West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone (Psalm 65:1).

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Samson Petersen

Welcome!

The mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was raised, and who is coming again be with you all.

/ and also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 62:5-12 Duane Becker

Antiphon: My soul is at rest in God alone, my

salvation comes from God.

Greeting in Christ's Peace

**Celebrating in song God is here among us HWB 16

We praise thee, O God HWB 99

Scripture Ephesians 4:1-16 Zettie Wedel

Pg 1158

Preschool Children dismissed to Little Flock

Special Music "Reach Out medley"

Diane Amstutz and Carla Stucky Accompanied by Donna Stucky

Message "Gifts for growth" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Will you come and follow me STS 39

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song We will follow STS 40

**Benediction

**Postlude

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Samson Petersen

We welcome the residents of Pine Village who are joining us via telephone hook-up.

Sermon Notes

Gifts for growth Ephesians 4:1-16

Theme

Grow into Christ.

Key Verse

(Eph.4:15) In all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is,

Christ.

<u>Notes</u>

A Prayer

Lord God of hosts, grant that we may share in the free gift of Jesus' grace, that we might grown in his likeness.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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

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

- 1. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 in place of Oasis (6:30-7:00)
- 2. Join us **after church on March 1** for a potluck and workshop exploring how we **share our faith** with others. We'll use role-playing and table conversation to deepen our capacity to share the Gospel.
- 3. Schedules through Labor Day for Scripture Readers and Worship Leaders are in your boxes. If you're unavailable on any of the days where you're listed, please swap with someone and let Pastor Brad know. Rodney Dyck is also available to fill in as a Scripture Reader.
- 4.. Please have all reports for the yearbook into the church office by **Today**, Jan. 25.
- 5. Sunday, Feb. 1, West Zion will begin collecting **Penny Power** money for the MCC Sale.
- 6. Wanted: Our Christian Homemakers project for next year is to send greeting cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. We want Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentines, Birthday and other cards. There is a collection box on the foyer shelf. **Hallmark and Disney cards are not accepted.**
- 7. Mission Team encourages you to connect to a new group dedicated to prayer for the local and international mission of the church. To learn more, join us for a brief meeting in the Conference Room TODAY, Jan. 25 after the service. May the Holy Spirit spark a flame in our hearts!
- 8. Plastic Donuts and Bounty:Ten Ways to increase Giving at Your Church were suggested by Everence as great educational resources regarding stewardship. They are now in our church library. Plastic Donuts by Jefferson Anderson is the story of a special gift that helps one to see giving from God's perspective. The book is also helping people everywhere give gifts with this unique perspective. The second book, Bounty: Ten Ways to increase Giving at Your Church by Kristine Miller and Scott McKenzie. The authors provide ten immediately do-able and ultimately transformative steps that church leaders can take in any church setting.

 I invite you to check both of these books out of our library. They are small, easy read books. ~Connie Graber, WZ Advocate for Everence

General Announcements

- 9. Sat., Jan. 31, at 11 AM, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Kauffman Museum begins its celebration of Kansas Day, the theme is "Transportation". An historical interpreter on Amelia Earhart, Ann Birney will present. At noon is a special Kansas Day luncheon in Schultz Student Center cafeteria (ticket purchase required for all but children 4 and under); From 1-4 PM, at the museum, there are free craft and educational activities and vehicle displays If interested in the luncheon, e-mail Andi Schmidt Andres at asa@bethelks.edu or call her Tues.-Fri. at 316-283-1612.
- 10. Life Enrichment at Bethel Feb. 4

9:30 AM: Aztec Dancers, Patrice Olais, Newton High School
10:35 Our Trip to Alaska (it took all summer!), Janet and Orvin Voth
11:30: In jail, my mind opens...: Life Writing at Hutchinson
Correctional Facility.

- 11. Circles of McPherson County will host its 4th Annual Soup Supper on Sun., Jan. 25 at the Free Methodist Church, 1010 South Maple, from 5-7 PM. More information is on the poster on the bulletin board.
- 12. Mon., Jan. 26 at 6:30 PM the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston begins its Winter Lecture Series with Roy J. Beckemeyer speaking about "Buried Treasure under the Prairie ". The lecture is in the Prairie Pavilion, with a soup supper preceding it at 6 PM. in the Visitor's Center. The cost of the lecture is \$2 per person, or supper and the lecture is \$7. Interested persons should call 620-327-8127 by noon on Fri. before the Mon. lecture for supper reservations.
- 13. Sat., Feb. 7, Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk; meet at 8:30 AM in the museum parking lot, Main & 27th Streets, North Newton, for a 1- to 1.5-hour walk on Sand Creek Trail with experienced birder Gregg Friesen; binoculars helpful but not required.
- 14. The Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference is Feb. 13-15 at Hesston College, "Overcoming Evil: Ordinary People Making a Difference." Keynote speaker is Father John Dear, internationally known voice for peace and 2008 Nobel Peace Prize nominee. Information/registration at www.hesston.edu/avds or call 620-327-8109.
- 15. Nationally recognized artist Ted Swartz of Ted & Co. TheatreWorks brings the scriptures alive in *"I'd Like to Buy an*

Enemy," a hilarious and poignant satire that explores peace, justice and the American way. The play is part of the 2015 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS), Sat., February 14 at 7 PM., Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$12 or free with conference registration.

16. Learn with MCC! Everyone is invited to this special Mennonite Central Committee event on Sat., Feb.28 at 9AM in the Luyken Fine Arts Center on the campus of Bethel College. MCC Central States program staff is teaming up with MCC U.S. staff to provide resources and a time of mutual learning on the topics of: immigration, sexualized and gender based violence, Doctrine of Discovery and Indigenous people and militarization within the U.S. Lunch at Mojo's Coffee Shop (also on the Bethel campus) will follow the seminars. Mark your calendars to join us. If you plan to attend, please email tinaschrag@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720

~ Wish " Happy Birthday" this week

January 25: Colton Kessler January 27: Sharon Gehring January 31: Larry Loganbill

Joys and Concerns

Earl and Frances Neufeld thank the congregation for their prayers and concern as Earl has undergone testing for some lumps. Earl will begin a three-week course of chemotherapy at the Newton Cancer Center on Jan.26 (Mon-Wed each week).

Norm's brother Jim, recovering after surgery and a broken ankle.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Reuben Mgodeli is providing leadership for Bethany Bible School, a MMN partner in South Africa. Pray for him and his wife, Phumeza, as they model discipleship at home and in their public ministries. Pray also for Bethany students as they share what they learn with their home congregations.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for our Junior High Youth and Leaders gathering, "Know Jesus," hosted by Hesston College and the Western District and South Central Youth Ministry Team, January 31-February 1.

Attendance: Sunday School: 23 Worship: 72

Sunday- Feb 1, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad
Message: Pastor Brad
Candle Lighter:

10:30 am: Worship Service
Scripture: Luke Loganbill
Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Greeters: Larry & Karen Loganbill

Ushers: Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler, Mel Becker

Jr. Usher:

Coming Events

Today: VBS Meeting 2 PM

Jan. 28: Choir 7 PM

Feb. 4: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM Feb. 11: CDT 4 PM, 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM,

Choir 7 PM.

Feb. 12: Mission Team 4:30 PM Feb. 18: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper,

Ash Wed. Service 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM

Feb. 25: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM

March 1: Pot Luck, Workshop following

March 4: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM

March 8: Becky Clark's Student Piano Recital

March 11: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM March 18: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM March 25: 5:45 PM Wed Night Supper, Oasis 6:30-7 PM, Choir 7 PM