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Our Mission : God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

West Zion Announcements

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

1. This Sun., Pastor Brad begins teaching “**Intro to the Bible**” during the Adult Sunday School hour. Join us as we dive into God’s word.
2. Tonight, **Sun., Dec 1st – Hanging of Greens at 6 PM**. Come join in preparing our church for Christmas. We will have an informal time of decorating followed by a brief time to reflect and sing a few Christmas songs. Bring a finger food and join a great time of fellowship for the “Tasting Bee” in the basement following.
3. Everyone is invited to **Christmas Open House** at the Pohls, 224 S. Wedel, on Sat. Dec. 7 from 2-5 pm.
4. Subscriptions to **The Mennonite** are due, and are \$39 per year. Make checks out to West Zion church, in the memo put “the Mennonite”, give the check to the church secretary by Sun. Dec. 8.
5. **Christmas Eve program practice** is Wed., Dec. 18, 6 PM and Mon., Dec. 23, 9 AM . On Christmas Eve, the service begins with the prelude at 6 PM with the service, “Welcome the Light” following at 6:30 pm.
6. A **2013 yearbook** is on the table for updates. If you wish to recycle your old yearbook put it in the box under the table in the foyer.
7. **Robbie and Cece's Loganbill** have a new address. It is 1301 McDaniel Lane SE #104 Lacey, WA 98503.
8. Starting in January, we will ask those who have announcements to come up to the lectern before service begins. (If it is difficult for you to go the lectern, we will bring you a microphone). This should make announcements move more quickly. If you have any questions, please check with a member of Council. Thanks.
9. **Video recordings** of our worship services are now available for check out in the foyer.
10. **West Zion is now on YouTube!** You can catch Pastor Brad’s latest sermon any time by clicking on the West Zion Mennonite YouTube channel or following the link from our website: www.westzionmc.org.

General Announcements

11. The **Moundridge Blood Drive** is scheduled for Wed., Dec. 11, 1:30 to 6 PM at Pine Village Wellness Center. Call [800-733-2767](tel:800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.
12. **Life Enrichment at Bethel Dec. 4**
9:30: *Salvation Army and Harvest of Love*, Barbara Lee
10:15: *Coffee Break with goodies provided by LE participants*
11:00: *Hesston High School Singers*, Jessica Harrison
13. Everyone is invited to join the choir of First Mennonite Church in Newton to perform Handel's Messiah or, come hear the concert Sun., Dec. 15 at 7 pm. Rehearsals are Sun. from 2:30 - 4 pm. The concert includes a 60 plus voice choir, orchestra and the following soloists: Amy Schroeder, Kay Schroeder, Christopher Kliever, and Matthew Schloneger. A free will offering taken.
14. “**Christmas Tea**” at Eden Mennonite Church is Sat. Dec. 7, at 9 am. More information on the bulletin board.
15. **Start here...and jump into the biblical text!** Join Michele Hershberger and Hesston College students for two weekends as they learn about the **Psalms**, Paul’s **epistles** and **I Corinthians verse by verse!** The weekends are January 24-26 and March 20-23 (includes Thursday evening) on the college campus. Call [620-327-8290](tel:620-327-8290) to register and for info on costs, discounts and other details.
16. The Wichita Chamber Chorale performs its annual Christmas program as part of the **Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts** season at 7:30 pm., Thurs., Dec. 5, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the College campus. The concert features the Wichita Brass Quintet. Call 620-327-8158 to purchase tickets, or email hesstonbethel.org .
17. **Weds., Dec. 4**—Sing along to Christmas portions of Handel’s *Messiah*, 11 am., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*, scores provided, and all are welcome
Fri., Dec. 6 – Christmas Gala Jazz Concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, 8 pm., *Krehbiel Auditorium*
Sun., Dec. 8 – Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 pm. on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria
18. **Statistics for Angels’ Attic** Jan-October . Store hours for Angels’ Attic are posted on the bulletin board. **Shoppers served:** 7153, **Items taken by shoppers:**, 34,541, Black garbage bags taken to MCC & Other facilities: 854, **Volunteer hours:** 2,640.75.

19. **Give Hope on Giving Tuesday, December 3!** Not sure what Giving Tuesday is? It's a day dedicated to kick off the Christmas giving season, a reminder that Christmas is about more than buying gifts. Give a gift of hope by supporting the work of MCC this Christmas season. Want to double your money? All gifts from first time donors are matched dollar for dollar on Giving Tuesday. Donate online at mcc.org/giving-tuesday or send checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501 with Giving Tuesday on the memo line.

~We Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week
December 1: Terry Jantzen
December 5: Jeff Becker & Dorothy Toews

~We Wish "**Happy Anniversary**" this week
December 1: John & Harriet DeLay
December 6: Phil & Lorene Lohrenz

Joys and Concerns

Pray for those affected by tornadoes across the Midwest, including those in Washington, IL, where many of Pastor Brad's family live.

Sharon Gehring's relative Maria, in Denver, who has cancer.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Barbara and Tad Wulliman of MMN, who live in Manila, request prayer for the people of the Philippines. Many are still living in tents after an earthquake devastated their homes in October, when super-typhoon Haiyan pounded the islands.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

This week, area Conference Ministers meet in Denver, CO. Pray that this time of networking, listening and planning is encouraging and life-giving to our leaders. Clarence Rempel, WDC Executive Conference Minister and Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister will attend.

Attendance: Sunday School: 22 Worship: 68

Next Week – December 8

9:30 am: Sunday School	10:30 am: Worship Service
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad	Scripture: Pastor Brad
Message: Pastor Brad	Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Greeters: Jay & Vicky Kessler	Music: Chancel Choir
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel	

Coming Events

Tonight: Hanging of the Greens 6 pm
Dec. 4: 5:45-6:15 pm MYM and WZ supper, Choir Practice 7-8 pm
Dec. 7: "Christmas Tea" @ Eden Mennonite Church, 9 am
Christmas Open House at the Pohl's 2-5 pm
Dec. 8: Christian Homemakers Christmas get together 6 pm @
Connie Graber's
Dec. 11: 5:45-6:15 pm MYM and WZ supper, Choir Practice 7-8 pm
Dec. 15: Pre School Christmas Program 2 pm
Dec. 17: Worship Team Meeting 7 pm
Dec. 18: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM and parents and program,
Christmas Eve Practice 6 PM, Choir Practice 7-8 pm
Dec. 23: Christmas Eve Practice 9 AM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service 6 PM
Dec. 25-27: Office Closed
Dec 29: Harold Thieszen preaching
Jan. 19: Noon Meal and Annual Meeting