

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Christmas Sunday

Words for silent meditation: *May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. (Psalm 126:5)*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Sharon Gehring
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, Psalm 126
Mighty God, bless your people!

****Celebrating in song**

Go Tell It on the Mountain
It Came upon a Midnight Clear HWB 195

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

Scripture Luke 2:1-20 (KJV) Ellen Kaufman

Message "Accomplished and Delivered" Pastor Kurt Horst

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

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*During this time, we will not be passing the mic. Please communicate joys and concerns to Sharon Gehring ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-0379 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar.*)

Prayers of the People

****Sending Song Come on ring those bells!**

****Benediction (please stand and remain standing for the Hallelujah Chorus)**

****Postlude**

Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

Welcome and thank you to Kurt Horst for bringing the message this morning! Pastor Kurt comes to us from Yoder, KS, having retired and moved there from Hesston where he was pastor of the Whitestone Mennonite Church for nine years. In June Kurt completed an interim assignment at First Mennonite Church in Newton and has been spending time doing construction and maintenance as part of a family business. His wife, Elaine, reduced her hours at Partners in Family Care and they have enjoyed having a little more time to travel! Kurt and Elaine have three children and eight grandchildren, three of whom live in Moundridge (their daughter is Becky King, married to Derek King who is pastor at Eden Mennonite Church).

Sermon Notes

Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org
Streaming license # 20084674
OneLicense #A-738752

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:00 AM: Prayer Lab in Conf. Rm **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Pastor Brad **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Pastor Brad
Greeter(s): Leon & Virginia Guhr

Coming Events

Jan. 15: Name change informational & storytelling
 meeting 7 PM
Jan. 23: Communion, Noon meal, Annual meeting, and vote on
 name change
Feb. 13: Mennonite Education Sunday at West Zion

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. There will be no Prayer Lab this morning at 10:00 AM.
2. All are invited **to a gathering** on Saturday, January 15 to visit about the proposed name change and share stories about West Zion. We will meet in Fellowship Hall from 7-8 PM.
3. 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 conniekaufman@gmail.com if you need more information.
4. **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.
5. **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, most of that time spent 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.



We wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to:
January 1: Virginia Guhr

Name Change Process

Council approved moving forward with a proposed name change to "Eastside Fellowship" on 10/27/21. The Name Change Committee (NCC) put a proposal along with answers to frequently asked questions in church mailboxes in November. Please review this information and plan to attend an informational and storytelling meeting to be held on Saturday, January 15 at 7:00 PM. 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, and our congregation.

BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 6,495.00	\$ 6,530.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$151,058.93	\$128,494.80
Budget	\$165,158.00	\$163,471.00
Less: expended to date	(151,466.73)	(145,017.47)
Less: cash balance	(8,478.60)	(12,834.05)
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 5,212.67	\$ 12,834.05
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 5,213	\$ 5,619
White Christmas to date	\$ 2,141	\$ 350

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for pastors, chaplains, and other ministers in WDC, that they would experience God's renewed strength and hope for ministry in the New Year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Linda Beachy, who is in the middle of her year long SOOP assignment at the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Mosaic Directory in pews

Mennonite Mission Network supporting 52 countries through more than 60 US and international workers and 102 partner organizations.