

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 Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Luke 1:46b-55 (on screen)

Greeting in Christ's peace

Children's time and lighting the Advent candle (kids come forward)
During the season of Advent, we're collecting items for MCC immigration detainee kits as our White Christmas Project. Each week, Pastor Brad will tell a children's story about an immigrant child's experience and highlight one item that goes in the detainee kits

****Celebrating in song**

	<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	HWB 201
	<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	HWB 191

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10 Ken Stucky

STS 17 Alleluia

Scripture Matthew 11:2-11

Message "Over Here!" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *O Savior rend the heavens* HWB 175
(vs.1-3)

Offering "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" CD Recording
Donna Stucky, organ and Pat Stucky, piano

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *My soul cries out* STS 124

****Benediction**
****Postlude** ****please stand if able**

Ken Stucky chose the CD recording of Donna Stucky and his wife, Pat Stucky as special music this morning in memory of Pat. This was recorded at West Zion in 2006.

Greeter(s): Kirk and Carla Stucky
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Sermon Notes

Over Here!
Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Theme
Keep seeking Jesus.

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 cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor."

Notes

A Prayer
God our center and refuge, lead us on to Christ during this Advent season.

Advent 4, December 22, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM: Worship Service**
Message: Pastor Brad Roth **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Ellen Kaufman
Greeter(s): Harvey & Lois Thiessen **Music:** Chancel Choir
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Coming Events

Dec. 23: Christmas Eve practice 4:30 PM at West Zion
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, prelude 5:30, program 6:00
Jan. 15: MYM and meals begin (tacos!)
Jan. 19: Meal and annual meeting
Feb. 2: Mennonite Education Sunday at First Mennonite

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. There will be 1 practice on **December 23rd beginning at 4:30** for all kids interested in being a part of Christmas Eve Service. Please plan to attend. We look forward to working with you to help bring the Christmas story to life!
2. All are welcome to join us for an evening of music, scripture, and worship at our **Christmas Eve Service** on December 24th. The title for this year's service is *The Light in the Manger*. Come and see how the birth of Jesus brought light to the world so long ago and how He continues to be our light each day of the year. A prelude will begin at 5:30 with the service following at 6:00.
3. For our **White Christmas Project** this year, we are 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. A list of materials needed can be found in the foyer. Financial help is also appreciated; please make checks out to West Zion with "White Christmas" in the memo line. You are invited to bring items or money forward during offering.
4. A **financial report** for the first quarter of Associated Ministries fiscal year can be found on the foyer bulletin board (fiscal year begins August 1). Donations are down and any financial help you could give to Associated Ministries is greatly appreciated.
5. A December letter from our **missionary partners**, the Larsons, can be found on our church foyer bulletin board. Prayer and financial help are greatly appreciated. Information about both is in the letter.
6. 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.
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. This Christmas Season the **Associated Ministries of Moundridge** is selling coffee grown in Honduras by the family of Moundridge native Julia Niehage Williams. Besides the regular coffee, we are offering coffee with four different added flavors: Caramel Macchiato, French Vanilla, Pumpkin Spice and Ja Maka Me Krazy. All varieties can be purchased whole bean or freshly ground. The green order forms are available in the foyer. Mail your order forms as shown on the form or call Rick Krehbiel at 620-386-4147 to place your order.

9. 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

10. The family band **Five Times Harder** will present a Christmas concert at 4:00 p.m. on December 22 at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro (102 S. Ash). Their concerts feature an entertaining blend of voices and instruments, in bluegrass, folk, jazz, and classical styles. There is no admission fee; a free will offering will be collected to benefit the ongoing work of MCC.
11. The **National Alliance on Mental Illness** (NAMI) offers many groups, classes and support for those struggling with serious mental health issues and their family and friends. Information is on the board explaining the mission of NAMI and what is offered including a new free education program for family and friends beginning in January.
12. **Kauffman Museum** is open through the holidays (closed Mondays, plus Christmas Day and New Year's Day): weekdays, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM; Sat.-Sun. 1:30-4:30 PM. Visit the current special exhibit "K is for Kansas: exploring Kansas from A to Z." See the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or visit www.bethelks.edu/kauffman for more information.
13. **Night in the Barn:** Everyone is invited to come to Night in the Barn at Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 70th, Newton) on **December 21 and 22 from 5-7pm** (come/go). A suggested donation of \$5 per

person includes a hot drink and a snack. This event is presented by Tabor Mennonite Church Youth, with part of the proceeds going to the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship. Call 620-367-2721 with questions.

14. First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1st in Newton, will present **Handel's Messiah** on Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm with a community chorus, orchestra and soloists.

15. The Moundridge Community **Blood Drive** is scheduled for December 20 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter "Moundridge" for the sponsor code or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

16. **2020 is the 100 year anniversary of the Mennonite Central Committee.** The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale would like to celebrate this milestone by gifting MCC ONE MILLION DOLLARS. The Kansas Sale was founded to support the ministry of Relief, Development, and Peace in the name of Christ. This would require 1,000 people to each give \$1,000 to get to one million dollars by April 17, the first day of the 2020 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Please send your check made payable to KMRS earmarked "centennial gift" to Tim Miller, Relief Sale Treasurer, 4805 S. Broadacres Rd, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. If you have questions, please see Connie Kaufman.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 5,288.86	\$ 3,021.00
Receipts – year to date	\$134,757.26	\$136,946.47
Budget	\$162,552.00	\$158,987.00
Less: expended to date	(141,524.10)	(141,062.34)
Less: cash balance	<u>(11,400.06)</u>	<u>(13,168.13)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 9,627.84	\$ 4,756.53
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,209	\$ 1,586

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Phil Lohrenz, recovering after knee surgery

Family of Rachel Lohrenz, recently placed on hospice care

Donna Stucky's friend Cliff and his brother Keith

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for the generosity of WDC congregations and donors, and pray for financial contributions to support this year's budget goals and ministry priorities.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for DOOR's leadership development program, Discern, that works with local youth of color to help them expand their leadership skills through mentorship and workshops engaging justice issues. Pray for resources to broaden the current three-month program to nine months.

Mission Mosaic

SOOP participants at Academia Menonita Betania in Puerto Rico, pg 61



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
December 15: James B. Schmidt
December 17: Brad Roth

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