

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, for the time being worship services will be online on our West Zion Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/westzion/>).

ADVENT 3

Words for silent meditation: *The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. (Psalm 126:3)*

Prelude Donna Stucky
 "In the bleak midwinter" - Gustav Holst/ Arr. John Rasley

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth

Call to Worship, Psalm 126
 Rejoice in the Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Faith

Celebrating in Song
 Infant holy, infant lowly HWB 206
 Hark! the herald angels sing HWB 201

Scripture, Matthew 1:18-25

Meditation "Joseph's Silent Song" Pastor Brad

Song for meditation "Joseph's Song" Kirk Stucky
 Accompanied by Donna Stucky

Offering (*Please remember to continue supporting the church during this time.*)

White Christmas Offering - *During the season of Advent, we're collecting items and offering for Mt. Hope Sanctuary. See announcements for current needs.*

Prayers of the People (*Joys and concerns can be shared in the "comment" bar on the Facebook live stream*)

Sending Song *O little town of Bethlehem* HWB 191

Blessing and Sending

Postlude "Vom Himmel Hoch" - Arr. Michael Bedford Donna Stucky

Sermon Notes

Joseph's Silent Song
Matthew 1:18-25

Theme

Faith means responding to God through action.

Key Verse

(Matthew 1:24) When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Notes

A Question

Is there something you need to do to put your faith into action this Advent?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ [westzionmc.org](https://www.facebook.com/westzionmc.org)
Streaming license # 20084674

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020

Worship Service online at West Zion Facebook page

9:30 AM: Sunday School (Join us online at

<https://meet.google.com/bxs-bixi-vbi>

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

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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Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

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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. Join us on our Facebook Live page each Sunday morning for worship at 10:30 AM.
2. Our **Christmas Eve service** will be online this year! Join us for a time of Scripture and song as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! Watch this space for more information.
3. 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
4. A **Moundridge Angel Tree** is in the foyer with several angels waiting to be adopted! Each angel represents a need in the Moundridge community and instructions for what to do are printed on the angel. Stop by the foyer to pick one up if you are interested in helping with this. Contact Angela Azzarito at 316-712-9849 or by email at moundridgeangeltree@gmail.com if you have questions.
5. **Yearbook change:** Dale Jantzen's new phone number is 316-217-1498. The numbers listed in the yearbook no longer are used.
6. Speaking of the **yearbook**, it is time to begin updating addresses and contact information. Please let Carla Stucky know if there are any changes on you or your family's contact information that needs to change in the current yearbook. Address updates would need to be sent by January 17.

7. **Christian Homemakers** will not be meeting in December.

8. **Sunday School update:** Adult Sunday School for December will be advent reflections led by Ellen Kaufman. January through February will be from the new quarterly called Salt and Light with various teachers leading. The link to join is <https://meet.google.com/bxs-bixi-vbi> and is also on the website. Jr./Sr. High Sunday School will meet online and K-5 Sunday School is paused for the time being due to Covid.

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

10. A **greeter's list** will be 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.

General Announcements

11. **MCC Comforter Blitz update:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Kansas Friends of MCC Comforter Blitz in Yoder, KS has been canceled. However, the Blitz committee still has a goal of collecting at least 300 comforters between February and April. We need your help to meet this goal! Fabric kits and comforter sets to tie (top, back, and batting) are available to check out from MCC in North Newton. For contactless drop-off of completed comforters the 24-hour donation room is always available. To arrange drop-off or checkout materials, contact Kate at katemast@mcc.org, or 316.804.8432.

12. All are invited to take part in **Bethel College's annual Lighting of the Green** on Sunday, December 13 at 8 PM. This long-standing Bethel Advent tradition celebrates the Light that shines in the darkness, the life and light of Christ. The gathering will take place virtually this year, live online with some parts pre-recorded. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/LZeLxduHoVk> or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98444357235?pwd=N1MzQlpiQ29HQWZlWU s2NGpNWWtlZz09>

13. **Kauffman Museum** at Bethel College is hosting the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" through Jan. 17. A local companion exhibit, "Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads," is also on display. The museum is open 9:30 am-

4:30 pm Tues.-Fri and 1:30-4:30 pm Sat.-Sun. Admission to the “Crossroads” exhibit is free on Saturdays. On Dec. 13 at 3:00 pm, **Gene Chávez, Ed.D., Shawnee, Kan., will give a virtual presentation** on the rich history of Mexican immigration to Kansas and the journey of the humble but important flour tortilla. Visit the museum website (kauffmanmuseum.org) and/or Facebook page for registration instructions.

14. **Everence** will host a Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Monday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

15. **Free resource from MCC: Learning about generosity!** Help children learn about generosity with MCC printable worksheets including activities, a story, a craft to make and Christmas gift ideas that benefit global neighbors with colorable greeting cards, find it all at mcc.org/generosity. Explore the full list of Christmas giving options from MCC at mcc.org/christmas.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – last week	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 5,288.86
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 120,754.80	\$ 134,757.26
Budget	\$163,471.00	\$162,552.00
Less: expended to date	(141,129.53)	(141,524.10)
Less: cash balance	(<u>8,981.99</u>)	(<u>11,400.06</u>)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 13,359.48	\$ 9,627.84
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 4,453	\$ 3,209
Mission: Larsons	\$ 175.00	

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for God’s guidance for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they navigate endings and discern new beginnings in the midst of the pandemic.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Praise God for Joe Sawatzky, who recently became an international education liaison for Mennonite Mission Network and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Pray for Joe and global church leaders, as they seek to strengthen the body of Christ through Anabaptist education initiatives around the world.

Mosaic Directory in pews

SOOP workers at Pine Lake Camp in Mississippi, pg 56

ADVENT PRAYER FOCUS
Pray for Pastor Felix and our sister church in Peru. The church has clung to their faith in Christ and continued to meet in open areas during the pandemic.



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
 December 13: Mateo Roth, David Schmidt
 December 15: James B. Schmidt
 December 17: Brad Roth