

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace (Psalm 29:11).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle Mateo Roth

Announcements

Welcome and call to worship Psalm 29 Connie Graber
(Pew Bible, p. 547)

antiphon: **Your voice, O Lord, is a voice of splendor.**

Greeting in Christ's Peace

Special Music "Rise up, O Men of God" Men's Ensemble
By William P. Merrill & Aaron Williams
Arr. by Mosie Lister

****Celebrating in song** Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah HWB 50
A wonderful Savior is Jesus HWB 598

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17 Pastor Brad
Pg 957

Special Music "I saw the light" Men's Ensemble
By Hank Williams Arr. by Mosie Lister

Message "Dive in!" Pastor Brad

Song of Response As I went down to the river STJ 79

Offering/Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Jesus, Rock of ages HWB 515

****Benediction**

****Postlude** Donna Stucky

Welcome to the residents at Pine Village worshipping with us by telephone hook-up during the month of January.

A Word about our Worship: On this Lord's Day, we commemorate the baptism of Jesus. Let us remember our faith, baptized into Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Sermon Notes

Dive in!
Matthew 3:13-17

Theme
God calls us to become his children in baptism.

Notes

A Prayer

God who gives us the power to become your children through the waters of baptism, embrace us in your sheltering love, that we might rest in our steadfast identity in your Son Jesus.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

Pastor Brad Roth

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Thurs. 1-4 pm

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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. Next week we come to the **Lord's table to celebrate Communion**. Let us take time this week to prepare our hearts to come with joy to meet our Lord in the company of our Christian brothers and sisters!
2. Next Sunday, Jan. 19, is our **Annual Meeting**. The Mennonite College Committee will provide the noon meal of Chili and Cinnamon Rolls. This is a fund raiser for the group. The Annual Meeting will follow the meal.
3. **Mid-Week Oasis** is Wednesday s 6:30-7:00 PM. Join us for a time of spiritual refreshment through song, Scripture, and prayer!
4. 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.
5. **Annual reports** for 2013 are due in the church office by Sun. Jan. 26.

General Announcements

6. **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.
7. If your family uses Everence Financial service, **apply now for college** scholarships for next year. More details on the bulletin board or see Dale Jantzen. Applications due by Feb. 28, or visit Everence.com/scholarships .
8. **Sun., Jan. 12 at 4 PM**, The Stray Birds, a folk trio performs at the Prairie Window Concert Series, Dyck Arboretum Hesston. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.
11. The Mennonite congregations of Buhler and Inman invite everyone to join them in an **Anabaptist Mennonite Historical Series, Buhler and Inman Kansas Region** beginning Jan. 15 through March 12. More information is on the bulletin board.

12. **Retiring soon?** On Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, and April 15, at 4 and 7 PM, Everence Financial Advisors will present an introduction to Medicare and Social Security. Robert Wall, financial advisor with Everence will provide instructions on how to enroll, explain how continuing to work affects your benefits and answer related question. Everence is located at 371 N. Old Highway 81 in Hesston., .

13. **Reading the Bible in an Instagram World** is the theme for this year's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series, **Feb. 21 to 23**, at Hesston College. In today's social media-saturated world, we hunger for something real, lasting and relevant. Connecting with the MC USA Year of the Bible, this year's conference provides a fresh take on the college's Biblical Literature curriculum. Presenters are Michele Hershberger, Marion Bontrager, Ted Swartz and Jeremy Kempf.

14. Thurs., Jan. 16, **Artist reception** for Teresa Pankratz, 6-8 PM., Bethel College Fine Arts Center Gallery. The narrative behind "The Dream House Collection" comes from the loss of Pankratz's childhood home in Walton to fire. Pankratz will have two public performances in the gallery, Sat., Jan. 18, and Mon., Jan. 20, 2-4PM. Seating is limited. To attend contact the artist at teresapankratz@gmail.org.

15. **Bethel College's annual celebration** of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., includes a screening of the **77-minute documentary, *The Loving Story*, Sun., Jan. 19, 7 PM., Krehbiel Auditorium**, and a **keynote address** by Ewuare Osayande, Anti-Oppression ministry coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee U.S., **Mon., Jan. 20, 7 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium**.

16 At Lindsborg at the **Birger Sandzén Gallery, Jan. 14-Feb. 23**, retired Bethel College art faculty members Bob Regier and Paul Friesen have an exhibit of **pastels and wood sculpture**. Artist reception is Sun., Jan. 19, 2-4 PM. More information at www.sandzen.org.

17. **MCC has a number of Rep and Area Director Leadership Openings for 2014**. These positions carry primary administrative responsibility for MCC programs around the world and are central to the work of MCC. Anyone interested in serving and find job descriptions serve.mcc.org. Opening include: MCC Representatives in Democratic Republic of Congo, North East Asia (China, ROK, DPRK), and Egypt; and Area Directors for Southern Africa and Central West Africa. Direct questions, inquiries or candidate suggestions to Susan Wenger, HR AA-International Leadership Placement, susanwenger@mcc.org, [717-859-1152](tel:717-859-1152), ext. 204.

~Wish **“Happy Birthday”** this week

January 12: Taylor Stucky

January 13: Corey Lohrenz

January 14: Shery Kessler

Joys and Concerns

The family of Annette Green after Annette’s passing.

Bill and Sharon Kempf-as Sharon continues to recover in the hospital.

Marilyn Decker, Sherry Kessler’s sister, recovering at Newton Medical Center after cancer biopsy surgery. The tumors were cancerous, and she may face further treatment.

Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek the Spirit’s leading as we share our gifts of service.

Remember our mission partners, the Larsons

Wayne’s birthday is January 30—sign card in foyer.

Pray for their openness and ability to act on God’s leading in his strength.

Pray for deepening relationships with Gulf young people.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Pray for MMN’s Mike and Teresa Sherrill and their three children in Japan. Mike works as chaplain and associate professor of Christian Studies at a women’s junior college. Teresa, co-pastor at West Tokyo Union Church, also ministers through hospitality and family ministries.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for the Church Planting Task Force and Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister, as they attend to new church opportunities and continue to support existing church plants.

Attendance: Sunday School:43 Worship: 50

Next Week – January 19

Communion

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Brad Roth

Greeters: Gerry Major & Aline Bachman

Candle Lighter: Daniel Kaufman

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Wynona Becker

Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Noon meal: Fundraiser for the Mennonite College Fund

Annual Meeting following the Noon Meal

Coming Events

- Jan. 13: Christian Homemakers meet at the church at noon to carpool to eat out at Newton and then to work at the MCC Center at 1:30
- Jan. 15: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis, Women’s Ensemble 7 PM
- Jan. 19: Noon Meal, Fund raiser for Mennonite College Fellowship and Annual Meeting
- Jan. 22: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis, 7 pm Women’s Ensemble
- Jan. 29: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis, 7 pm Chancel Choir