

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Words for silent meditation: *Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. (Psalm 80:19)*

Prelude
Lighting of the Christ candle

Donna Stucky
Kaleigh Guhr

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

Announcements

Call to Worship *from* Psalm 80
Let your face shine on us / **that we may be saved.**

Greeting in Christ's peace

Lighting the Advent candle (kids come forward) Pastor Brad
This week's prayer focus is Mennonite Disaster Service.

****Celebrating in song** Praise Team
Holy Child within the manger (STS # 28)
The virgin Mary had a baby boy
O little town of Bethlehem (HWB # 191)

Scripture Mark 13:24-37 Curtis Guhr
(page 1006-1007 in red pew Bible)

Message "Keep Awake!" Pastor Brad

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

Offering and White Christmas Offering
Each week during the season of Advent, we're receiving a special offering in support of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS). MDS is active in rebuilding efforts across the US after

natural disasters, including from recent hurricanes in Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Jeff Koller shares about Mennonite Disaster Service

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *Infant holy, infant lowly* HWB # 206

**Benediction

**Postlude

***please stand if able*
Songbooks in pews: HWB-blue, STS-purple spiral, STJ-green spiral, S&R-green hardbound

Greeters: Mike and Connie Kaufman
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

Keep Awake!
Mark 13:24-37
Theme
In Advent, we pay attention to the ways Jesus shows up in our lives.
Key Verse
Mark 13:33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.

Notes

A Prayer

Mighty Father, you opened the way of eternal life for us through the coming of your Son, born of the virgin as our Savior; now awaken our senses to Jesus' coming in our lives.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

Find us on Facebook!

Sunday, December 10, 2017

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Greeters: Will & Ellen Kaufman **Scripture:** Sandy Jantz
Message: Pastor Brad **Candle lighter:** Mateo Roth
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman, Frances Neufeld
Special Music: Chancel Choir

Coming Events

Dec. 6: Children's Choir 6:30, Chancel Choir 7:00
Dec. 10: Christian Homemakers meet at Connie Graber's at
6:00 PM
Dec. 13: Children's Choir 6:30, no Chancel Choir practice until
January 24
Dec. 17: Game night in WZ basement, 6-8 PM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service 6:00 PM "What Child is This?"
Dec. 26-Jan. 1: Pastor Brad out to Illinois (Pastor Eric Buller
preaches on Dec. 31)
Jan. 14: Missionaries Wayne & Jeannie Larson will bring the
message, potluck meal and Annual Meeting
Jan. 19: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 7-9 PM
Jan. 20: Year of Evangelism at Alexanderwohl, 9 AM-3 PM
Feb. 4: Mennonite Education Sunday at 1st Mennonite Church
Feb. 15: Over 70 Dinner 5:30-6:30 PM

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

Pastor Brad Roth

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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. Each week through the season of Advent, you will find daily prayer requests for mission in the bulletin or bulletin insert. Consider placing the list in your Bible, on your fridge, or wherever you will see it throughout the week and be prompted to pray.
3. Christian Homemakers will meet at 6 PM on December 10 at Connie Graber's home. Bring a finger food to share. Lici Roth will share Peru Christmas customs with the group.
4. Carla Stucky has been hired as the West Zion secretary. Her office hours will be 9-11 and 1-4 on Thursdays and you can reach her by calling or texting 620-386-0414. The email for the church secretary continues as secretary@westzionmc.org.
5. A Children's Choir will perform on Sunday morning, Dec. 17 during the 10:30 morning worship. Practices began last Wednesday but there is still time to join. The next practices will be 6:30-7:00 PM on Wednesdays Dec. 6, and Dec. 13. All children Kindergarten through 8th are welcome to join this choir. Ellen Kaufman will direct and Carla Stucky will play piano.
6. Join us on December 17 for a game night from 6:00-8:00 PM in the West Zion basement.
7. Invite family and friends to our Christmas Eve service at 6:00 PM on December 24 entitled "What Child is This?"
8. The Associated Ministries of Moundridge is selling coffee this Christmas season to help support the seven ministries within the organization. Green order forms can be found on the foyer table.
9. The Senior Center would like to do some special activities during the Christmas holiday season. If you would be willing to donate some

peppernuts and/or frosted sugar cookies, contact Pat Krehbiel at 345-2729 or bring to the Senior Center by Dec. 8.

10. Western District Conference Year of Evangelism Kick-off will be January 19-20 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite in Goessel. Hone your skills in sharing faith and seeing your neighborhood through missional eyes. Cost is \$25 for four or more registrants, but Mission Team is covering the cost for all who would like to attend. Talk to Pastor Brad or Carl Duffman.
11. Wayne and Jeannie Larson, our mission partners, will join us on January 14. We will receive a special offering that day to support their mission among Muslim people on the Arabian Peninsula.
12. Please check the accumulation of pans, dishes, and containers by the south kitchen door and take home what is yours. All those left after the end of the year will be taken to Angel's Attic.

General Announcements

13. Join us on Sunday, December 17, 3:00-4:30 at Whitestone Mennonite in Hesston to celebrate one year in the US for Masemo and Salema and their family, refugees from Congo. Hear about their journey so far and celebrate the renewed hope they have for the future.
14. Pray for the Executive Director Search Committee as they continue to discern the leadership needs and evaluate candidates for the next executive director of Mennonite Church USA. The committee has received denomination-wide survey feedback and is giving careful consideration to those who have been nominated.
15. Hesston College Music and Theater will present its annual masterworks performance at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The program, Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* (Light Eternal), acknowledges the light that Christ brings to our world. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be purchased at the door, in advance at the Hesston College Bookstore in person or by calling 620-327-8104.
16. The Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet at Kidron Bethel Tuesday, December 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Michelle

Hilger, M.A. CCC-SLP, will give a presentation, “LSVT LOUD” (Lee Silverman Voice Treatment), which is an effective speech/voice treatment for individuals with Parkinson’s Disease and other neurological conditions.

17. Give the gift of life to others this Christmas season. The Bloodmobile will be at the Wellness Center at Pine Village on December 8 from 12-6 PM. Appointments for donating blood can be made at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. Using RapidPass can save time by completing the pre-donation reading and health history online.

We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
December 5: Dorothy Toews, Jeff Becker

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:
December 6: Phil & Lorene Lohrenz

Daily Prayer

December 3 - Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers and leadership working across the country to help people rebuild homes and restore hope.
December 4 - Communities in the US territory of Puerto Rico, recovering after Hurricane Maria. Many places are still without power.
December 5 - Communities in Texas recovering after Hurricane Harvey.
December 6 - Communities in Florida recovering after Hurricane Irma.
December 7 - MDS volunteers who continue to work in projects across the country from previous--and often less publicized--natural disasters.
December 8 - MDS volunteers in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (a US commonwealth near Guam), rebuilding homes damaged after Typhoon Soudelor in 2015.
December 9 - MDS volunteers in California working to rebuild homes after years of wildfires.

Prayer Concerns

Sherry Wedel, recovering after a fall

Brett and Holly’s daughter Kaylen, recovering from RSV and an ear infection

Edna Anderson, recovering after a fall

Nancy Ottley, dealing with her cancer returning

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Asher and Lindsey Fast, serving through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions, are helping to build the after-school program at the Mother Theresa Resource Centre in Botswana. They are also assisting in a local elementary school. Pray for wisdom and energy, and healing for Lindsey’s back and neck.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

As we anticipate holiday celebrations, let us pray for WDC’s Hispanic pastors in Dallas, TX, as they gather this week for a Christmas dinner.

Mission Mosaic: Moriah Hurst, Melbourne, Australia; Mark & Mary Hurst, Sydney, Australia, Page 28

Attendance for Sunday School: 23
Attendance for Worship: 65