

West Zion Mennonite Church

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

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Words for silent meditation: *Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. (Psalm 72:18).*

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Carla Stucky
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship, *from Psalm 72*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound.

May he have dominion from sea to sea.

May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

****Celebrating in song**

*Here I Am to Worship
In Christ alone*

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

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Carla Stucky

Message "The Tragedy of Christmas" 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 Carla Stucky ahead of time. You can text them to: 620-386-0414 or if you're watching online, write in Facebook comment bar.*)

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem STS 32

**Benediction

**Postlude

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

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. 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. He and his wife, Elaine enjoy traveling and spending time with their three children and eight grandchildren.

Sermon Notes

**Services are livestreamed on the West Zion Facebook page
Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org**

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Sunday, January 16, 2022

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Message: Pastor Brad **Scripture:** Pastor Brad
Worship Leader: Pastor Brad
Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

Coming Events

Jan. 12: Name Change Committee meeting 4:00 PM
Jan. 15: Name change informational & storytelling
 meeting 7 PM
Jan. 19: Meals and MYM begin 5:45-7:00 pm
 Church Council 8:00 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. On Saturday evening, January 15 you are invited to **come gather** and visit about the proposed name change to “Eastside Fellowship.” We will meet in Fellowship Hall from 7-8 PM. The Name Change Committee will lead the discussion.
2. A **noon meal** will be held on Sunday, January 23 followed by the annual meeting and a vote on the proposed name change. The meal will be a fundraiser for the Mennonite Education Fund which provides money to students from West Zion who attend Mennonite-affiliated colleges.
3. For those persons who are **greeting and reading scripture** in 2022, those lists are in your church mailboxes. Please check your mailbox and note your dates to read and greet!
4. 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. It’s easy to sign up 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.
5. **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

6. **Life Enrichment at Bethel College has been canceled for spring 2022**, due to ongoing health and safety concerns. Organizers hope to resume Life Enrichment in fall 2022.
7. **Mon., Jan. 17 and Tues., Jan. 18** – Bethel College hosts two activities for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday that are free and open to the public, *both in Memorial Hall*: Jan. 17, 7 p.m., program with Jasmyn Elise Story as the featured speaker; Jan. 18, 2 p.m., screening of the Kellogg Foundation’s 2022 National Day of Racial Healing event. Sponsors are Bethel College Student Life, the Bethel

College Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) Campus Center and the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

8. **Sat., Jan. 29 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event**, “Famous Kansans,” noon-4 p.m., *museum and grounds*. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org
9. **Everence** will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn’t) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

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.

West Zion Prayers

Jim Stucky is recovering at home after a short stay in the hospital.

Leona, Sharon’s sister-in-law, needing specialized heart care

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Give thanks for the generous financial contributions, prayers and volunteer service of all the congregations and individuals who support WDC ministries.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Kate Widmer, serving with MMN has extended her assignment with *Eglise la Prairie Montbéliard* (The Prairie Church in Montbéliard) in France. Pray for her as she is currently on North American assignment, sharing updates with supporting congregations, before returning to France for a second term to continue her ministries with children and other community outreach programs.

Mosaic Directory in pews

La Casa Grande in Benin, home for orphans, pg 12



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
January 9: Sherry Wedel
January 14: Shery Kessler