

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Advent 1

Words for silent meditation: *I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1).*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ Candle Kaleigh Guhr

Welcome Karen Loganbill

The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Special Music The Huxman Singers

"Angels from the realms of glory"

Call to Worship, Psalm 122

(p. 612 in the red pew Bible, read responsively)

Greeting in Christ's peace

Lighting the Advent candle (kids come forward) Carla Stucky

****Celebrating in Song**

O come, O come, Immanuel HWB 172
(v.1-6)

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5 Lois Thiessen
Pg 676

Special Music "Who is he in yonder stall?" The Huxman Singers

Scripture Matthew 24:36-44 Lois Thiessen
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Children dismissed to Little Flock (for ages toddler - 1st grade)

Message "You know what time it is" Harold Thieszen

Song of Response Longing for light STJ 54

Offering and special offering for Larsons

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

** Sending Song Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB 178

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeters: Will & Ellen Kaufman

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Please give a warm welcome to the Huxman Singers: Rebecca, Dennis, Daniel, and Timothy Huxman. They join us today thanks to Carl and Tray Duffman's invitation.

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

18. **TODAY (Sun., Nov. 27) , “Kids Make Memories” family activity, 1:30-4:30 PM., Kauffman Museum.** Come any time during the afternoon and children can construct their own mixed-media memory installations. Regular museum admission charged.
19. **Weds., Nov. 30, Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel’s *Messiah*,** with Bethel College instrumentalists, soloists and student conductors, **11 AM Bethel College Mennonite Church;** scores provided
20. **Fri., Dec. 2, Christmas Gala Jazz concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensembles I & II, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**
21. **Sat., Dec. 3, Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk.** Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at **9 AM** in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.
22. **Sat., Dec. 3, Five Places of Christmas: Bethel College Women’s Association** will join **Kauffman Museum** for this annual holiday event, **10 AM-4 PM** *Come to the museum* for homemade candy (by the pound) and baked goods for sale, performances by Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts students, pictures with Mrs. Santa, **music on the historic Teschemacher-Deknatel-Van der Smissen parlor organ at 3 PM.;** free admission to the museum, including the special exhibit “Memory Matters: Works by Gesine Janzen.”

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. Hey kids--today is the first Sunday of Advent! Can you find the two wise men hidden somewhere in the church as they're journeying to Bethlehem? Look for them in a different place each week as we get closer to Christmas.
2. Gift Discernment Surveys have been placed in your box. Please take the time to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your gifts in the church in 2017.
3. We will not hold Sunday School on Christmas morning, Dec.25. Worship will start at 10:30 AM as usual.
4. Pastor Brad will take a sabbatical in 2017, July 2 - September 5 (10 Sundays). Part of that time will be spent at home. He is also planning a retreat at the Benedictine Center in Schuyler, NE and family trips to Boston and Peru.
5. Council recently approved starting a Sabbatical Fund with a goal of \$5,215. The church will use 70% of the money for a supply pastor, and Pastor Brad will use 30% for sabbatical-related expenses. If you'd like to donate, make your checks out to West Zion and write "Sabbatical Fund" on the memo line.
6. Today, we're receiving a special offering in support of the Larsons, our mission partners in the Arabian Peninsula. You can mark "Larsons" in the memo line.

General Announcements

7. Best Choice Labels for Camp Mennoscah! We understand that grocery stores in Harvey County and surrounding areas are beginning to carry Best Choice items. Collect the UPC code off Best Choice items and give them to Camp Mennoscah. We receive a \$30 check for every 1000 labels we send in. For more information contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. at <http://campmennoscah.org/how-to-help/donate/>
8. Plan now to attend the 38th annual Christmas Carol-Along on Thursday, Dec. 1, 6-8 PM at the McPherson Opera House. This informal, Come-and-Go event is for the whole family. Enjoy singing songs of the Season with friends and neighbors without standing out in the cold weather! There will be brief appearances by some local

groups, including the McPherson Community Brass Choir, Church of the Brethren Handbell Ensemble, Elyria Christian High School Choir, Men in Harmony Barbershop Chorus, and several children's musical groups. Of course, there will be an appearance by Santa! No admission is charged.

9. Mental health is one of the most misunderstood health problems facing Americans today. Come, join Prairie View CEO Jessie Kaye and Moundridge Police Department Officer Patrick Lambert and take a step towards understanding its true impact. In addition to learning about mental health stigma we will learn best practices around intervening in crisis.

10. Hesston College has several students from other countries who need a place to stay when the dorms are closed for Christmas break. This is a fun way to get to know international student(s) who are part of the Hesston College family and share your holiday traditions with them. Host families are needed from Dec.16 through Jan. 10. Even if your family is only available part of the time, you may still be able to help. Questions or are interested in being a host family contact Carlota Ponds, Director of International Student Services, at [620-327-8210](tel:620-327-8210) or carlota.ponds@hesston.edu.

11. The Third Annual Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade International Gift Festival is Fri. & Sat. Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 2-3 and Sat. Dec. 9-10, from 10 AM to 6 PM at the Western District Conference Office Complex 2500 North Main Street, North Newton, Kansas.

12. All area churches are invited to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk, focusing on the theme "The Prairie Sleeps" at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk is from 5:30- 8 PM on Dec. 2 & 3. Admission is \$6 for Adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 15. Advanced tickets can be purchased at dyckarboretum.org or at the Arboretum office for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3 to 15. Traditional outdoor highlights include the walking path lit up by hundreds of luminaries, a nativity scene in the leaf house, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. Performances include Sound of the Heartland Women's Ensemble at 7 PM, Dec. 2 and the Book of Job at 7 PM, Dec. 3. Volunteers are still needed! Call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org for more information.

13. Join MCC for a delicious and fun holiday celebration on Thurs. Dec. 15 from 5-7PM at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th). At 6PM we will hear from MCC International Volunteer

Exchange Participants about the work they are doing in Kansas and hear about Christmas traditions from their home countries of Laos and Egypt. Good food, live music and great fellowship, everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

14. Jacob Miller, a senior at Bethel College, has the following request: "I am the food planning coordinator for the Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship (ICPF) Peace Conference that will meet at Bethel Feb. 10-12, 2017. Would members of your congregation be willing to donate snacks or breakfast items to supplement our conference's food needs? Anyone interested should contact me (jacobmiller@bethelks.edu or 785-477-1820), or the conference coordinator, Sharon Kniss (skniss@bethelks.edu), at any time with questions or for more information."

15. Prairie View has scheduled a free McPherson Caregiver Support Group. Times and dates are listed on the poster on the bulletin board.

16. The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 9, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. **Note Time Change.** To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org or call [1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767).

17. The McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews will give a CHRISTMAS BRASS CONCERT in the Historic Alexanderwohl Church Sun., Dec 11 at 7 PM. Alexanderwohl is located 1 mile north of Goessel on K-15 hiway.

~ Wish "Happy Birthday" to~
November 27: Ken Becker & Jerod Kaufman
November 29: Rick Kaufmann
December 1: Terry Jantzen

~Wish "Happy Anniversary" to~
November 27: Larry & Karen Loganbill
December 1: John & Harriet DeLay

Joys and Concerns

Sherry Wedel, needing strength as she recovers at home from illness.

Carl Krehbiel and Celia (Krehbiel) Mater and family at the passing of Kathryn Krehbiel

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons were sent to Cambodia by an Indonesian Mennonite mission agency and MMN. Pray for Petrus as he teaches religion and ethics in two universities and for Yuliana as she directs an education ministry for children living on the edge of the city.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC pastors and congregations in the midst of transition, challenge and opportunity.

Mission Mosaic

Joshua & Alisha Garber Klaiped, Lithuania. Robin Gingerich, Klaipeda, Lithuania Pg 26 Mary Raber Odessa, Ukraine Pg 37

Sunday, December 4, 2016

9:30 am: Sunday School	10:30 am: Worship Service
Candle Lighter: Banky Hayes	Scripture: Pastor Brad
Worship Leader: Duane Becker	Accompanist: Donna Stucky
Message: Pastor Brad	Music: Praise Team
Greeters: Larry & Karen Loganbill	
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler	

Coming Events

Today:	Special Offering for the Larsons, our Mission Partners
Dec. 4:	2-5 PM Christmas Open House at the Pohl's, 224 S. Wedel
Dec. 7:	4 PM Deacons
Dec. 20:	Preschool Christmas Program 6:30 PM
Dec. 25:	No Sunday School, Worship at 10:30 AM

