

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Epiphany Sunday

Words for silent meditation: *The Lord sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. Psalm 147:15*

Beautiful star of Bethlehem STS 32
Blessings and honor STS 109
Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Announcements (please come to the front to give announcements from the lectern if you are able)

Welcome and call to worship Psalm 147:12-20 Pastor Brad
Alleluia STS 17

Greeting in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song** Come, thou Almighty King HWB 41
We praise thee, O God HWB 99

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Ellen Kaufman
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Message "Let them see Jesus!" Pastor Brad

Song of Response As with gladness men of old HWB 218

Blessing of MCC School Kits / Children's Moment
Offering/Offertory

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** The Lord bless you and keep you STJ 76

****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: Epiphany is an ancient season in the church calendar that begins in January and last through Transfiguration Sunday (this year on March 2). The focus is on Jesus the Light, revealed to the world.

Sermon Notes

Let them see Jesus!
Matthew 2:1-12

Theme

We welcome others to see Jesus in our lives.

Notes

A Prayer

Jesus who makes us your holy temple, grant that our lives reflect your love, for the glory of the Father.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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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. **Mid-Week Oasis** begins Jan. 8th 6:30-7:00 PM. Join us for a time of spiritual refreshment through song, Scripture, and prayer!
2. 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.
3. **Annual reports** for 2013 are due in the church office by Sun. Jan. 26

General Announcements

4. **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.
5. Pine Village will host a **Dementia Educational Series** beginning Jan. 7 from 7-8 p.m. This five session series focuses on how dementia works, stages, and resources available for caregivers and family members. Series dates are: Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4, 18 and March 11, all are from 7-8 p.m. in the Pine Village Wellness Center. The series is free to attend, but space is limited. Call [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901) to sign up; or for more information visit www.pinevillageks.org.
6. **Apply now for college scholarships.** If your family uses Everence Financial service, you may apply for a college scholarship for next year. Everence wants to help you make full use of your God-given talents. More details on the church bulletin board or see Dale Jantzen. Applications due by Feb. 28, or visit Everence.com/scholarships.
7. Sun., Jan. 12 at 4 PM, The Stray Birds, a folk trio performs at the Prairie Window Concert Series, at 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.

8. Sun., Jan. 5, at 3:30 PM a gallery walk is in the Kauffman museum with Rachel Epp Buller and John Thiesen. This is the closing day of the special exhibit, "Art that Worked: WPA Art in Newton 1935-1943".

9. **Thurs., Jan. 16**, Artist reception for Teresa Pankratz, 6-8 PM., Bethel College Fine Arts Center Gallery
10. **Mon., Jan. 20**, Bethel College's annual celebration of the life and legacy of **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, 7 PM., Krehbiel Auditorium
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.

~Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week

January 5: Chase Stucky

January 7: Bob Gehring

January 9: Sherry Wedel

January 10: Michelle Kaufman & Neal Galle

~We Wish "**Happy Anniversary**" this week

January 5: Byron & Susan Schrag

January 8: Earl & Frances Neufeld

Joys and Concerns

Edna Anderson, recovering at home after an infection

Sharon Kempf who is hospitalized in Newton Medical

Pray for Nancy Ottley, her son and daughter-in-law, and the foster children that they were hosting in the last months, as those children return to their father.

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.

Prayer requests from the Larsons

Impact of testimony films (one video had 50,000 downloads in 6 months)

Continue coaching w/ people in nearby country

The start of workshops in schools

Young people, such as Masoud, Kareem, Jassim and

Dina, from previous workshops

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Pray that God would inspire and strengthen Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of MMN as they encourage the next generation of decision-makers in the Bolivia Mennonite Church through serving in pastoral roles, leadership training, and Christian education ministries.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Leadership Commission as they interview two pastors for ordination on January 10 and for the WDC Executive Board as they have their annual planning retreat on January 11.

Attendance: Sunday School: 18 Worship: 48

Next Week – January 12

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Connie Graber

Message: Brad Roth

Greeters: Duane & Sharon Becker

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Pastor Brad

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Music: Men's Ensemble

Coming Events

- Jan. 8: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis, 7 pm Men's Ensemble
- 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