

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. (Psalm 100:2)

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit We Rejoice in All Your Ways Chancel Choir
By Vicki Bedford

Welcome!

The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 100 (HWB 821) Connie Graber

Greeting in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song**

All creatures of our God and King HWB 48
(vs.1-3,7)

For the fruit of all creation HWB 90

Scripture Luke 17:11-19 Leon Guhr
Pg 1037

Preschool Children dismissed to Little Flock

Special Music Thanks and Blessings Flow Chancel Choir
Arr. by Tom Fettke

Message "Turn back and give thanks" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Give thanks for life STJ 108

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Now go in peace STJ 74

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler
Jr. Usher: Mateo Roth

Sermon Notes

Turn back and give thanks

Luke 17:11-19

Theme

Notice what God has done, and thank him.

Key Verse

(Luke 17:15) One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

Notes

A Prayer

Healing God, may we trust you so deeply that we see you at work and thank you with hearts and hands and life and mind.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

16. We are on the countdown for the Ten Thousand Village

Festival Sale in back of Prairie Harvest, Newton, Kansas.

Dates are:

Thursday, Dec. 4 - 9 AM - 8 PM

Friday, Dec. 5 - 9 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, Dec. 6 – 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, Dec. 7 – 1 PM - 4 PM

17. Events at Bethel

Mon., Nov. 24 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble “American Masterpieces” concert, guest conductor Frank L. Battisti; **7:30 PM.**, *Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center*

Weds., Dec. 3 – Sing along to Christmas portions of Handel’s *Messiah*, 11 AM., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*, with Bethel College soloists, conductors and instrumentalists; scores provided, and all are welcome.

Fri., Dec. 5 – Christmas Gala Jazz Concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I and II, 8 PM., *Krehbiel Auditorium*

Sat., Dec. 6 – 5 Places of Christmas, 10 AM.- 4 PM., *Luyken*

Fine Arts Center and Kauffman Museum on the Bethel College campus. FAC: Bethel College Women’s Association presents a variety of Christmas collections (Santas, angels, stars, books, villages, trees and other symbols of the season) from 25 local contributors. KM: indoor scavenger hunt with a chance to win an entire crèche; museum director Annette LeZotte speaking on “Nuns and Nativity Cradles” at 11 a.m. Free admission to all “5 Places.”

Sun., Dec. 7 – Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 PM on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria

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

Pastor's Office hours: Tues. and Wed. 10 am -12:30 pm

Thurs. 1-4 pm

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Taylor Stucky** is staying in St. Louis for the next 4-5 weeks for intensive outpatient treatment of OCD and anxiety. We thank you for your thoughts and prayers! If you are interested in sending him a card, his address is: Taylor Stucky, Water Tower Inn, 3545 Lafayette Ave, St. Louis, MO 63104.
2. The **directory** for the yearbook is printed and posted on the table in the foyer. If there are additions or corrections please make changes.
3. Sun. Nov. 30 at 6 PM, **Hanging of the Greens**. Join us to decorate the church and sing carols. Tasting Bee to follow. Please bring a snack to share for the Tasting Bee.
4. Our White Christmas Project this year will go to Camp Mennoscah. Be thinking how you might be able to share with Camp Mennoscah this holiday season. Be looking for our Camp Mennoscah Christmas wish list set up in the foyer on Nov. 30.
5. This year for the **Food Pantry** holiday baskets, West Zion is asked to provide money for hams. Last year they gave away 30 baskets. Please mark your check or envelope for Food Pantry and put it in the offering plate.
6. A Gifts Discernment Survey is in your box. Please prayerfully mark places where you would be willing to serve God and his church in 2015 and return the survey to the Pastor's box by Dec.7. Thanks!
7. Join us on Dec.7 during the SS hour for our second funeral workshop, "*Your Body is a Temple: Crafting God-Centered Funerals.*" We'll talk about what the body is and who it belongs to in the Christian vision of life, and why that matters for funerals. The Worship Team will explain more about the meaning of the funeral pall/casket quilt and take time for questions.
8. "**Sisters In Spirit**" of Eden Church invite the women of West Zion to the "**Christmas Tea**" Sat., Dec. 6 at 9 AM. Vada Snider, Karen Loucks, and Duane Graham present the program. RSVP by Nov. 30 to Denise Stucky 345-2591 or Eden Church Office 345-8320 or edenmc@mtelco.net. RSVP for Nursery love offering accepted.

9. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Community Thanksgiving Service! We fed some 250 people and sent home at least 25 carry-out boxes for friends and neighbors.

10. Mission Team is sponsoring West Zion members/attenders who would like to go to the Rural Ministry Seminar on Jan.24, 8:00-12:00. Lunch is included. This seminar is especially designed for congregational lay leaders in a rural setting. It will explore the unique mission of the church in a rural context, focusing on questions of God's unique calling for rural congregations and what makes for successful rural ministry. For more info, see: <http://www.ambs.edu/academics/Rural-Ministry-Seminar.cfm> . Talk to Pastor Brad or Geneva to register.

General Announcements

11. **NO Bethel College Life Enrichment for Thanksgiving week**

12. Everyone is welcome to attend this year's **Luminary Walk** from 5:30 to 8 PM. on Nov. 28 and 29 and again on Dec. 5 and 6. The theme is "Joy to the WORLD: A Multicultural Celebration" at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for members, senior citizens and college students, and \$2 for children ages 3 to 15. Call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org for more information.

13. **Thurs., Nov. 27** – If you're looking for a Thanksgiving night activity, come to **Mojo's on the Bethel College campus, 7:30-9:30 ., to hear the Bethel College Jazz Combo** – Issei Tsuji, trombone, Westen Gesell, sax, and Adam Voth, percussion – and friends (Landon Bartel, Ian Gingrich-Gaylord, Joel Linscheid and William Flynn).

14. The "Greencards" preform at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston for the next Prairie Window Concert. The concert is Sun., Dec.7 at 4 PM. Join us for an evening of great music and good food. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

15. Everyone is invited to Mennonite Central Committee's Christmas Open House on Tues., Dec. 9 from 4-6 PM at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th). Join us to meet the new people in MCC Central States, visit with MCC alumni and at 4:30pm hear a reflection from Carol Duerksen about her recent MCC Learning Tour to

Palestine/Israel. We'll have lots of Christmas goodies for you to enjoy while you're here!

~ Wish “**Happy Birthday**” this week
November 27: Ken Becker & Jerod Kaufman
November 29: Rick Kaufmann

~ Wish “**Happy Anniversary**” this week
November 27: Larry & Karen Loganbill

Joys and Concerns

Taylor, Carla, and Kirk as they travel back and forth to St. Louis, and for Taylor as he continues his treatment.

Ruth Schmidt, recovering after surgery at the Moundridge Mercy Hospital.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Benin Bible Institute, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in West Africa, celebrated its 30th anniversary last month. Praise God for the more than 1,000 church leaders BBI has trained for ministry, and pray for the resources necessary the school's continuation.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Give thanks to God for God's good provisions and for the strong financial giving for WDC ministries of pastoral support, congregational resourcing, and church planting.

Attendance: Sunday School: 33 Worship: 49

Sunday- Nov. 30 ***First Sunday of Advent***

9:30 am: Sunday School
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad
Message: Pastor Brad
Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr
Greeters: Dave & Zettie Wedel
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, & Tim Diehl
Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

10:30 am: Worship Service
Scripture: Dave Wedel
Accompanist: Gerry Major

Coming Events

Nov. 25: Nov. 30 bulletin printed
Nov. 26: **No Chancel Choir**
Nov. 27: Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Nov. 30: Hanging of the Greens 6 PM
Dec. 3: Choir 7 PM
Dec. 4: West Zion @ Pine Village 4 PM
Dec. 6: Dan & Becky Pohl Christmas open house 2 PM, everyone invited. 224 S. Wedel Moundridge
Dec. 7: Christian Homemakers Christmas get together at Randy Kessler's' 6 PM.
Dec. 9: Worship Team 4 PM
Dec. 10: Choir 7 PM
Dec. 11: Mission Team Meeting 7 PM
Dec. 17: Church Council 8 PM
Jan. 18: Annual Business Meeting

