

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Christmas Sunday

Prelude Donna Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Sharon Gehring

The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Merry Christmas / **and Merry Christmas to everyone.**

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent candle Richard & Glenda Golden

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 9)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.**

He will reign on David's throne and over
his kingdom,

***establishing and upholding it with justice and
righteous from that time on and forever.***

**Celebrating in song

The First Noel HWB 199

We Three Kings

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Scripture Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 2:1-12 Donna Stucky

Meditation "What Gift will you Bring?" Sharon Gehring

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

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (*Raise your hand, and we'll bring the mic to you.*)

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *Come on, Ring Those Bells*

**Benediction *Hallelujah Chorus*

**Postlude

Thank you to Sharon Gehring for being willing to share a morning meditation with us!

Greeter(s): Dan Pohl

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Scripture:** Leon Guhr
Worship Leader: Leon Guhr
Greeter(s): Jim & Joanne Stucky

Coming Events

Jan. 1: Kurt Horst preaches
Jan. 2: Pastor Kurt begins as Interim Pastor
Jan. 9: 7:00 PM: Church Council
Jan. 22: Meal and Annual Meeting

Our Mission: God calls us into community to worship God and follow Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Secretary Carla Stucky's hours in office through Dec.

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

Church: 620-345-8143

Deacon contacts:

Carla: 620-386-0414

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Merry Christmas!** Thank you to all who helped in big and small ways to put together a meaningful Christmas Eve program, as well as decorating the church for this Christmas season. It is all much appreciated!
2. **Christian Homemakers** will meet in the church parking lot on Monday, January 9 at 11:30 AM to go eat at Breadbasket and spend time at the MCC Center. Anyone is welcome to come!
3. **Frances Neufeld has still not found her Corning Ware square glass lid which went missing after our meal on December 4.** Please check your dishes again to make sure you didn't take hers home.
4. Please be sure to **check your church mailbox** as some are getting rather full. If you don't have a mailbox and would like one, let Carla know.
5. You can read the **Christmas cards/letters** on the foyer board from our missionary partners, the Larson, and former pastors.
6. Carla Stucky will be working on the lovely **yearbook** beginning in January! Please check your yearbook and make sure your contact information is correct. Let Carla know of any changes needed.
7. A **2023 greeter's list** can be found in the church mailboxes. For those who will greet, be sure to pick yours up and note your upcoming dates.
8. A **schedule for scripture reading** can be found in your church mailboxes as well for those who are participating this year. You will be sent a reminder and what scripture you will read for that Sunday.
9. **The Deacons are available** for visits, care, and prayer during December. Feel free to call Carla Stucky, Sharon Gehring or Will Kaufman as needed.
10. The **livestream function** for our church services has not been working and worship services are not livestreamed currently. The DVD will be available if someone would like to watch a morning

service. This is in the process of being fixed and will hopefully be working soon.

General Announcements

11. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, December 30 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. If you have any questions, call Carol at 620-345-6774 or email bczger@mtelco.net. Thank you for your support.
12. **Project Coordinator-Burkina Faso: MCC** is seeking a Project Coordinator responsible for mentoring and building capacity of local partners towards greater independence and sustainability alongside the MCC Burkina Faso Country Representatives. If you or someone you know might be interested, read more and apply by December 31, 2022 at mcc.org/burkina.
13. **Seed Guatemala-El Salvador Coordinator: MCC** is seeking a Seed Coordinator who will coordinate the second SEED Cohort for Guatemala and El Salvador. If you or someone you know might be interested, read more and apply by December 31, 2022 mcc.org/guatemala.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,212.00	\$ 6,495.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 141,250.26	\$151,058.93
White Christmas to date	\$ 740.00	

West Zion Prayers

The joy of Christmas morning and the birth of our Savior

Gene, Amy, & Boyd Bachman as Gene is in a nursing home in Emporia

The family of Nyla Stucky as they grieve her death

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

On this Christmas Day, give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence made tangible through the life and witness of WDC congregations.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Jesus, on this Christmas Day, we are grateful that you came to us as a vulnerable baby. May we all encourage one another to follow Jesus' example and become incarnations of God's love and peace in our communities, today and in the coming year.

Mosaic Directory

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



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