

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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*During the prelude we invite you to prepare your heart for worship by meditating on the words for silent meditation which are taken from the psalm for the day.*

Words for silent meditation: *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. (Psalm 19:1)*

Prelude                      Donna Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 19 (HWB 813)

Greeting in Christ's peace

**\*\*Celebrating in song**                      *Take my life*                      HWB 389

Scripture                      Matthew 2:13-18                      Bonnie Kaufman

Message                      Pastor Brad Roth  
"Of Dreams and Visions" (Jesus, the Early Years)

**Song of Response**                      *He leadeth me*                      HWB 599

Offering

Team Commissioning

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**                      *Be thou my vision*                      HWB 545

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*please stand if able**

*Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, S&R-green hardbound*

*Thanks to Melvin and Jan Graber for picking *Take my life* and *Be thou my vision*, two for their favorite hymns.*

Greeter(s): Frances Neufeld  
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

### **Sermon Notes**

Of Dreams and Visions  
Matthew 2:13-18

#### Theme

In the midst of life's tragedies, trust in God's plan and listen for God's leading.

#### Key Verse

Matthew 2:13 "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

#### Notes

#### A Prayer

God's whose ways we do not always understand, but whose love is made clear to us in the face of your Son, lead us on the path of life.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org  
Find us on Facebook!*

## **Mennonite Education Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 at West Zion**

**9:30 AM:** Sunday School

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service

**Message:** Patty Shelly

**Scripture:** Crysta Guhr

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Brad Roth **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Greeter(s):** Kirk & Carla Stucky

**Ushers:** Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

**Music:** Hess. College Bel Canto Singers, Ken Rodgers/Donna Stucky

**Noon Meal**

## **Coming Events**

Jan. 28: Bible Study 6:30 PM

Jan. 30: MYM 5:45 PM, Chicken Casserole meal 6:00 PM,  
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM

Feb. 3: Mennonite Education Sunday, Patty Shelly speaker,  
music by Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, Ken  
Rodgers and Donna Stucky, NOON MEAL

Feb. 4: Bible Study 6:30 PM

Feb. 6: MYM 5:45 PM, Tator tot casserole meal 6 PM,  
Chancel Choir 7 PM

Feb. 7: Homemakers tie quilts in Fellowship Hall

Feb. 24: Baptismal Sunday

March 4-5: Pictures taken for new photo directory

March 6: Ash Wednesday service

**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

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838

Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

**Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:** Thurs. 9-11, 1-4 PM

Church: 620-345-8143

Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: [secretary@westzionmc.org](mailto:secretary@westzionmc.org)

Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

1. **Join us next Sunday February 3 for Mennonite Education Sunday, hosted by our church!** Patty Shelly, Bible Professor at Bethel College, will lead adult Sunday School on the gospel of Luke and preach. Russell Adrian will lead the Bel Canto singers from Hesston College. Donna Stucky and Ken Rodgers are planning special music. First Mennonite Church of Christian will be joining us for Sunday School and worship. We will have a potluck meal after worship. **Plan to bring a dish to share!**
  2. Join us in March and April for a **men's Bible study on Paul's letter to the Philippians**. We'll meet Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 AM in the AG360 conference room downtown for a time of conversation and deepening our understanding of God's word.
  3. A **thank you card from Julie Holloway**, director of the Mt. Hope Sanctuary in McPherson (our White Christmas project for 2018), is in the foyer. Writes Holloway: "Words cannot begin to express what we all feel for your generosity! Thank you for the wonderful supplies and the very generous cash gift!"
  4. We're creating a **new photo directory**, and we want all of our West Zion families to appear in it! Pictures will be taken March 4-5. You can sign up online or with Lorene Lohrenz and Marlene Wiens after church. Snap this QR code to go to the website <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ye37kr14/>
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5. **Volunteers are needed** from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Eureka, KS for MDS work. We will be roofing and completing exterior repairs. Tools and lunch will be provided. Work days are scheduled for: Feb. 1 & 2, 22 & 23, and March 1 & 2. Contact Jordan Miller to arrange transportation from the Newton area at 316-217-4570 or [jordanmiller795@gmail.com](mailto:jordanmiller795@gmail.com).

## General Announcements

6. The **MCC Comforter Blitz Committee** is urgently seeking a kitchen coordinator and volunteers to prepare and serve lunch during the Blitz ( March 4-6). If you are interested or willing, please contact Shirley Jost at (785) 250-7437 or [jostshi@cox.net](mailto:jostshi@cox.net). No sewing skills required!
7. **Everence®** will hold an informative workshop on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Social Security and retirement income planning will cover when to begin taking Social Security benefits, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshops are presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).
8. The **Life Enrichment program** at Bethel College for the spring semester begins Feb. 6 and ends on May 1. This program is designed for persons 60 and above. A few brochures are available on the bulletin board. For more information, contact Wendell Wiens 316-772-6269 or email [nnwwiens@cox.net](mailto:nnwwiens@cox.net).
9. The **Mennonite Central Committee** Central States board of directors invites you to their Annual Meeting on February 23 at 10 a.m. at MCC in North Newton, Kansas (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>).
10. MCC welcomes alumni to **host reunions** at the Welcoming Place in Akron, Pennsylvania in 2020 as we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To see if a reunion is already scheduled for the country where you served or to organize a reunion, contact [alumni@mcc.org](mailto:alumni@mcc.org).
11. Hesston College's **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** (AVDS) conference Feb. 1-3 will do more than just talk about following Jesus, we will practice spiritual disciplines using our bodies and voices for Jesus. Join Christian spirituality experts Mark and Lisa Scandrette for "Growing More Like Jesus from the Outside In: Transforming Heart and Mind." Register by Jan. 28, \$100/person, \$75/each for two or more from your group. Brochures and a poster are on the bulletin board. Call 620-327-8147 for more information.
12. Information on upcoming **Bethel College events** can be found on the bulletin board.

## MCC SALE April 12-13

MCC Contacts: Mike & Connie Kaufman  
Visit our website at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) or like us  
on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the MCC sale budget can place a check in the offering earmarked for MCC budget. Any question regarding the sale, please see Connie or Mike Kaufman.

My Coins Count – Coins add up. Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for MCC's work around the world. We will be collecting coins during offering time Feb. 3 – April 7. Let's make the buckets jingle with our coins and make a difference to the world.

Looking for your donations of old cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, mowers and most ANYTHING of value for the MCC Sale. If you are thinking of buying a new car, consider donating your old car to the MCC Sale. Vehicles do not need to be running. We will pick them up, clean them up, and get them running. Your donations can change people's lives and give them hope. Call Jerry Toews 620-367-8257.

You're invited to host, be a guest or organize a Fellowship Meal at your church. Annually, these simple meals help support the Relief Sale by raising funds towards the sale budget. Meals, in area homes, are scheduled March 3 & 10. Registration deadline is Feb. 8. Contact Connie or Mike for additional information.

Service Opportunities: There is variety of committee openings including an Urgent Need for 2 people on the Vereniki Making Committee, Domestic Arts Verenike Booth Committee Members, FTM Sausage Baking on Saturday and New Year's Cookie committee. See your Relief Sale Contact liaison for details on these opportunities.

Quilters' Corner: Volunteers are welcome and needed each Tuesday evening 7-9 pm at the MCC Center in North Newton to help sort and price items for the Sale as well as each third Saturday of the month (Jan 19, Feb 15, Mar 15) any time between 9 am - 3 pm. Quilting donations are also welcome and needed i.e. quilting fabrics, quilting supplies, vintage linens, unfinished quilting projects, etc. You can give donations to Connie Kaufman or bring directly to the MCC Center with the indication that they are for Quilters' Corner.

## Prayer Joys and Concerns

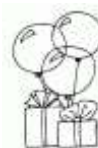
- Kathy Hayes, recovering after breaking her arm
- Shane Wallace and Emily Wiebe, friends of Carolyn Schmidt, whose infant son Landen continues to remain in ICU
- Pray for family of Orlando Fast, former member of WZ, who died on Jan. 20

## Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC's Resource Commission meeting this week, as they promote faith formation resources for people of all ages.

## Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Pray for Naomi Tice of MMN as she serves with Urban Light in the United Kingdom. Pray for wisdom and patience in this ministry.



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

January 27: Sharon Gehring

January 31: Larry Loganbill

February 1: Carolyn Schmidt

## BOOK CORNER

**A** faith-inspiring story by Dale Jantzen's grandfather's cousin, Herman Jantzen, *Journey of Faith in a Hostile World*, is among the new books in the church library. Herman Jantzen was born in 1866 in a Russian village and was son of a leader of Mennonite families who went east seeking religious freedom. Among many accomplishments, Herman became a linguist, an interpreter in the Royal Court, and a Muslim missionary. However, his life was filled with many hardships and dangers. His son Abram was imprisoned and shot, six grandsons were killed when they were forced to go to war in 1940, and he came close to death many times. Yet through it all, he practiced his faith and prayer life. Perhaps he has prophetic words and advice for us yet today. He says, “[The Holy Spirit] cannot lead because human interpretation and self-righteousness do not allow Him to express Himself. Therefore, the terrible divisiveness in Christendom!” Some advice Jantzen gives is for us to really experience John 1:12-13 and Romans 8:16. Thank you, Dale, for your donation.

Other new books include *Christmas at the Stable*, which inspired our meaningful Christmas program, by Kimberly K. Funk; and *Wholly, Holey, Holy* by Reverend Melvin D. Schmidt, originally from Goessel.