

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Advent 4

Words for silent meditation: *I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever (Psalm 89:1).*

Prelude Carla Stucky

 Come, Light of the world STS 3

Lighting of the Christ candle Dan Kaufman

Welcome!

In the name of Jesus,
the Almighty, the Prince of Peace,
grace and peace be with you all!
and also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship *A Litany for Advent* Pastor Brad
Come, Lord Jesus.

Greeting in Christ's Peace

****Celebrating in song** My soul is filled with joy STJ 13
 Infant holy, infant lowly HWB 206

Lighting of the Advent candle -Jay and Vicky Kessler

 Longing for light STJ 54

 He has come for us
 Go tell it on the mountain
 Carolyn Schmidt, Marlene Wiens, Lorene Lohrenz
 accompanist- Carla Stucky

Scripture Luke 1:26-38 Ellen Kaufman
 Pg 1012

Preschool Children dismissed to Little Flock

Message "Will you stand on the turkey?" Pastor Brad

Song of Response The angel Gabriel HWB 180

Offering and White Christmas offering (*Please bring items forward and lay them in the canoe.*)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song O come, all ye faithful HWB 212

**Benediction

**Postlude

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Dan Kaufman

Sermon Notes

Will you stand on the turkey?

Luke 1:26-38

Theme

Are you willing to go where God calls you?

Key Verse

Luke 1:38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Notes

Prayer

Merciful God, make our hearts a manger that Christ might be born in us.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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. Our **White Christmas Project** this year will go to Camp Mennoscah. Be thinking how you might be able to share with Camp Mennoscah this holiday season. Please see our Camp Mennoscah Christmas wish list in the foyer.
2. This year's **Christmas Eve Program** begins at 6 PM with the prelude, followed by the service at 6:30. Please join us in praising Jesus that evening.
3. Red Cross Blood Mobile: a reminder to all who signed up for food items for the blood drive, please have your food in the church kitchen by **8 AM, Tues., Dec. 23**. Any questions, ask Connie Graber.
4. Mission Team is sponsoring West Zion members/attenders who would like to go to the Rural Ministry Seminar on Jan.24, 8:00-12:00. Lunch is included. This seminar is especially designed for congregational lay leaders in a rural setting. It will explore the unique mission of the church in a rural context, focusing on questions of God's unique calling for rural congregations and what makes for successful rural ministry. Talk to Pastor Brad or Geneva to register. For more info, see: <http://www.ambs.edu/academics/Rural-Ministry-Seminar.cfm> .

General Announcements

5. The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1:30 to 6 PM at Pine Village Wellness Center. Call [1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.
6. **Mennonite Disaster Service** needs to replace one or both of their current vans. They began a replacement fund in 2013 and now both vans have 190,000 miles on them. More information about the project is posted on the bulletin board. Donations can be sent to: Mennonite Disaster Service, Kansas Unit, 312 N. Main Street Hesston, KS 67062, and mark it "Van Replacement Fund"
7. **Today**, Sun., Dec. 21-Lisa Weaver, author of the new book Swords to Plowshares: The Creation of John P. Klassen's Mennonite Central Committee Medallion, will present a program, including slides of Klassen's artwork, a historical framework for the story and her

process of creating this picture book for all ages at 3:30 PM in the Kauffman Museum auditorium. The book is for sale in the museum shop and Lisa will also sign copies that afternoon. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

8. Summary of Ten Thousand Village Festival Sale

Thank you to each one of you who supported our Ten Thousand Village Festival Sale in Newton. Because of your support we sold \$11,590.00 worth of merchandise, which goes to help Third World Artisans make a living, educate their children, and provide income to create more handcrafted items. We were so encouraged by your participation that we are looking forward to a similar sale next fall. Watch for future dates!

~ Wish “ **Happy Birthday**” this week

December 22: Carla Stucky

December 23: Connie Kaufman

December 24: Deanne Loganbill

December 25: Rachel Rupp

~ Wish “**Happy Anniversary**” this week

December 27: Pete & Ruby Koehn

Joys and Concerns

Ruth Schmidt, suffering from pneumonia at Moundridge Mercy Hospital.

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Be with the young adults working with MMN’s short-term mission programs, like Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure, who are going home for the holidays. Pray for safe travels. Pray also for those who are experiencing Christmas far from their families this year.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Praise God for the outpouring of his love in the sending of his Son Jesus Christ. Pray that each of our churches are open channels of sharing that love in their communities.

Attendance: Sunday School: 21 Worship: 70

Sunday- Dec. 28

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Royce Jantz

Message: Jeff Wintermote

Candle Lighter: Kaleigh Guhr

Greeters: Bob & Sharon Gehring

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, & Tim Diehl

Jr. Usher: Kaleigh Guhr

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Crysta Guhr

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Coming Events

Dec. 23: Christmas Eve Practice 10 AM

Dec. 24: 6 PM prelude, 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

Jan. 7: Deacons 4:30 PM

Jan. 14: CDT Meeting 4 PM

Jan. 18: Communion

Jan. 18: Annual Business Meeting

