

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

Words for silent meditation: *Restore us, O God Almighty! (Psalm 80:7)*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Announcements

Welcome and call to worship Psalm 80:1-7 Connie Kaufman
(congregation reads v.3+7)
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Greeting in Christ's Peace

Introit Welcome, Golden Rose Chancel Choir
By William Canton & Brad Nix

****Celebrating in song** God is here among us HWB 16
Oh, how shall I receive thee HWB 182

Lighting of the Advent wreath Isaiah 7:10-16 Loganbill family

My soul cries out STS 124

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 Pastor Brad
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Choir Anthem Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child Chancel Choir
By Loyd Larson
Words can be found in STS # 19

Message "God with us" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Love came down at Christmas HWB 208

Offering/White Christmas Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

A Word about our Worship: The main colors of Advent are pink, purple, and white. Purple represent the royalty of Christ, but is also a traditional color symbolizing repentance and pointing us toward preparing our hearts for Christ's coming. Pink represents our joy at Christ's birth. White represents Christ and his purity.

****Sending Song** Come on, ring those bells!

****Benediction**

****Postlude** – "Hallelujah" from Messiah G. F. Handel
Kirk Stucky, trumpet & Donna Stucky, Organ
Please remain standing

Sermon Notes

God with us
Matthew 1:18-26

Theme

In Jesus, God is with us.

Notes

A Prayer

Bless us, Father God, in this Christmas season, with the nearness of your Son Jesus.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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

West Zion Announcements

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

1. Mid-Week Oasis begins Jan. 8th 6:30-7:00 PM. Join us for a time of spiritual refreshment through song, Scripture, and prayer!
2. **Christmas Eve program practice** is Mon., Dec. 23, 9 AM . On Christmas Eve, the service begins with the prelude at 6 PM with the service, "Welcome the Light" following at 6:30 pm.
3. A **2013 yearbook** is on the table for updates. If you wish to recycle your old yearbook put it in the box under the table in the foyer.
4. Starting in **January**, we will ask those who have announcements to come up to the lectern before service begins. (If it is difficult for you to go the lectern, we will bring you a microphone). This should make announcements move more quickly. If you have any questions, please check with a member of Council. Thanks.
5. **Video recordings** of our worship services are now available for check out in the foyer.
6. **West Zion is now on YouTube!** You can catch Pastor Brad's latest sermon any time by clicking on the West Zion Mennonite YouTube channel or following the link from our website:
www.westzionmc.org.

General Announcements

7. **Start here...and jump into the biblical text!** Join Michele Hershberger and Hesston College students for two weekends as they learn about the **Psalms**, Paul's **epistles** and **I Corinthians verse by verse!** The weekends are January 24-26 and March 20-23 (includes Thursday evening) on the college campus. Call [620-327-8290](tel:620-327-8290) to register and for info on costs, discounts and other details.
8. Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship share their annual living nativity, **Night in the Barn**, Dec. 21 and 22 from 6-8 pm. Visitors are welcome to gather around a bonfire and enjoy hot drinks as part of the evening's activities. Admission is free, donations for the youth group are accepted. More information is on the bulletin board.

9. Pine Village will host a **Dementia Educational Series** beginning Jan.7 from 7-8 p.m. This five session series focuses on how dementia works, stages, and resources available for caregivers and family members. Series dates are: Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4, 18 and March 11, all are from 7-8 p.m. in the Pine Village Wellness Center. The series is free to attend, but space is limited. Call [620.345.2901](tel:620.345.2901) to sign up; or for more information visit www.pinevillageks.org.

10. **Pine Village** announced exciting news today. It recently received zero deficiencies (perfect score) on its annual survey from the Kansas Department of Aging for its Assisted Living Cottages. "The annual survey substantiates that we are achieving quality of care for our residents, which is one of our top priorities," said Jim Huxman, Administrator. "Not only does the survey attest to the care, but our Assisted Living consistently remains full."

11. **Apply now for college scholarships.** If your family uses Everence Financial service, you may apply for a college scholarship for next year. Everence wants to help you make full use of your God-given talents. More details on the church bulletin board or see Dale Jantzen. Applications due by Feb. 28, or visit Everence.com/scholarships .

~Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week

December 22: Carla Stucky

December 23: Connie Kaufman

December 24: Deanne Loganbill

December 25: Rachel Rupp

December 28: Gary Stucky

~We Wish "**Happy Anniversary**" this week

December 27: Pete & Ruby Koehn

Joys and Concerns

Gerry's brother Alfred in Akron, PA

Sharon Kempf has been moved to Showalter Villa.

Lorraine Kaufman at Pine Village Nursing Care

Pat Stucky is back in Pine Village after hand surgery

Don Miller

Gifts and Discernment committee as they fill the ballot

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Lois and Wayne Hochstetler, pastoral counselors to MMN personnel were based in London, England, for five years. In Nov., they returned to Illinois to complete the last four months of their assignment before retiring. Pray for the Hochstetlers and their adjustments.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Praise God for his indescribable salvation gift – Jesus Emmanuel, God saves and God is with us. Merry Christmas from the WDC Staff! Together with you, we celebrate the coming of Jesus, the one who gives us joy, love and hope! We wish you many blessings during this holy season. --Clarence, Gilberto, Marlene, Nancy, Phyllis, Sandra, Dwight.

Attendance: Sunday School: 40 Worship: 80

White Christmas offerings to date: \$1,283.40

Next Week – December 29

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman

Message: Harold Thieszen

Greeters: Terry & Shery Kessler

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Harvey Thiessen

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Music: Jan Dyck & Audrey Evans

Coming Events

Dec. 23: Christmas Eve Practice 9 AM

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service 6 PM

Dec. 25-27: Office Closed

Dec 29: Harold Thieszen preaching

Jan 2: Men's Ensemble 7 PM, Praise Team Practice 8 PM.

Jan. 8: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis, 7 pm Men's Ensemble

Jan. 13: Christian Homemakers meet at the church at noon to carpool to eat out at Newton and then to work at the MCC Center at 1:30

Jan. 15: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis, Women's Ensemble 7 PM

Jan. 19: Noon Meal and Annual Meeting

Jan. 22: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis, 7 pm Women's Ensemble

Jan. 29: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM, 6:30-7 PM Mid-Week Oasis, 7 pm Chancel Choir