

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Words for silent meditation: *May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. (Psalm 72:2)*

Prelude “Star of the East” Donna Stucky

Welcome Pastor Brad Roth

Call to Worship, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Praise the King who reigns forever!

Celebrating in Song

The first Noel, the angel did say HWB 199
How brightly beams the morning star HWB 222

Scripture, Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation “Go and Search” Pastor Brad

Song for meditation - We Three Kings, free arrangement

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

Prayers of the People (*Joys and concerns can be shared in the “comment” bar on the Facebook live stream or text Pastor Brad at 386-4838*)

Sending song *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* STS 32

Blessing and Sending

Postlude “March of the Three Kings” - arrangement by Donna Stucky

Sermon Notes

Go and Search
Matthew 2:1-12

Theme

Seek Jesus in this new year.

Key Verse

(Matthew 2:8) He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

Notes

A Question

What do you think Jesus’ hope for you in this new year is?

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
Streaming license # 20084674

Sunday, January 10, 2020

IN PERSON!

9:30 AM: Sunday School
Message: Pastor Brad
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad
Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky
Ushers: Clark Graber, Dave Wedel

10:30 AM: Worship Service
Accompanist: Donna Stucky

If you prefer to meet online for Sunday School, the link can be found on the West Zion website.

Coming Events

Jan. 14: Christian Homemakers at WZ 4 PM, comforter tying
Jan. 17: Annual meeting

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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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Reopening church!** Church Council has decided to again meet in person for worship beginning January 10. Our "Return to Worship" plan to keep everyone safe as we gather can be found on the West Zion website. Please text Pastor Brad at 620-386-4838 if you have a joy, concern, or announcement you would like shared during worship. You can also join us on our Facebook Live page each Sunday morning for worship at 10:30 AM.

2. **January 17**, immediately following in-person worship, we will hold our **Annual Business meeting**. Because of COVID-19, we will not have a meal this year. If you prefer to attend virtually, follow this Google Hangouts link: <https://meet.google.com/gom-wmve-hee>.

3. **We're launching 2021 as the Year of Prayer!** There have been many challenges for our congregation in the last two years. As this new year opens, we seek to meet Jesus anew in our church, in the face of our community, and especially in our prayers. My longing for 2021 is that it can be a time of renewal and growth--and it's going to take all of us united in prayer to realize this vision. I'll be teaching on prayer throughout the year, and we'll take time to intentionally pray together. Like the wise men of old, let us go and diligently seek him so that our will and purposes align with Christ's.

4. **Christian Homemakers** will meet on January 14 at 4:00 pm to work on comforters. All women are welcome!

5. A **2021 Greeter's list** will be put in your church mailbox for those who are signed up. Greeting will continue to involve wearing a mask, opening the door for people, and offering hand sanitizer (along with saying a muffled "Welcome"!).

6. **Yearbook reports:** A few reports for the yearbook have already been sent to me, thanks! I would like to have all yearbook reports (CDT, Homemakers, Deacon, Mission Team, Pastor, Treasurer, Trustee and Worship) by January 17.

7. **Updates** are needed for addresses and contact information in the yearbook. Please let Carla Stucky know if there are any changes on you or your family's contact information in the current yearbook. Address updates would need to be sent by January 17.

8. **Sunday School update:** Adult Sunday School will be meeting in person beginning December 27 in Fellowship Hall. The quarterly called Salt and Light will be studied. If you prefer to only join online, the link can be found on the West Zion website:

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

General Announcements

9. **Bethel College Events:**

Jan. 10, 3 pm: Florence Schloneger, North Newton, and Pauline Sharp, Wichita, will give a virtual presentation, sharing their family stories related to land ownership, economics, education and identity. Schloneger's ancestors immigrated to Kansas in the 1800s while Sharp's relatives, members of the Kanza tribe, lived in central Kansas for centuries before the arrival of Europeans. Schloneger is a retired Mennonite minister. Sharp is a Kaw tribal member and board member of the Kanza Heritage Society. Sign up for the Zoom link at <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/sunday-afternoon-at-the-museum-with-florence-schloneger-and-pauline-sharp/> The event will also be on Facebook Live.

Jan. 18, 6:30 pm: Bethel College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will feature spoken word artist M'Vyonne Payne and former pro athlete and motivational speaker Chris Singleton. The event will be held in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, with COVID protocols in place, and will also be live-streamed via YouTube at bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021 Sponsors are the Bethel College Diversity Council, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Life Office, with support from the Bethel College Women's Association.

10. **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. 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.

11. **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.

West Zion Prayers

Betty Stucky and family at passing of Richard Stucky

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for God’s strength and peace for pastors in WDC, as they look ahead to ministry in the coming year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mike Sherrill, Mennonite Mission Network’s executive director, begins each week with an all-staff worship and prayer time. During this time, he prays for each one of Mission Network’s employees by name. Ask for God’s wisdom and strength for Mike as he leads the church in mission.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado at La Casa Grande Fifatan in Benin.



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