

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. (Psalm 124:7)*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle Elijah Roth

Choral Call to Worship Come, walk with us Chancel Choir

Welcome The Lord be with you / **and also with you.** Mike Kaufman

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 124, p.613
(Leader odd verses / People even verses)

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**

 Here in this place HWB 6
 Sing praise to God who reigns HWB 59

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20 Jerrod Kaufman

Special Music What a Friend We Have in Jesus Chancel Choir
 By Harold M. Best

Children dismissed to Little Flock (for ages toddler - 1st grade)

Message "Go out, church!" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Listen, God is calling STJ 42

****Offering**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Lord Jesus, you shall be my song STJ 14

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Greeters: Mel & Kathi Becker

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Elijah Roth

Sermon Notes

Go out, church!
Matthew 28:16-20

Theme

Jesus sends us out on his mission.

Key Verse

(Matthew 28:19-20) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

Notes

A Prayer

God who empowers us to go out on our mission, give us courage to join your work day-to-day.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

13. Life Enrichment at Bethel College: September 30

9:30 AM: *What's Up at Newton City/County Airport*, Brian Palmer, airport manager, Newton

10:35: *Farm Tour Down Under: Australia and New Zealand*, Carol and Donley Duerksen, Hillsboro

11:30: *Brooklyn Bridge* by *Melissa James Gibson* excerpts from *Fall Festival drama*, John McCabe-Juhnke, professor of communication arts, Bethel College, and Bethel students.

14. Sunday, Oct. 4 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 4 PM., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. “Starry Night” features works by William Schuman, Carl Nielsen, Charles Ives, Vincent Persichetti and the world premiere of “Starry Night” by Michael Kallstrom.

15. **CHANGE IN DATE** – The October bird walk on Sand Creek Trail, on the Bethel College campus, which would normally happen the first Saturday of the month, will take place during Fall Festival, on the second **Saturday, Oct. 10, beginning at 7:30 AM** in the *Kauffman Museum parking lot*. Gregg Friesen will lead the walk.

16. Reunions taking place during Fall Festival at Bethel College on Sat., Oct. 10 are the Industrial Arts program, the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery marchers, the 1955 Mennonite Singers and former BC cheerleaders. Check the activities at www.bethelks.edu/fallfest (click “Schedule”).

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

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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. We give thanks for the positive vote last Sunday to extend my term as pastor of this caring congregation! We're looking forward to another three years walking together in Moundridge as we grow in God's mission. Pastor Brad and Lici

2. You may notice our new Connection Box which is attached to the lectern where the guestbook used to be. The Worship Team is now using Connection Cards to invite West Zion guests to leave their contact information. The cards will be kept on the lectern and greeters will ask guests to fill out the cards and place in the Connections Box or in the offering plate. A record of visits will be kept on the church computer. Thank you for continuing to extend invitations to others!

3. FALL CHURCH PICNIC is **Tonight** Sept. 27. The picnic is at Phil & Lorene Lohrenz's cabin beginning at 5PM. A hayrack ride will take place at 5:15 p.m. Hot dogs, buns, smores, and drink are provided. Bring a lawn chair, roasting sticks (if you have some), side dish OR chips. We look forward to a beautiful fall evening of fellowship and fun! Anyone needing a ride should contact Connie Kaufman. Directions to the Lohrenz's: From the four way stop in Moundridge: Go 4 miles south to Dutch Ave. Turn West (right) go 3 miles to North Golden Prairie Rd. Turn South (left) on sand road go 2 1/2 miles. Their driveway is to your right. DeKalb Seed Sign at the end of driveway.

4. October 11, Carl Duffman will be baptized and Tracy Duffman will be received as a member. We will celebrate Communion

5. October 11, after church--Celebrate West Zion! Join us for a time of celebration for all that God has been doing in the life of West Zion. Bring a main dish to share. Deacons are arranging dessert.

6. Are you interested in exploring what our worship will look like for the upcoming Advent/Christmas/Epiphany seasons? The Worship Team invites you to join us for a Worship Visioning Summit on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM in the West Zion conference room. We would love to hear YOUR ideas! We will take the ideas generated that evening to create Christ-filled worship for the upcoming holiday

seasons. Reflect on the following questions to get your creative juices flowing:

***Our theme for Advent is "Hope."** What comes to mind when you hear this passage: "We have our hope set on the living God" (1 Timothy 4:10)?

* Look at our theme song, **STS 15 Hope is a candle**. How can we represent this song visually?

* Think about this verse for Christmas: "**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!**" (Luke 2:14).

7. Western District Conference is October 30-31. Contact Sharon Gehring by Oct 10th if you want to be a delegate for West Zion.

General Announcements.

8. The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is Fri. Oct. 9, 1:30 PM to 6 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-37677.

9. October 30-31 Western District Annual Assembly at Bethel College, N. Newton. More information is posted on the bulletin board along with registration forms, or check on-line at www.mennonwdc.org/annual-assembly/.

10. Your help is needed to make New Years Cookies for Bethel Fall Fest Sat. Oct. 10. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer on the bulletin board. Times and jobs available are posted. Not only do you work with wonderful people but you also get to sample the product. Quality control is very important. Questions contact Becky Pohl.

11. Spruce beetles have moved into trees at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) youth camp worked throughout the summer to address the issue and removed 80 trees containing beetles. Eighteen more trees containing beetles need to be removed. MDS is working on this project October 2-10. All skill levels are needed. If you can help that week, or even a day or two that week, call Paul Unruh 316-772-6308 or Gordon Unruh 620-747-0835. Food and lodging is provided by RMMC.

12. Journey to a historic Kansas landmark for a collaborative concert with the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers at the Basilica of St. Fidelis Church: The Cathedral of the Plains in Victoria, Kan., at 6 PM Sunday, October 25. Bus transportation leaving from Hesston is available for \$50 per person. Reserve your spot by Oct. 14, call 620-327-8109.

~ Wish “**Happy Anniversary**” this week
September 28: Ken & Denise Becker

Joys and Concerns

Edna Anderson, recovering after a fall

Jeanne, Jerry and Wynona’s daughter, who underwent cancer surgery on Tuesday. She is recovering well. Thanks to everyone for holding her in prayer.

Rose and Phyllis, Gerry Major’s neighbors. Phyllis has been struggling with lung cancer. Pray for Gerry as she helps them get to appointments and walks with them in their illness.

Josh, Larry and Karen’s grandson, struggling with some mental health issues.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

MMN partners Annette and Paco Castillo are commissioned by the Mennonite Church in Burgos, Spain, to begin a children’s ministry in Ivory Coast. The Castillos, who began the *La Casa Grande* ministry in Benin, request prayer for the children’s health and for electricians and plumbers to mentor apprentices.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for God’s blessing on Tim Amor at his installation as pastor at Beatrice Mennonite Church (Nebraska) today.

Attendance: Sunday School: 25 Worship: 72

Mission Signs

How can your life engage the mission of God? Try walking instead of driving, and start up a conversation with people you meet.

(<http://www.emm.org/index.php/ideas/item/1605-8-ways-to-easily-be-missional>)

Mission Team Prayer Circle meets after worship during the month of September in the front of the sanctuary. Please join us!

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Geneva Wedel

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr

Greeters: Leon & Virginia Guhr

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Lici Roth

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

- Sept. 27: 5 PM SS Picnic @ Lohrenz Cabin (see announcement)
Sept. 30: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
7 PM Chancel Choir
Oct. 3: 8 AM Men’s group
Oct. 7: 3:30 Deacon Meeting, 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper,
(Adults eat at 6 PM) 7 PM Chancel Choir
Oct. 8: 5 PM Christian Homemakers work night
Oct. 10: Bethel Fall Fest
Oct. 11: Communion, Celebrate West Zion!
Oct. 14: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
7 PM Chancel Choir
Oct. 17: 8 AM Men’s group, SPACE 9-10 AM
Oct. 21: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
7 PM Chancel Choir, Church Council 8 PM
Oct. 22: 7:30 PM Worship Team
Oct. 24: 8 AM Men’s group
Oct. 28: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
7 PM Chancel Choir
Oct. 30-31: Western District Annual Assembly
Oct. 31: 8 AM Men’s group
Nov. 4: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
Nov. 7: 8 AM Men’s group
Nov. 8: 5-8 PM Game Night
Nov. 11: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)
Nov. 14: 8 AM Men’s group
Nov. 15: Congregational Budget Meeting
Nov. 18: 5:45 MYM / Wed. Night Supper, (Adults eat at 6 PM)]
Nov. 21: 8 AM Men’s group, SPACE 9-10 AM

