

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

Vol. LV January 5, 2020 No. 1

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Words for silent meditation: *He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly (Psalm 147:15).*

Prelude Donna Stucky

**Entrance hymn *Come, Light of the world* (all verses) STS 3

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 147:12-20
Praise God / **for all his great gifts!**

Greeting in Christ's peace

****Celebrating in song**
How brightly beams the morning HWB 222

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6 Connie Graber

HWB 101 Alleluia

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Message "What Gifts?" Pastor Brad

Song of Response *What gift can we bring* HWB 385

Offering

Blessing of MCC Immigration Detainee Backpacks

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem* STS 32

**Benediction

** Postlude

****please stand if able**

Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, Carl Duffman

Sermon Notes

What Gift?

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Theme

What gift can you bring Jesus in the new year?

Key Verse

(Matthew 2:11) They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Notes

A Prayer

Lord God who has given us the indescribable gift of life in your Son,
receive our lives as an offering to you.

Sunday, January 12, 2020

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM: Worship Service**
Message: Pastor Brad Roth **Accompanist:** Gerry Major
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Leon Guhr
Greeter(s): Mel & Kathi Becker
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

Coming Events

Jan. 15: MYM and meals begin (tacos!), Council 7 PM
Jan. 18: SPACE gathering for women 9 AM at the church
Jan.19: Communion, receive new members, meal and annual
 meeting
Feb. 2: Mennonite Education Sunday at First Mennonite
Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday

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
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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **We're calling 2020 the Year of Celebration!** It's a time to reflect on God's blessing and mercy in our individual lives and life together as the church – and celebrate!
2. On January 19, the date for our Annual Meeting, we'll be **receiving 6 new members** (Melvin and Jan Graber, Jim and Joanne Stucky, Rondell and Rachel Burge) and celebrating as Rachel and Rondell renew their marriage vows. Bring something extra special to share for potluck. We'll also have a celebration cake. Expect guests to join us for worship and the meal. It will be a great day to kick off the Year of Celebration!
3. **Thank you** so much for your thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls after the passing of our mom and grandmother Rachel. Your love and caring was felt by our family. Thank you to Pastor Brad for his visit, and the ladies who brought us a wonderful meal to enjoy with family. We are very blessed, to be a part of the West Zion church family. – Phil & Lorene Lohrenz
4. Thanks to everyone who donated goods and cash toward our **White Christmas Project!** We collected \$1,709.22 and many materials to fill Mennonite Central Committee immigration detainee backpacks. What a great way to help folks in need seeking to make a fresh start. We will deliver the backpacks and funds to MCC sometime soon!
5. **Calling all puzzlers!** During the month of January, stop by the table in the foyer and put together a piece or two of our congregational photo puzzle. It takes all of us, God putting all the pieces together, to form the church!
6. Yearbook reports and names of new committee members for appointed teams need to be **to the secretary by January 19** if possible.
7. **Current yearbook addresses** are in the foyer. Please check information for you and your family members and make changes as needed.

8. **SPACE (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement)** is a time set aside for fellowship and prayer. All women are invited to our next gathering at the church on January 18 at 9:00 AM. A light breakfast will be served

9. **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.

10. 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 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

11. The Bethel College annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** celebration will be held Monday, January 20 with guest speaker Michelle Vann, Ph.D. from Wichita. The event will take place at 7 PM at Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.
12. Kidron Bethel **Parkinson's Support Group** will meet January 7 at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Emily Schultze, dance instructor for Rhythm Connections for Parkinson's Disease will present the program. All are invited to attend.
13. **Everence** will host its popular workshop *Make Medicare an Easy Step* in North Newton on Tuesday, Jan. 7 and in Hutchinson on Thursday, Jan. 9. Both will begin at 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at michelle.ramer@everence.com or call 316-283-3800. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

14. **Ted & Co.** presents Boots, Buckets, and Barrows on Friday, January 31 at Hesston Mennonite and on Saturday, February 1 at Journey Mennonite in South Hutchinson. 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.

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	\$ 12,515.27	\$ 5,291.15
Receipts – year to date	\$150,832.53	\$148,891.70
Budget	\$162,552.00	\$158,987.00
Less: expended to date**	(158,244.88)	(154,183.52)
Less: cash balance	<u>(10,755.22)</u>	<u>(16,993.50)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 0	\$ 0

**A few 2019 bills are not in yet

White Christmas	\$ 1,709.22	\$ 1,401.91
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Prayer Request from Western District Conference
Pray for youth in WDC congregations, and the leaders who mentor, teach and accompany them in their faith journey.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network
Bill and Carol Frisbie have worked to start a movement of leader development in Central and West Africa since 2010 through LeaderSource. Pray for them and their African partners as they strengthen Jesus' body through the same principles Jesus used to build his own leadership team, the apostles.

Mission Mosaic
Door Dwell Hollywood, California Jordan Bailey, Ahreum Cha, Sara Selg, Rowena Zeurcher, and Marji McCoy, Pg 50



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
January 5: Chase Stucky
January 7: Bob Gehring
January 9: Sherry Wedel

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