

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: *May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. (Psalm 72:6)*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, *from* Psalm 72
Lord, let every nation on earth adore you / **that peace abound.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song** (words on screen)
Angels we have heard on high HWB 197
Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem STS 32
The virgin Mary had a baby boy

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6 Connie Graber
Alleluia HWB 101

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Connie Graber

Message "Overwhelmed by Joy" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *Amazing Grace* HWB 143
(vss. 1,3,6)

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *Fairest Lord Jesus* HWB 117

**Benediction

**Postlude

****please stand if able**

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

Thank you to Richard and Glenda Golden for choosing their favorite hymns "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Amazing Grace" to sing this morning.

Greeter(s): Dale & Elda Jantzen
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Sermon Notes

Overwhelmed by Joy
Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Theme

Choose to be open to God's joy.

Key Verse

(NRSV) Matthew 2:10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

Notes

A Prayer

Joyful God, make your joy complete in us as we place our faith in your Son.

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

Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad Roth **Scripture:** Leon Guhr
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman **Music:** Jan Dyck
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler
Noon meal and annual meeting

Coming Events

Jan. 7: Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM in Conference Rm
Jan. 13: Annual meeting and meal
Jan. 14-16: Pastor Brad out to Eastern Mennonite Seminary
Jan. 16: MYM and meals begin
Jan. 19: SPACE women's fellowship 9:00 AM
Jan. 24: Pastor Brad to Denver for Evangelical Covenant
 Church conference
Feb. 3: Mennonite Education Sunday at West Zion
Feb. 24: Baptismal Sunday

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.

1. Our **Annual Business meeting** will take place next Sunday, January 13 following a noon meal at West Zion. Please bring a potluck meal to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.
2. Next Sunday, January 13, we will **celebrate communion**. Let's prepare our hearts and mend relationships so that we can come with joy to meet our Lord at his table!
3. **Christian Homemakers** will meet on Monday, January 7 at the church at 11:30 AM and carpool to eat at the Breadbasket at noon. We will be at the MCC Center at 1:00 PM. A business meeting will be held during lunch.
4. Thanks to everyone who supported our **White Christmas offering** for 2018! Our church collected 331 items and \$2,185 for the Mount Hope Sanctuary in McPherson.
5. Join us in January for **adult Sunday School** as we work through Mennonite Church USA's *Journey Forward* curriculum. *Journey Forward* is a church-wide renewal process that, over the course of four weeks, invites us to look at our identity as Mennonites, what it means to follow Jesus, how we witness to God's peace, and ways we experience transformation. Pastor Brad will lead the class. You can learn more more at:
<http://mennoniteusa.org/journey-forward/>
<http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/pathways-study-guide/>
6. Yearbook reports and names of new committee members for appointed teams need to be **to the secretary by January 14**.
7. The current **yearbook addresses** can be found in foyer. Please check your information (and family members who no longer attend) and make changes as needed, thanks. Changes to the yearbook need to be given to the secretary by January 14.

General Announcements

8. Centering Prayer resumes tomorrow, Mon., Jan. 7, after the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the

Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com.

9. Bethel College Events:

Today – Rachel Pannabecker, “Remembering Ethel Ewert Abrahams: Collector and Artist,” program in connection with the special exhibit “Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920,” 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum
Mon., Jan. 21 – Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, with guest speaker Sherdeill H. Breathett Sr. at 7 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
Thurs., Jan. 24 – Reading by poet Jean Janzen, Fresno, Calif., with an opening by Bethel College graduate Jesse Nathan, San Francisco, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. Reception follows in the Regier Art Gallery, where there will be a display of artist books inspired by Janzen's writing.

10. Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series in 2019, starting with *Make Medicare an easy step* on Monday, Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be 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.

11. Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual Reaching Out Letter Writing Events! Thursday, January 10 from 7-9pm at MCC Central States (121 E 30th Street, North Newton) and Monday, January 21 from 1-5pm at OVM (900 N Poplar, Newton). Letters and cards will be delivered to individuals incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on February 14. If you have any questions, contact ben@offendervictimministries.

12. Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) presents The Prison Theater Project, a collaboration between Bethel College and Hutchinson Correctional Facility, on Friday, January 25, 7pm at HCF East Unit (400 S Halstead Rd, Hutchinson). RSVP by January 11 to ben@offendervictimministries.org. Preceding this event at 5pm, all are welcome to join us for OVM's Annual Meeting at St. Teresa Church (211 E 5th, Hutchinson). Soup supper provided.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for the conference, its congregations and ministries, its members, leaders and staff as the new year begins. What do we see as we pray for WDC, and envision it through God's eyes?

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Tomorrow, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family are returning to Ecuador after six months in the United States. Their two-way mission with Mennonite Mission Network requires many transitions. Pray for wisdom and patience. Pray especially for daughter, Sierra, who is remaining in the United States for college.

Mission Mosaic

Linda Gabino in Dominican Republic and Gamaliel & Amanda Fall in Colombia, page 39



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

January 7: Bob Gehring

January 9: Sherry Wedel

January 10: Neal Galle

January 12: Taylor Stucky