

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

Vol. LV                      January 26, 2020                      No. 4

Words for silent meditation: *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27:1)*

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 27:1,4-9  
The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
**whom shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
**of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
**to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,**  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
**and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
**Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.  
**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

Greeting in Christ's peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song** *I will sing of my Redeemer*                      HWB 344

Scripture                      Habakkuk 1:1-2:1                      Rory Burge

**Song**                      *Praise to God, immortal praise*                      HWB 91

Message                      "Stand at the Rampart"                      Pastor Brad

**Song of Response** *Lord, should rising whirlwinds*                      HWB 92

Commissioning of Carla Stucky as Deacon  
Commissioning of Leadership Teams

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song** *In the rifted Rock I'm resting*                      HWB 526

**\*\*Benediction**

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

Greeter(s): Bob & Sharon Gehring  
Ushers: Mel Becker, Richard Golden, Vicky Kessler

*Thank you to Harvey and Lois Thiessen for choosing favorite hymns "I will sing of my Redeemer" and "In the rifted Rock I'm resting".*

### Sermon Notes

Stand at the Rampart  
Habakkuk 1:1-2:1

#### Theme

Watch for God. Speak your burden.

#### Key Verse

(Habakkuk 2:1a) I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me.

#### Notes

#### A Prayer

Speaking God, give us the courage to give testimony to your will.

## **Mennonite Education Sunday, February 2, 2020**

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN, 719 S. Christian**

**No SS or worship at West Zion**

**9:30 AM: Sunday School**

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service

**Message:** Nick Ladd, professor in Hesston College Bible Department

**Noon meal**

### **Coming Events**

- Jan. 29: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM at AG360,  
MYM and Pancake/sausage meal 6:00 PM
- Feb. 2: Mennonite Education Sunday at First Mennonite
- Feb. 5: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM at AG360,  
MYM and Tator Tot casserole meal 6:00 PM
- Feb. 12: Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 AM at AG360,  
MYM and Taco meal 6:00 PM, Council 7:00 PM
- Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday 7-7:30 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**

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## West Zion Announcements

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

1. Next week, February 2 is **Mennonite Education Sunday** at First Mennonite in Moundridge! (9:30 AM SS; 10:30 AM worship). Bethel College Concert choir will sing (Jerod Kaufman is a member) and the speaker will be Professor Nick Ladd from Hesston College's Bible Department. Bring something yummy to share at the potluck afterwards.
2. Our **new team members** voted in by affirmation vote on Sunday are: Carla Stucky for Recording Secretary, Michelle Porter for Christian Disciple Team, Geneva Wedel for Mission Team, Leon Guhr filling vacant 1 year Trustee term, Curtis Guhr filling 3 year Trustee term, Janice Dyck for Worship Team, Lorene Lohrenz for Gifts Discernment Team.
3. You are invited to sign up in the foyer to go see **Ted & Co.** present **Boots, Buckets, and Barrows** on Saturday, February 1 at Journey Mennonite in South Hutchinson at 7:00 pm. In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co. will present this play in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets filled with baked goods and home items. All proceeds benefit the work of MDS. If you have questions, contact Ellen Kaufman.
4. A **Paint Party Fundraiser** will be held for Braxton Church (grandson of Rosanne Hayes) on Saturday, Feb. 29 at Asbury Park in Newton. All proceeds raised will go towards the cost of medical travel expenses to and from Boston for care at Boston Children's Hospital. More information on the paint party is on the board; go to [fb.me/BraxtonMChurch](https://fb.me/BraxtonMChurch) for details on Braxton and his medical condition.
5. Join Hesston College and Everence for AVDS 2020 Feb. 21-23 for **Living More with More: Redefining the Good Life** to learn how to put financial anxiety aside so you can redefine the good life and the church in a way that everyone thrives. Keynote presenters are Leonard Dow and Colin Saxton, both of Everence Financial, and Michele Hershberger, Bible professor at Hesston College. This event costs \$80 per adult and \$30 per student/youth. Discounts are available for groups and members of sponsoring congregations. For details and to register online, go to [www.hesston.edu/events/avds/](http://www.hesston.edu/events/avds/).

6. **Mobility Worldwide/PET** is going on a Guatemala distribution March 30 to April 6, 2020. If anyone would like to help with in country expenses, like distribution of carts, or special projects helping the poor, send checks to Mobility Worldwide, 320 Ruth St. Moundridge. You can find out more about Mobility Worldwide at <https://mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/kansas-moundridge/>. – Kirby and Chris Goering

7. **Christian Homemakers** will meet on Monday, Jan.27 at 11:30 am at West Zion to carpool to the Bread Basket in Newton for lunch at noon. After lunch we will go to MCC to work!
8. The church mailboxes have been updated and might be in different spots; double check to make sure you are picking up your own mail, thanks!
9. Men, join us **Wednesday mornings from 6:30-7:30 AM** at AG360 (101 N. Christian downtown) for a Bible study. As we get ready for Lent and Easter, we'll look at the theme of resurrection in the Bible. The study will run through March 11.
10. **Wow!** The congregational puzzle was put together quickly. We had so much fun with that, there is another puzzle for you to enjoy on the table (slightly more difficult). Stop by the table in the foyer and put together a piece or two.
11. **Christian Homemakers** are continuing with the project of saving all greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Bring complete card and put into the box on the church foyer shelf.

## General Announcements

12. **MCC Great Winter Warm-up!** Thank you for your participation in the Great Winter Warm Up at one of the 22 events around the MCC Central States region! The comforter count right now is a little over 5,500 from across the U.S. and Canada. We will have the official tally by the end of the month. We are so grateful for your help in reaching our goal to share warmth and love with our brothers and sisters! If you are looking for another opportunity to make comforters for MCC, the Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas is on March 2, 3, and 4<sup>th</sup>.
13. **Join us for We've Come This Far by Faith, an MCC Centennial Celebration** on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shari Flaming

Center for the Arts at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the past 100 years and at the same time help us look forward to the next 100 years of serving in the name of Christ around the world. More information can be found at [mcc.org/weve-come-far-faith](http://mcc.org/weve-come-far-faith) and to learn more about MCC's centennial, please visit [mcc.org/centennial](http://mcc.org/centennial).

14. **Sat., Feb. 1** – Kauffman Museum Bird Walk. Meet at 8 a.m. in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton – experienced birders will lead 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. **Sun., Feb. 9** – KIPCOR Film Series: The Great White Hoax, 3 p.m.; talkback follows with Mark McCormick – Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. **Tues., Feb. 11** – Bethel College Organ Recital Series: KU graduate students Mark Campbell and Edward Poston, featuring Kimberlynn Poston, soprano, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. This is a change in schedule; Shirley Sprunger King will play in the series April 17.

15. The **Dyck Arboretum of the Plains** will be hosting a Native Plant School beginning on February 1, including classes on Trees, Shrubs and Vines of Kansas, Small Space Native, Gardens, Weed Identification and Control, Buffalo Grass Lawns, and Rain Gardens. The Dyck Arboretum of the Plains is a 29-acre public garden in Hesston, KS, and its mission is to cultivate transformative relationships between people and the land. For more information, visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org).

16. Looking for that perfect gift for our loved one on Valentine's Day? This year on Friday, February 14, let **New Hope Shelter** provide you the perfect gift in a romantic venue with the gentle sounds of a string quartet. There will be scrumptious Italian cuisine provided by KP Cuisine, Italian sodas and fine coffees, and even chocolate to make the evening even sweeter. All proceeds go to New Hope Shelter to provide a place for the homeless in McPherson, Harvey and Marion counties. More information is on the board.

### **West Zion Joys and Concerns**

Rosanne and Jeremiah Hayes and families as Rosanne's sister, Lena Woolverton died on January 21. Rosanne also is recovering after getting a pacemaker.

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

Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek God's guidance for future direction and leadership.

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

Youth Venture, a short-term service and learning experience, will be offered this summer in six locations — Benin, Colombia, Israel, Peru, Spain, and the United States (Kykotsmovi, Arizona). Pray for participants, ages 15–22, who are eager to join in God's work.

### **Mission Mosaic**

Lillian, Norm, Nadine, & Kenneth Nicolson, Orodara, Burkina Faso Pg 8



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

January 27: Sharon Gehring

January 31: Larry Loganbill

February 1: Carolyn Schmidt

*Sermons are online @ [westzionmc.org](http://westzionmc.org)*

*Find us on Facebook!*

***We're calling 2020 the Year of Celebration!*** *It's a time to reflect on God's blessing and mercy in our individual lives and life together as the church – and celebrate!*