

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Advent 3

Words for silent meditation: *My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior (Luke 1:46-47)*

Prelude    Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ Candle                      Lexi Heslop

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, The Magnificat, HWB 840

Greeting in Christ's peace

Lighting the Advent candle (kids come forward)

### **\*\*Celebrating in Song**

Holy Child within the manger                      STS 28

My soul cries out                                      STS 124

Scripture    Matthew 11:2-11                      Lici Roth  
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Choir Anthem    Light of the World                      Chancel Choir  
By Mark Hayes & Susan Bentall Boersma

*Children dismissed to Little Flock (for ages toddler - 1st grade)*

Message    "Are you the one?"                      Pastor Brad

**Song of Response**    Comfort, comfort, O my people                      HWB 176

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**\*\* Sending Song**    The first Noel, the angel did say                      HWB 199

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

Greeters: Randy Kessler & Aline Bachman

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

## Sermon Notes

Are you the one?

Matthew 11:2-11

### Theme

Jesus' presence brings healing.

### Key Verse

Matthew 11:4-5 Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."

### Notes

### A Prayer

Holy God, give us the grace to see and hear the work of your Son during this season.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org*

Find us on Facebook!

### **Mission Mosaic**

Peter, Delicia & Aliyah Bravo Wigginton, Quito, Ecuador. Maria Helena Lopez, Calderon, Ecuador Pg 40 Gloria Showalter, Quito, Ecuador Pg 41

Attendance: Sunday School:14    Worship Service: 70

### **Sunday, December 18, 2016**

**9:30 am:** Sunday School                      **10:30 am:** Worship Service  
**Candle Lighter:** Elijah Roth              **Scripture:** Mateo Roth  
**Worship Leader:** Connie Kaufman    **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky  
**Message:** Pastor Brad  
**Greeters:** Larry & Karen Loganbill  
**Ushers:** Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

### **Coming Events**

Dec. 14:            6:30-7 PM Children's Choir practice, 7 PM Chancel Choir  
Dec. 21:            6:30- 7 PM Children's Choir practice, 7 PM Chancel Choir  
Dec. 20:            Preschool Christmas Program 6:30 PM  
Dec. 24:            Christmas Eve Service 5:30 prelude, 6 PM Worship  
Dec. 25:            No Sunday School, Worship at 10:30 AM  
Jan. 1:              No Sunday School, Worship at 10:30 AM  
Jan. 6:              Diaper Shower for Holly Isaac 6:30 PM @ WZ  
Jan. 15:             Annual Meeting

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

<p>Pastor Brad Roth <b>Pastor's Office hours:</b> Tues. and Wed. 10 am -12:30 pm    Thurs. 1-4 pm    Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838    Pastor Brad's email:bradroth@westzionmc.org <b>Sec. hours:</b> Tues. &amp; Wed. 2:30-3:30 PM, Thurs. 2:30-5:30 PM    Church: 620-345-8143    Becky's cell: 620-345-6696    Church's email: secretary@westzionmc.org    Website: www.westzionmc.org</p>
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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. Council meeting is **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM** at Kirk & Carla's since the Preschool Christmas program is at the church.
2. Hey kids, Can you find the three 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.
3. 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. Please return to the secretary's box by next week.
4. We will not hold Sunday School on Christmas morning, Dec.25, or Jan. 1 New Years Day. Worship will start at 10:30 AM as usual.
5. Ladies, join us for a diaper shower to pamper Holly on Friday, January 6 at 6:30 PM @ West Zion. We'll collect diapers and wipes and we'll have a basket for diaper money as well. RSVP to Lici at 620-386-4838 or aliciaeroth@gmail.com
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. A new refugee family will be arriving in Hesston mid-December. More info about how we can help them as they get settled will be forthcoming.

### **General Announcements**

9. 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!

10. Prairie View has scheduled a free McPherson Caregiver Support Group. Times and dates are listed on the poster on the bulletin board.
11. **Thurs., Dec. 15, Third Thursday book discussion** on *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson, **6:30 PM**, Kauffman Museum.
12. **Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit.** Pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if you're age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. More information is at [www.bethelks.edu/audit](http://www.bethelks.edu/audit), where there are links for **interterm 2017 course schedule** (enrollment deadline **Jan. 4**) and **spring 2017 course schedule**(enrollment deadline **Feb 13**).
13. **Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts**, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. If you have an item for donation or long-term loan, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at 316-283-1612 or [alezotte@bethelks.edu](mailto:alezotte@bethelks.edu).

~ Wish "Happy Birthday" to~

December 12: Dennis Kaufman

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

December 14: Aaron Fast

December 15: James B. Schmidt

December 17: Brad Roth

### **Joys and Concerns**

Prayer Requests for Jennifer Kaufman, serving in Bolivia:

-energy!

-kids of Talita Cumi--the school system is from February-November here so they are entering in their last week of classes! Pray for perseverance!

-"Summer Break"--pray for the workers as we come up with activities to not only keep them busy but to also help teach life skills through our summer program.

-financial state of my Bolivian host family

-Teresa, our cook at Talita Cumi who suffered a heart attack a couple weeks ago. She is recuperating but will finish her time here at Talita Cumi at the end of the year.

-La Paz--the capital of Bolivia is in a severe drought. The people have not had water for the past week.

-continued growth in my Spanish language ability

-continued safety on my commutes to and from work.

-for my Bolivian family--that they may realize how truly grateful I am for them.

Doris Loganbill, recovering in the hospital after a heart attack.

prayer concerns for Jen Kaufman

Jeremiah Hayes' friend Leon Sharonburg recovering after cancer treatment

Jeremiah's uncle Steve Unruh

Tracy Duffman's coworker Maricris traveling to the Philippines.

### **Mission Partner Prayer Requests:**

God speaks directly to the young Gulf lady who kept Wayne's Bible.

God's will be done for a "youth innovation project" allowing them into 10x's as many schools, for the hiring process of 3 to 4 local people, and with finances.

Wisdom for Wayne as he considers a new expanded leadership position in the organization.

Sustenance for Wayne and Jeannie as they are apart—Wayne in the Arab Peninsula and Jeannie in Denver.

Wisdom and safety for Pastor Salem as he answers "Which is correct our religion or Jesus?" for a local leading Gulf Sheikh and businessman.

### **Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite churches in Bolivia have vacation Bible school this month. Margrit Kipfer Barrón, serving with MMN, helps prepare the curriculum and train teachers. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a powerful way among the children and families who attend.

### **Prayer Requests from Western District Conference**

Pray for the WDC Resource Commission as they meet this week to support congregations in witness, mission and faith formation