

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1).*

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth

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

Announcements

Choral call to worship "Come with a Thankful Heart" Chancel Choir

Call to Worship, Psalm 46 (on screen)

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**

Jesus calls us here to meet him STJ 3
My faith has found a resting place STJ 43

Scripture 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Tracy Duffman

Choral music "A Hymn of Joyful Praise" Chancel Choir

Message "Don't Lose Heart!" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* HWB 76
(English only)

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Heart with loving heart united* HWB 420

**Benediction

**Postlude

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Dan Pohl

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Sermon Notes

Don't Lose Heart!

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Theme

Don't lose heart for doing good.

Key Verse

(2 Thessalonians 3:13) And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

Notes

A Prayer

God of all encouragement, fill our hearts with a hunger for your purposes and a zeal for your work.

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

First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad Roth **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Vicky Kessler
Greeter(s): Jim & Joanne Stucky **Music:** Praise Team
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Today: Noon meal and Hanging of the Greens
Nov. 26: Noon deadline for Dec.1 bulletin information
Dec. 11: Church Council 8 PM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service

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

Pastor's Office hours: Tues. and Wed. 10 am -12:30 pm
Thurs. 1-4 pm

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West Zion Announcements

Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by Thur. noon.

1. All are invited to stay for a **noon lunch and church decorating** following worship this morning!
2. The **deadline for the December 1 bulletin** is noon on Tuesday, November 26. The bulletin will be printed Tuesday afternoon.
3. **Thank you** for all the birthday and get well wishes I received. Also, thank you to Pastor Brad and my friends that visited me. Thanks again - Aline Bachman
4. Our **White Christmas Project** this year will be collecting materials for MCC Immigration Detainee Kits. When people are released from immigration detention centers, they often have nothing but the clothes on their back. Kits contain clothing and hygiene items to help folks make a fresh start. Materials needed and instructions are in the bulletin insert. You are invited to bring items or money forward during offering for the Sundays in Advent beginning next Sunday Dec.1.
5. A list of **church greeters** for 2020 will be put together in a few weeks. If you are currently on the list and would like to be taken off, or if you are not greeting and would like more information, please contact Carla Stucky.
6. We will be ordering **poinsettias for memorials** from Stone Creek Nursery to decorate the church and to remember loved ones. All poinsettias ordered will be used at the church for decorating through January 5. You can take them home after then if you wish. Order forms can be found by the mailboxes and need to be turned in by November 24. Contact Carla Stucky or Bonnie Kaufman if you have questions.
7. **Christian Homemakers** are continuing with the project of saving all greeting cards to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Bring complete card and put into the box on the church foyer shelf.
8. Moundridge will hold a community event **Great Winter Warmup** to tie and complete comforters on January 18, 2020 at Pine Village Wellness Center from 9 AM to 3 PM, come and go as you are able. We are planning soup for those that stay for lunch. You can

support this event by making tops for comforters or with donations, and also by coming to help complete comforters in January. If you have never tied a comforter we will teach you at this event. Contact Sharon Gehring if you have questions.

General Announcements

9. You are invited to join Pine Village in the **Ground Breaking** for the new Kitchen! The event will take place on Wednesday, November 27 at 2 p.m. **outside** at the Main Dining Room courtyard (east side of the Main building). We hope you will join us for this historic moment!
10. First Mennonite Church of McPherson invites you to a **German dinner and bake sale** on Saturday, December 7 from 5:00-7:00 PM. A free will donation will be received for the meal, baked goods are priced.
11. **Everence**[®] will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.
12. You are invited to join MC USA staff for "**Coffee and Conversation**" in the Newton offices (718 N Main St, Newton KS) to hear from Mennonite Mission Network International Service Worker, Deb Byler, on Monday, December 16 at 11:00 AM. She will share about the ministries in which she is involved with Kekchi Mennonite women in Guatemala. A recent article on Deb's ministry is available on-line: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/Spiritual-direction-in-Kekchi-context-brings-mutual-growth>.
13. All area churches are invited to this year's **Winter Luminary Walk** at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 29 and 30, and Dec. 6 and 7. Admission to the event is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, or email arboretum@hesston.edu for advance tickets. They can also be purchased at the Arboretum office. 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. Local groups to perform include Lindsborg harpist RoJean Loucks at 7 p.m.

on Nov. 30 and the Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble, directed by Vada Snider at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6. December 7 is also FAMILY NIGHT, with free admission for accompanied children 12 and under, crafts and hay rack rides. Volunteers are also still needed! Call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org for more information.

14. A list of **Bethel and Hesston College** events can be found on the bulletin board.

15. **Western District Women in Mission** will host the event "Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith" on January 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS, featuring speakers from Everence who will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. Look for more information soon on Facebook under Western District Women in Mission!

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 1,508.00
Receipts – year to date	\$126,504.52	\$129,070.47
Budget	\$162,552.00	\$158,987.00
Less: expended to date	(135,522.23)	(134,834.89)
Less: cash balance	<u>(9,148.54)</u>	<u>(15,849.79)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 17,881.23	\$ 8,302.32
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,980	\$ 1,384

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Continue to pray for our missionary partners, the Larsons, and Awad who will be released from prison soon. An update on prayer requests can be found in the foyer and was emailed to the congregation.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray that we as WDC congregations and leaders will sense God's peace and presence as we prepare for the season of Advent and enter the fullness of the holiday season.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Marvin Lorenzana and his leadership of the Missional Discipleship Initiative. More than 45 leaders in eight "huddles" (learning groups) began training last month. Praise God for their willingness to reach out into their communities to share the good news about Jesus' love.

Mission Mosaic

SOOP participants serving in Hokkaido, Japan, pg 59



We wish a "**Happy Birthday**" to:
November 27: Jerod Kaufman, Fynn Burge,
Ken Becker

We wish a "**Happy Anniversary**" to:
November 27: Larry & Karen Loganbill