

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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4th Sunday of Advent

Words for silent meditation: *Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. (Micah 5:2).*

Prelude Carla Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent candle: Peace

Call to Worship, "O Antiphons"
Response: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

****Celebrating in song**

*My Soul Cries Out STS 124
What a Beautiful Name*

**Children's Church (4-yrs old to 4th grade) & Nursery (ages 1-3)
offered at this time.**

Scripture Luke 1:26-38 Carla Stucky

Message "Jesus" (What a Beautiful Name) Pastor Brad

Offering (*Offering will be received in the basket on the back table.*)
White Christmas Offering

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*During this time, we will not be passing the mic. Please communicate joys and concerns to Pastor*

Brad ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-4838 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar).

Prayers of the People

Receiving Erin Kelley and Angela Azzarito as members

Hanging of Advent ornament

****Sending Song** *Angels We have Heard on High HWB 197*

****Benediction**

****Postlude**

Greeter(s): Sharon Gehring

Sermon Notes

Jesus
Luke 1:26-38

Theme
Salvation is wrapped up in the name of Jesus.

Key Verse
(Luke 1:31) You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

Notes

A Question
Think about your life. What has it meant for you for Jesus to save you from your sins?

**Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
Streaming license # 20084674
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Christmas Sunday December 26, 2021

10:00 AM: Prayer Lab in Conf. Rm **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Kurt Horst **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring **Scripture:** Ellen Kaufman
Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

Coming Events

Dec. 22: Children's Choir practice 6:30-7 PM
 Adult Discussion Series 7-8 PM led by Brad
 Christmas Eve practice 7-8 PM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service 5:30 PM (Prelude at 5)
Jan. 15: Name change informational & storytelling
 meeting 7 PM
Jan. 23: Communion received, noon meal, Annual meeting
 Vote on name change
Feb. 13: Mennonite Education Sunday

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. **All are invited** to a Christmas Eve program on Friday, December 24! Prelude 5:00-5:30 PM, program 5:30-6:30 PM. Come sing Christmas hymns and find out more about the name of Jesus!
2. The **deadline** for the December 26 bulletin announcements will be Wednesday, December 22 at noon.
3. **We will be collecting relief bucket items for Haiti through Christmas Eve.** Check the foyer display for a list of items that go in the buckets. You can also donate (just write check to West Zion and mark "relief kits" in memo).
4. **Who is this child born of Mary?** Each week during Advent, Pastor Brad is leading us in a teaching series called "What a Beautiful Name." We'll deepen our understanding of four names of Jesus: Word, My Lord, Immanuel, and Jesus. Also, join us for a "What a Beautiful Name" adult discussion series on Wednesday nights @ 7:00 PM! *This week (12/22) is our final discussion, and Pastor Brad will be leading it.*
5. Start the year off right by **volunteering to help with a STEP MC meal.** STEP MC is looking for volunteers to make a meal for 35-40 people on Monday nights for their weekly meeting. Find a friend and make the meal together OR get a Sunday School class together and help STEP-MC with their mission. The calendar is wide open, so pick a date and get signed up. It's easy to sign up using the SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da4a928a3fdc70-stepmc> Please call or text Connie Kaufman at 620-386-0816 OR conniejkaufman@gmail.com if you need more information.
6. Thank you, **Christian Homemakers** of West Zion for your generous gift of \$200 for the Camp Mennoscah kitchen renovation fund. Your gift will be used to continue our mission to provide a retreat for people of all ages. Your willingness to share in our work through your giving is greatly appreciated. – Olivia Bartel
7. It is time to make **changes in our yearbook** for the 2022 printing in February. Current yearbook addresses are on a table in the foyer. Please make any changes with the red pen provided. Check family member information as well, thanks!

8. **Christian Homemakers** will again collect **used greeting cards** for the St. Jude Children's Project. Put the entire card into the box on the foyer shelf.

General Announcements

9. Eden Mennonite Church is seeking a caring, well-organized person to fill the role of **Church Office Secretary**. The Secretary will need to be a good communicator with strong computer skills. The salaried position assumes 25 hours per week, the majority of that time in the office on weekday mornings. You can find the application here: <https://forms.gle/bhPx3gxxe8B7E3at7>. Questions? Call Pastors Derek or Dianne at 620-345-8320.

10. **Immerse yourself** into the Christmas message with music and song this afternoon, December 19, at 4:00 PM. Hopeful Blues, an eclectic instrumental group and Doxology Ensemble (12 voice male ensemble) will present an afternoon of Christmas music. The Christmas repertoire includes arrangements of traditional carols, rousing spirituals, and soaring choral settings of scripture. After a two-year hiatus, we are excited to be rehearsing again and are looking forward to sharing the joy of the Incarnation through song. The concert will be held at Hope Mennonite church, 868 N Maize Road in Wichita. Admission is free, donations are welcomed.

Name Change Process

The Name Change Committee (NCC) presented a proposal to Council on 10/27/21 to change the name of our church to "Eastside Fellowship." Council approved moving forward with this proposed name. NCC has put the name change proposal along with answers to frequently asked questions in your church mailboxes. An informational and storytelling meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The vote to change our name will take place on Sunday, January 23 at the Annual Meeting. Continue to pray for this process, the NCC Committee and our congregation.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,697.00	\$ 1,210.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$144,523.93	\$121,964.80
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(151,167.71)	(144,055.84)
Less: cash balance	(<u>2,241.38</u>)	(<u>7,265.68</u>)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 11,748.91	\$ 12,149.48
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 5,874	\$ 6,075
White Christmas to date	\$ 1,941	



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 December 22: Carla Stucky
 December 23: Connie Kaufman,
 Mindy Hill

We wish a **“Happy Anniversary”**
 to:
 December 25: Richard & Glenda
 Golden

West Zion Prayers

Kelly, Lory’s daughter-in-law, recovering after surgery

Carl, who has been having difficulty breathing.

Give thanks that Ruby is back home after her surgery!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for WDC congregations as a visible expression of God’s presence in local communities, now in this Christmas season and throughout the year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Matthew and Toni Krabill, of Mennonite Mission Network, are serving as co-directors for the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for their health, creativity and joy, as they welcome researchers, share Anabaptist resources and develop online classes for French-speaking theology students throughout the world.

Mosaic Directory in pews

SOOP partnerships in more than 70 locations in North America.

ADVENT PRAYER FOCUS

Each week, Mission Team is highlighting a different part of our church’s mission for prayer. Children will be making an ornament that reflects the prayer focus during Children’s Church and hanging it on the tree at the end of service.

Pray for the communities where we live, especially Moundridge where we gather for worship. We especially lift up newcomers to our community and congregation. May we continue to grow as a congregation that connects to the neighborhood.