

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Second Sunday in Advent

Words for silent meditation: Blessed be God's glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen. (Psalm 72:19)

Prelude Carla Stucky
Come, Light of the world (on screen)

Announcements

Welcome and call to worship from Psalm 72 Mike Kaufman
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
Blessed be his glorious name forever!

Greeting in Christ's Peace
Introit Let all mortal flesh keep silence Chancel Choir

****Celebrating in song**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB 178
Angels we have heard on high HWB 197

Lighting of the Advent wreath
Isaiah 11:1-10 Harvey and Lois Thiessen

My soul cries out STS 124

Scripture Matthew 3:1-12 Pastor Brad
Pg 957

Special Music Song of Advent Chancel Choir
By Eugene Butler

Message "Bear fruit worthy of repentance" Pastor Brad

Song of Response

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry HWB 183

Offering/White Christmas Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

A Word about our Worship: Advent is a season of repentance and joy. We give up our sin in repentance and we await Christ's coming in joy.

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song Infant holy, infant lowly HWB 206

**Benediction

**Postlude Carla Stucky

Sermon Notes

Bear fruit worthy of repentance
Matthew 3:1-12

Theme

During Advent, we are called to turn towards God.

Notes

A Prayer Father who has privileged us by calling us your children, send your Spirit to turn us back toward you, through Jesus Christ the ever-reigning Lord.

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. Christian Homemakers have their **Christmas get-together** at Connie Graber's home at 128 Blake Ave. at 6 PM. Please bring a snack to share and a cash donation for USD 423 teachers. All ladies are invited to come and join the festivities.
2. The **elevator** is intended for no more than 2 people at once. Thanks-The Trustees.
3. Pastor Brad is teaching "**Intro to the Bible**" during the Adult Sunday School hour. Join us as we dive into God's word. There are books available from the Western District Loan Library about this topic on the library shelves in the foyer.
4. Subscriptions to **The Mennonite** are due and are \$39 per year. Make checks out to West Zion church, in the memo put "the Mennonite", give the check to the church secretary by Sun. Dec. 8.
- 5 **Christmas Eve program practice** is Wed., Dec. 18, 6 PM and 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.
6. 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.
- 7.**Robbie and Cece's Loganbill** have a new address. It is 1301 McDaniel Lane SE #104 Lacey, WA 98503.
8. 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 to 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.
9. **Video recordings** of our worship services are now available for check out in the foyer.
10. **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

11. **Angel Tree:** If you or someone you know needs Christmas gifts for children we are here to help. If interested we need your information by Mon. Dec. 9th. This is for families in the Moundridge School District. If you would like to help one of these families there are Angel Trees located at Moundridge City Office and at Cradle to Crayons. The Angels will be ready for pick up after Tues. Dec.10. We would like the Angels all distributed by Fri. Dec. 20. Please have your wrapped gift with the Angel you chose attached to the gift returned to either the city office or Cradle to Crayons by Mon. Dec. 23, at 5 PM. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Christina Graber at 345-2390 or cradletocrayons@mtelco.net or Pat Krehbiel at the Senior Center at 345-2729.
12. **Sun., Dec. 8** – Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 pm. on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria
13. The **Moundridge Blood Drive** is scheduled for Wed., Dec. 11, 1:30 to 6 PM at Pine Village Wellness Center. Call [800-733-2767](tel:800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.
14. Everyone is invited to **Handel's Messiah** at the First Mennonite Church of Newton Sun., Dec. 15 at 7 pm. The concert includes First Mennonites choir plus community members, an orchestra , and soloists: Amy Schroeder, Kay Schroeder, Christopher Kliever, and Matthew Schloneger. A free will offering taken.
15. **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.
16. Everyone is invited to the **MCC Christmas Open House Tues. Dec. 17**, from 3-6 pm. MCC Central States building is located at 121 E. 30th in North Newton. Meet Michelle Armster, our new Transitional Executive Director, dedicate our new solar panels at 4pm, visit with MCC staff, tour the MCC center and enjoy lots of Christmas goodies.

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

December 8: Vickie Smith

December 10: Lois Thiessen

December 12: Dennis Kaufman

December 13: David Schmidt , Jim Miller, & Mateo Roth

December 14: Aaron Fast

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

December 6: Phil & Lorene Lohrenz

Joys and Concerns

Marija Dubrick, Sharon Gehring's niece, undergoing treatment for a brain tumor

Ruth Galle, recovering from a broken hip

A J and Heather Kessler for their son Layton's surgery

Update from our mission partners, Wayne and Jeannie

Thanksgivings:

The many people who are praying for us

Three new team members

Good connection and visits with Dina, a previous workshop participant

Renewing office rent at 10% increase instead of 46%

Son's possible visit at Christmas (Pray for affordable tickets.)

Prayer requests:

New cell phone purchase; both of theirs quit

Government shutting down schools

Confirming schools and partners for the 2014 workshops

Children's community choir outreach beginning in two weeks

God's spirit to move in Dina's life

Protection for individuals who risk talking about Jesus

A different place for Wayne and Jeannie to live again

Jeannie's participation in a national symphony concert

Wayne's trip to Egypt for a funeral of a close friend of a former colleague whose body was found after he went missing from a hike

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Due to the onset of winter and the holidays, requests for assistance reach a peak this month in the nonprofit agencies for which MMN Mennonite Voluntary Service participants work. Pray that the 57 MVSers in 17 locations will continue to serve their host communities with love and patience.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

This week, area Conference Ministers meet in Denver, Colorado. Pray that this time of networking, listening and planning may be encouraging and life-giving to our leaders. Clarence Rempel, WDC Executive Conference Minister and Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister will attendance.

Attendance: Sunday School: 40 Worship: 87

White Christmas Offering \$399.00

Next Week – December 15

9:30 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship Service

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Scripture: Crysta Guhr

Message: Pastor Brad

Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Greeters: Randy Kessler & Wilda Schrag

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Dec. 8: Christian Homemakers Christmas get together 6 pm @ Connie Graber's

Dec. 11: 5:45-6:15 pm MYM and WZ supper, Choir Practice 7-8 pm

Dec. 15: Pre School Christmas Program 2 pm

Dec. 17: Worship Team Meeting 7 pm

Dec. 18: Supper 5:45-6:15 pm MYM and parents and program, Christmas Eve Practice 6 PM, Choir Practice 7-8 pm

Dec. 23: Christmas Eve Practice 9 AM

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service 6 PM

Dec. 25-27: Office Closed

Dec 29: Harold Thiesen preaching

Jan. 19: Noon Meal and Annual Meeting

