

West Zion Mennonite Church

9:30 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Morning Worship

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Advent 3

Words for silent meditation: See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him (Isaiah 40:10).

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle Trynity Petersen

Introit Comfort and Joy Chancel Choir
By Pepper Choplin

Welcome!

In the name of Jesus,
the one who gives life in the desert
grace and peace be with you all!
and also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship Isaiah 40:1-11 (on screen) Pastor Brad

Greeting in Christ's Peace

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt Chancel Choir
by Jaroslav J. Vajda and Craig Courtney

****Celebrating in song** My soul cries out STS 124

Lighting of the Advent candle - Gerry Major

Longing for light STJ 54

Scripture John 1:6-8, 19-28 Geneva Wedel
Pg 1049

Preschool Children dismissed to Little Flock

Choral Anthem His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful Chancel Choir
by John Innes

Message "Point to the Light" Pastor Brad

Song of Response Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB 178

Offering and White Christmas offering (*Please bring items forward and lay them in the canoe.*)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song** Come on ring those bells! On screen

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel, & Tim Diehl

Jr. Usher: Trynity Petersen

Sermon Notes

Point to the Light
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Theme

Let your life point toward Jesus.

Key Verse

John 1:7 [John] came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

Notes

A Prayer

Eternal God, spark the light of hope in our hearts that our lives might bear witness to your Son.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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.
Check the bulletin board for more announcements.

1. Our **White Christmas Project** this year will go to Camp Mennoscah. Be thinking how you might be able to share with Camp Mennoscah this holiday season. Please see our Camp Mennoscah Christmas wish list in the foyer.
2. This year's **Christmas Eve Program** begins at 6 PM with the prelude, followed by the service at 6:30. Please join us in praising Jesus that evening.
3. Mission Team is sponsoring West Zion members/attenders who would like to go to the Rural Ministry Seminar on Jan.24, 8:00-12:00. Lunch is included. This seminar is especially designed for congregational lay leaders in a rural setting. It will explore the unique mission of the church in a rural context, focusing on questions of God's unique calling for rural congregations and what makes for successful rural ministry. Talk to Pastor Brad or Geneva to register. For more info, see: <http://www.ams.edu/academics/Rural-Ministry-Seminar.cfm> .

General Announcements

5. **Wanted: Peppernut Bakers:** Pat Krehbiel would like to serve peppernuts to the participants at the Senior Center on Dec. 22. If you are helping, contact Pat Krehbiel, at the Senior Center at 345-2729.
6. The Moundridge Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1:30 to 6 PM at Pine Village Wellness Center. Call [1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.
7. **Mennonite Disaster Service** needs to replace one or both of their current vans. They began a replacement fund in 2013 and now both vans have 190,000 miles on them. More information about the project is posted on the bulletin board. Donations can be sent to: Mennonite Disaster Service, Kansas Unit, 312 N. Main Street Hesston, KS 67062, and mark it "Van Replacement Fund"
8. Sun., Dec. 21-Lisa Weaver, author of the new book Swords to Plowshares: The Creation of John P. Klassen's Mennonite Central Committee Medallion, will present a program, including slides of Klassen's artwork, a historical framework for the story and her process of creating this picture book for all ages at 3:30 PM in the

Kauffman Museum auditorium. The book is for sale in the museum shop and Lisa will also sign copies that afternoon. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

~ Wish "**Happy Birthday**" this week
December 14: Aaron Fast
December 15: James B. Schmidt
December 17: Brad Roth
December 20: Brandie Foster

~ Wish "**Happy Anniversary**" this week
December 15: B.C. & Joyce Dirks

Joys and Concerns

Taylor Stucky is staying in St. Louis for intensive outpatient treatment of OCD and anxiety. He thanks you for your many cards and prayers! His address is: Taylor Stucky, Water Tower Inn, 3545 Lafayette Ave, St. Louis, MO 63104

Karen's mother and stepfather in Colorado

Mel Becker, recovering after bypass surgery

Elizabeth James, recovering after appendix surgery.

Ruth Schmidt, suffering from pneumonia at Moundridge Mercy Hospital.

Mission Partners, Wayne and Jeannie, Give Thanks to God for:

A replacement vehicle at about 25% market value

A supportive, prayerful ministry team seeking the best way to build the ministry

Another local prayer and support team

A company in a nearby country with transformational videos receiving up to 20,000 hits on Facebook

Workshops in schools where leading families send their girls

Their flat, large enough for guests and view of a green growing area

Mennonite Mission Network walking with them

West Zion's prayers and support

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Mission Network

Alfonsina Oyanguren, who serves in Argentina with Mennonite Mission Network, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She has to travel 800 miles for surgery and a treatment regimen. Pray for peace and healing for Alfonsina. Pray also for husband, José, and their four children as they miss Alfonsina at home.

Prayer Requests from Western District Conference

Pray for God's guidance in the search for a new Western District Conference Minister led by the Executive Board appointed Search Committee.

Attendance: Sunday School: 37 Worship: 78

Sunday- Dec. 21 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:30 am: Sunday School

Worship Leader: Pastor Brad

Message: Pastor Brad

Candle Lighter: Dan Kaufman

Greeters: Bob & Sharon Gehring

Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, & Vicky Kessler

Jr. Usher: Dan Kaufman

10:30 am: Worship Service

Scripture: Ellen Kaufman

Accompanist: Carla Stucky

Coming Events

Dec. 17: Christmas Eve Practice 4:30-5:30 PM, MYM Christmas program 5:30-7 PM in the Sanctuary,

Church Council 8 PM

Dec. 23: Christmas Eve Practice 10 AM

Jan. 7: Deacons 4:30 PM

Jan. 14: CDT Meeting 4 PM

Jan. 18: Annual Business Meeting

