

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2020

Worship Service online at West Zion Facebook page

9:30 AM: Sunday School (Join us online at <https://meet.google.com/jkg-qdbw-hyk>) or by phone dial (US) +1 413-369-1389 PIN: 399 549 130#

10:30 AM: Worship Service (live on WZ Facebook page)

Message: Pastor Brad

Coming Events

Dec. 18: Red Cross Bloodmobile

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve online service (watch for details!)

Our Mission: God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. Due to the sharp rise in COVID-19 cases, **Church Council has decided to return to online-only worship.** Bulletins will still be printed, and you can pick one up in the foyer or find it on the West Zion website. If you would like one mailed to you instead, please contact Carla Stucky. Join us on our Facebook Live page each Sunday morning for worship at 10:30 AM.
2. **Today is the first Sunday of Advent!** Each week of Advent, we'll learn more about one of the people closest to Jesus' birth (Zechariah, John the Baptist, Joseph, and Mary--as well as Simeon and Anna after Christmas). Mission Team will lead us each week in praying for different aspects of our church's mission.
3. The **poinsettias** in the sanctuary this morning are in memory of loved ones. A bulletin insert lists the ones we remember, love and miss all year but especially during this holiday season.
4. A **greeter's list** will be worked on and distributed when we go back to in-person worship. When we do meet again, we will continue to ask greeters to wear masks, open the door for people, and to not shake hands. Please let Carla Stucky know if you are still willing to greet or if you would prefer to be taken off the list.
5. Our White Christmas Project this year is **Mt. Hope Sanctuary of McPherson!** Mt. Hope Sanctuary is a Christian organization that provides transitional housing, life-changing programming, and support services to single mothers and children. Items we'll be collecting are listed below. CDT is placing a basket in the foyer. You can learn more on their website: <http://www.mthopesanctuary.org/>. You can also see a short PowerPoint presentation about Mt. Hope Sanctuary on our church website.
 - Tall kitchen trash bags
 - Paper towels
 - Boxed blue Nitrile gloves (medium)
 - \$25 gift cards to Dillon's or Walmart
 - Children's bedding: twin size
6. **Thanks so much** for all the prayers, cards, calls, etc for me and my family. I felt so much care through all of this illness. We are

so lucky to have such caring people, health care workers, hospital workers, and community. Pastor Brad, thanks so much for the many calls and text messages. It will be wonderful to meet together again soon. – Bonnie Kaufman

7. Sunday School update:

- 1) Our adult Sunday School Class, *Letters to a Weary Church* has one more session this morning. Follow the link listed in upcoming events or on our WZ website. **Adult SS for December through February will be from the new quarterly called *Salt and Light*. We'll have various teachers. Watch for the link next week to join the conversation by Google Meet!**
- 2) Jr./Sr. High Sunday School will meet online.
- 3) K-5 Sunday School is paused for the time being due to Covid.

8. **Moundridge Angel Tree** is preparing for another year of service. Due to COVID-19 there are both no-contact and limited-contact options. If you or someone you know needs assistance or if you would like to adopt an Angel, please contact Angela Azzarito at 316-712-9849 or by email at moundridgeangeltree@gmail.com

9. Please remember to **continue supporting** the church during this time. You can give online through PayPal or mail a check.

General Announcements

10. **Have yourself a honkin' good holiday at MCC in North Newton!** This drive-thru event on Dec. 11 from 4-6 p.m. is a unique way to safely enjoy some delicious Christmas cheer while supporting the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee. Each charcuterie box is composed of seasonal artisan meats and cheeses, olives, fruit, mixed nuts and seasonal treats with crackers served on the side. A box serves two generous appetizer portions. **RSVP by 5 p.m. on December 4** to reserve yours! Suggested donation per box is \$25. Email centralstates@mcc.org to reserve your charcuterie box today! Find more information and photos at mcc.org/honkin-holiday.

11. **MCC asks for support for Central American hurricane recovery.** Not one, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organization to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You

can donate online mcc.org/eta-iota-relief, by phone (888) 563-4676 or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

12. Join MCC for a series of “MCC and me” webinars to hear more about service opportunities. Are you ready to step out and into service? To gain new skills and experiences while working for relief and peace in the name of Christ? MCC is working to adapt our programming as the situation with COVID-19 develops. All sessions relate to anticipated service needs, though timing and some other details may be subject to change.

- December 9 at 7 p.m. EST: Serving and Learning Together (SALT)
- January 13 at 3 p.m. EST: Summer Service leadership program

For more information and to register: mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – last week	\$ 2,154.52	\$ 1,648.88
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 114,117.80	\$ 128,153.40
 Budget	 \$163,471.00	 \$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(135,834.76)	(139,393.54)
Less: cash balance	(7,728.77)	(6,926.11)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 19,907.47	\$ 16,232.35
 Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	 \$ 3,981	 \$ 3,246

West Zion Celebrations and Concerns

Angela Azzarito, suffering from Covid

Family of Nancy Ottley, who recently passed away.

Frances's nephew Randy Dyck

Lorene and Marlene's families as their uncle, James Chapple, died Nov. 21

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for God's hope and encouragement for WDC congregations that have suffered significant loss and stress during the pandemic.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network live in Germany but were on the Greek island of Lesbos to witness more than 12,000 people displaced by a fire that burned a migrant camp. Pray that God's people throughout the world will open their hearts to welcome as neighbors those who are without homes.

Mosaic Directory in pews

MVS workers in San Francisco, California, pg 53

Advent Prayer Focus

Pray for Mennonite Mission Network, working to bring the peace of Christ to the nations just as Zechariah sang that God would “guide our feet into the way of peace.”



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
December 3: Hildie Burge
December 5: Dorothy Toews

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