Speaker Sheryl Wilson, Executive Director of KIPCOR will speak on *Finding Your Peace*. Supper begins at 6:00 PM and tickets are \$10 per plate. RSVP by March 14. Details are on the bulletin board.

18. New books in the library!

The Ark, The Reed, & the Fire Cloud – Jenny Cote, juvenile fiction about the amazing tales of Max & Liz and their journey to the ark.

Hidden Presence: 12 blessings – 12 stories about blessings that somehow transformed sorrow or loss.

Christmas Presence: 12 gifts – 12 stories about gifts that were more than they seemed.

Alone: A Search for Joy – Katie Funk Wiebe, her story of how she found strength to survive the loneliness and loss of identity when her husband died leaving her with four young children.

MCC SALE April 12-13

MCC Contacts: Mike & Connie Kaufman

Be sure to take note of the **beautiful quilt made by Wynona Becker** hanging in the stairwell at the church, as well as the story of how the quilt came together!

We're collecting coins for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) through the Coins Count offering. MCC works in 57 countries to do relief, development, and peace-building. Our kids will collect coins during the offering to deposit in a special tub, so check under your sofa cushions and bring out the jar of spare change. Our coins help make MCC's vital work possible!

The 22nd annual Run/Walk for Relief 5k is an event of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. The race begins in Rice Park, Hutchinson, at 8am on April 13th. Registration forms can be found online or ask Connie Kaufman. Karen Loganbill will be running this year and writes, "An article in *The Mennonite* inspired me **to run in this year's Run for Relief in memory of my dear mother-in-law Shirley**. As most of you know, Shirley, who has been gone for almost four years now, was a strong advocate for mental health. I'd love to raise \$6,600 to honor her legacy. The article describes how a partner with MCC helped Noel, a 57-year-old widow in rural Haiti, with major depression. Like many people with mental illness in Haiti, she suffered for years before being able to get the

mental health care she needed. You can read her story here: <https://mcc.org/stories/mcc-supports-mental-health-care-poorest-haiti>. For global mental health, MCC spends an estimated 1 percent (about \$660,000) of its total dollars (about 66,000,000) spent for relief, development, and peace work. MCC supports eight mental health projects in Afghanistan, Haiti, Lebanon, Nepal, Palestine, Syria, and Tanzania. Could we together donate 1% of those mental health dollars? **If you'd like to help me reach my goal and give in memory of Shirley, make your check out to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale or KMRS and give or mail it to me by April 12 (1918 Cheyenne Rd, Moundridge, KS 67107)."**

WZ Joys and Concerns

Gerry Major's brother Howard and family as Howard enters hospice care and the family makes end-of-life decisions.

Braxton, Rosanne Hayes' grandson, and his mother Amanda and aunt Marjorie, as they travel to Boston for testing regarding GI difficulties.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations experiencing pastoral transition, as they determine next steps in congregational discernment and pastoral search processes.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Alisha, Joshua and Asher Garber of MMN are looking for a new home in Catalonia as the building that housed Mennonite Evangelical Community residential program needs to be closed for repairs. Pray that each of the 18 people who lived there will find a place.

Mission Mosaic

Benin, Botswana and Burkina Faso partners including La Casa Grande, a Christian home for orphans and disadvantaged children who have lost parents to AIDS, pg 11



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:
March 11: Maddie Koehn, Brandon Porter
March 12: Jan Graber
March 14: Samara Wenger
March 16: Bentley Isaac