

Advent 3, December 15, 2019

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM: Worship Service**
Message: Pastor Brad Roth **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Worship Leader: Carl Duffman **Scripture:** Ken Stucky
Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Today: Christian Homemakers Christmas gathering 6:00 PM
Dec. 11: Church Council 8 PM
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

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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 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.

2. 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. You are invited to bring items or money forward during offering.

3. **Christian Homemakers** will meet tonight at 6:00 pm at Connie Graber 's home for our Christmas gathering. Please bring a finger food to share.

4. 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.

5. **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.

6. 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.

7. 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

8. **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). Interact with the characters, sounds, lights, and animals of this timeless tale and enjoy this walking tour with family and friends. 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.

9. 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 as follows: Holly Swartzendruber, Monica Schmidt Spicer, Matthew Schloneger, and Christopher Kliever. The director is Matthew Graber.

10. Opportunities to serve **Mennonite Disaster Service** (MDS) are on the foyer bulletin board.

11. The Moundridge Community **Blood Drive** is scheduled for 12/20/2019 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter "Moundridge" for the sponsor code or call 1-800-733-2767.

12. **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.

13. You are invited to join MC USA staff for “**Coffee and Conversation**” in the Newton offices (718 N Main St) 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.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Receipts – last week	\$ 1,648.88	\$ 2,744.00
Receipts – year to date	\$128,153.40	\$133,925.47
Budget	\$162,552.00	\$158,987.00
Less: expended to date	(139,829.52)	(139,503.26)
Less: cash balance	<u>(7,805.78)</u>	<u>(16,454.14)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 14,916.70	\$ 3,029.60
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 3,729	\$ 757

West Zion Joys and Concerns

Darin Schmidt, recovering after a heart ablation procedure

Ruth Schmidt, recovering after falling and breaking her pelvis and undergoing surgery to repair it

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for God’s care and strength for members of WDC congregations and communities who struggle with grief, trauma or mental health concerns, especially during the winter and holiday season.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network have moved from their ministry in the Middle East to Germany. Pray for them as they engage in language learning and a cross-cultural transition period. David serves with the German Mennonite Peace Committee and Sophie’s work is with the Bammental Mennonite community.

Mission Mosaic

SOOP participants at Camp Deerpark in New York, pg 61



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

December 10: Lois Thiessen

December 13: Mateo Roth, David Schmidt