

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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ADVENT 4

Words for silent meditation: *The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

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 "A Light in the Heart of Winter" Chancel Choir

Call to Worship, "O Antiphons"
Response: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Greeting in Christ's peace

Children's time and lighting the Advent candle (kids come forward)
This is the last Sunday to collect items for MCC immigration detainee kits as our White Christmas Project. 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** *It came upon a midnight clear* HWB 195
What child is this HWB 215

Scripture Isaiah 7:10-16 Ellen Kaufman

STS 17 Alleluia

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Special Music "Glory to the Lamb!" Chancel Choir

Message "Call Him Jesus" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *O Savior rend the heavens* HWB 175
(vs.1,5)

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** *Come on ring those bells!* (on screen)

****Benediction**

**** Hallelujah Chorus**

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Harvey & Lois Thiessen

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Sermon Notes

"Call Him Jesus"

Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Theme

Jesus saves us.

Key Verse

(Matthew 1:21) She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Notes

A Prayer

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to receive you--our Savior--anew this Christmas.

Sunday, December 29, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad Roth (video) **Accompanist:** Gerry Major
Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring **Scripture:** Zettie Wedel
Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel **Music:** Gerry Major & Jan Larson
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

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. An offering will be taken for our White Christmas project. Please make checks to West Zion with "White Christmas" in the memo line.
3. The **December 29 bulletin** will be printed on Monday morning, December 23. Please have announcements to the secretary by Monday morning at 9:00 am, thanks.
4. **Today (December 22) will be the last Sunday** for collecting materials to go into the MCC Immigration Detainee Kits, though monetary donations will still be received at the Christmas Eve service. Thank you to all who have donated!
5. **Christmas cards and letters** from Wilda Schrag, former pastor Marvin Zehr, and missionary partners the Larson can be found on the foyer bulletin board.
6. 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.
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. The green order forms are available in the

foyer for one more Sunday. Mail your order forms as shown on the form or call Rick Krehbiel at 620-386-4147 to place your order.

9. MCC is celebrating their 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6,500 comforters to break the record for most blankets donated to a charity in 24 hours. A list of Kansas events is on the bulletin board. Moundridge will hold its **Great Winter Warm up** event to tie and complete comforters on January 18, 2020 at Pine Village Wellness Center from 9 AM to 3 PM (come and go). Soup will be available for those that stay for lunch. You can also support this event by making tops for comforters or making donations. If you have never tied a comforter we will teach you at this event. Contact Sharon Gehring if you have questions and come help break the record!

General Announcements

10. **Ted & Co.** presents Boots, Buckets, and Barrows on Friday, January 31 at Hesston Mennonite and on Saturday, February 1 at Journey Mennonite. In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co. will present this play in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets filled with baked goods and home items. All proceeds benefit the work of MDS. More information is on the board.
11. Thank you for your generous giving to **Mennonite Central Committee in 2019**. Your gifts help MCC continue work in 53 countries working on 648 projects and impacting countless people. If you're looking for last minute Christmas gift ideas, check out mcc.org/christmas for online giving options.
12. **2020 is your year to go on an MCC Learning Tour!** Travel to Haiti March 21-28 to learn about root causes of Haiti's reality and see MCC projects in person. Join MCC Bolivia in celebrating 60 years with two learning tours, May 2-9 will focus on Eastern Bolivia and Oct. 10-17 will focus on Western Bolivia. Finally, you're welcome to travel to Nicaragua, July 20-30, to celebrate the centennial of MCC, focusing on past and present MCC work in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org and check mcc.org/events for information.
13. 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.

14. 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.

15. **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. 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	\$ 1,424.00	\$ 3,888.89
Receipts – year to date	\$136,181.26	\$140,835.36
Budget	\$162,552.00	\$158,987.00
Less: expended to date	(147,542.64)	(143,650.14)
Less: cash balance	<u>(6,805.52)</u>	<u>(19,468.33)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 8,203.84	\$ 0
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 4,102	\$ 0

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Phil and Lorene Lohrenz and family at the passing of Phil's mother Rachel

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, give thanks for the many ways WDC congregations embody the presence of Christ through ministries of hospitality, worship, compassion and justice.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

MMN requests prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. When armed protest groups ambush hotels and gold mines, civilians get caught in the crossfire. May the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso live the way of the Prince of Peace through word and deed.

Mission Mosaic

Youth Venture participants at the Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador, pg 62



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

December 22: Carla Stucky

December 23: Connie Kaufman, Mindy Hill

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”** to:

December 25: Richard & Glenda Golden

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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