

## West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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### ADVENT 1

Words for silent meditation: *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you." (Psalm 122:6).*

Prelude    Donna Stucky

Poinsettia Processional *(If you would like to carry your memorial poinsettia to the front, please meet in the back of the sanctuary)*

Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 122  
Let us go rejoicing / **and enter the house of the Lord!**

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** (words on the screen)                      Praise Team  
*Here I am to Worship* (Christmas lyrics)  
*It came upon a midnight clear*  
*Angels we have heard on high*

Scripture                      Isaiah 2:1-5                      Vicky Kessler

### STS 17 Alleluia

Scripture                      Matthew 24:36-44                      Vicky Kessler

Message                      "The Judge of Peace"                      Pastor Brad

**Song of Response** *O Savior rend the heavens wide*                      HWB 175

Offering and White Christmas Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

**\*\*Sending Song**                      *O come, O come, Immanuel*                      HWB 172

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

Greeter(s): Jim and Joanne Stucky  
Ushers: Mel Becker, Norman Funk, Vicky Kessler

### Sermon Notes

The Judge of Peace  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

Theme  
God gathers and judges the nations.

Key Verse  
Isaiah 2:3 Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

### Notes

A Prayer  
Merciful Father who has gifted us your light and love in the face of your Son, lead us into your righteousness.

*Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org*  
*Find us on Facebook!*

## **Advent 2, December 8, 2019**

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

### **Coming Events**

Dec. 11:      Church Council 8 PM  
Dec. 24:      Christmas Eve Service  
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

Pastor's Cell: 620-386-4838

Pastor Brad's email: [bradroth@westzionmc.org](mailto:bradroth@westzionmc.org)

**Secretary Carla Stucky's hours:** Thurs. 9-11, 1-4 PM

Church: 620-345-8143

Carla's cell: 620-386-0414

Church's email: [secretary@westzionmc.org](mailto:secretary@westzionmc.org)

Website: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

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

1. Our **White Christmas Project** this year will be 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 and instructions can be found in the foyer. You are invited to bring items or money forward during offering.
2. **You are invited** by the Mission Team to anticipate the birth of Jesus and learn more about Him by reading a chapter of Luke each day of December this year, ending with chapter 24 (last chapter) on December 24.
3. Due to a funeral, our **SPACE** (Sisters Praying And Casting Encouragement) gathering was moved to Saturday, December 7. We will meet at 9:00 AM for a light breakfast, fellowship and prayer at the church. All women are invited to attend!
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. **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 or call Jim Robb, Board Chair at 620-747-0186.
9. **Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full-time finance assistant and a half time recruiter. You can see the position descriptions at [www.mennonitemission.net](http://www.mennonitemission.net) under "employment opportunities". To begin the application process for either position, send your resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net) or call Linda Krueger, HR Coordinator (574-523-3009) for more information.
10. First Mennonite Church of McPherson invites you to a **German dinner and bake sale** on December 7 from 5:00-7:00 PM. A free will donation will be received for the meal, baked goods are priced.
11. Kidron Bethel **Parkinson's Support Group** will meet December 3 at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall at Kidron. Dr. Sam Claassen, a retired internal medicine physician, and Dennis Schmidt will present "How to Have a Successful Doctor Appointment." All are welcome.
12. **Everence**® will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will take place at Everence Financial, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

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.

14. All area churches are invited to this year's **Winter Luminary Walk** at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 29 and 30, and Dec. 6 and 7. Admission to the event is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, or email [arboretum@hesston.edu](mailto:arboretum@hesston.edu) for advance tickets. They can also be purchased at the Arboretum office. Outdoor highlights include the walking path lit up by hundreds of luminaries, a nativity scene in the leaf house, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. Local groups to perform include Lindsborg harpist RoJean Loucks at 7 p.m. on Nov. 30 and the Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble, directed by Vada Snider at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6. December 7 is also FAMILY NIGHT, with free admission for accompanied children 12 and under, crafts and hay rack rides. Call 620-327-8127 or visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org) for more information.

15. A list of **Bethel and Hesston College** events can be found on the bulletin board.

| <b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>                          | <b>This Year</b>   | <b>Last Year</b>    |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts – last week                           | \$ 1,648.88        | \$ 2,111.00         |
| Receipts – year to date                        | \$128,153.40       | \$131,181.47        |
| <br>   |                    |                     |
| Budget   | \$162,552.00       | \$158,987.00        |
| Less: expended to date                         | (139,393.54)       | ( 139,530.26)       |
| Less: cash balance                             | <u>( 6,926.11)</u> | <u>( 13,266.48)</u> |
| Receipts needed to meet budget                 | \$ 16,232.35       | \$ 6,190.26         |
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| Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget | \$ 3,246           | \$ 1,238            |

### **West Zion Joys and Concerns**

Family of Jory Konrade, a teacher and football coach at the Prairie Hills Middle School, where Mason is a student.

Jeannette, anticipating another eye surgery

Sharon’s mother, contemplating moving into a retirement home

Joel and Alice Hayes, celebrating 60 years of marriage!

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference**

Keep the Western District Conference staff, congregations and ministries in your prayers as we prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Argentina Mennonite Church as it enters its second century. May its vibrant ministries of preaching, teaching, planting churches, and running businesses to support missions flourish. Pray specifically for a brick-making enterprise in Villa Mercedes, San Luis, that combines income-generating work with church planting.

### **Mission Mosaic**

SOOP participants serving in Reedley, California, pg 59



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:

December 1: Terry Jantzen

December 3: Hildie Burge

December 5: Dorothy Toews, Jeff Becker

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:

December 1: John & Harriet DeLay

December 6: Phil & Lorene Lohrenz