

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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Prelude Carla Stucky

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Leon Guhr

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,

God is.

In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,

God will be.

Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

**Celebrating in song

O God, our help in ages past HWB 328

O Beautiful Star STS 32

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly HWB 206

Scripture Ecclesiastes 1:1-10a Leon Guhr

Message "What's New with You?" Pastor Kurt Horst

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 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming HWB 211*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Jim & Joanne Stucky

Thank you to Pastor Kurt Horst for our morning message.

Sermons are online @ westzionmc.org

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Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023

10:30 AM: Worship Service **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Message: Pastor Kurt Horst **Scripture:** Geneva Wedel
Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman
Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

Coming Events

Jan. 2: Pastor Kurt begins as Interim Pastor
Jan. 9: 7:00 PM: Church Council
Jan 18: Wednesday meals & MYM begin
Jan. 22: Meal and Annual Meeting
Jan. 25: Meal & MYM
Feb. 1: Meal & MYM
Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday

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

Interim Pastor Kurt Horst

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West Zion Announcements

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

1. **Blessings to you in year 2023!** “You crown the year with Your goodness: your ways overflow with plenty.” Ps. 65:11
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. Carla Stucky will be working on the **yearbook** beginning in January! Please check your yearbook and make sure your contact information is correct. Let Carla know of any changes needed.
4. A **schedule for scripture reading** can be found in your church mailboxes for those who are participating this year. You will be sent a reminder and what scripture you will read for that Sunday.
5. The **livestream function** for our church services has not been working and worship services are not livestreamed currently. A DVD recording of each service is available in a box in the church library. This includes special services and funerals.

General Announcements

6. **Camp Mennoscah** thanks you for your prayers and gifts this past year. A letter can be found on the foyer board asking you to consider an ongoing, sustaining gift to Camp. If you are interested in this sort of a gift or would like to include Camp Mennoscah in your charitable contributions, contact the camp and they can visit with you about what that might look like. You can give here:

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/278483

7. **Bethel College events:**

Jan. 7: Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot (2801 N. Main St., North Newton). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

Jan. 16 – Bethel College celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, featuring Marche Fleming-Randle, “Together We Can Be the Dream,” 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall*

8. **Hesston College Masterworks** presents “I Believe” on Jan. 14, 7:00 PM at Hesston Mennonite Church. Join us for a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a performance featuring music of African American Composers, including works by William Dawson, Robert Owens, and Margaret Bonds. Masterworks chorus and orchestra will be joined by soloists Evan Julius Nelson, Dr. Carren Moham, and Dr. Holly Swartzendruber. More info at hesston.edu/masterworks or join us at hesston.edu/livestream.

West Zion Prayers

The family of Gene Bachman as they grieve his death.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Father, as this New Year begins, we thank you through your Son Jesus Christ for all that you are doing and all that you are going to do in the communities, and people of WDC using the blessing of church planting as an instrument. We thank you in advance for being with us, for being our deliverer and our healer. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

In this new year, may we be channels of God's love and light to our neighbors and, through Mennonite Mission Network personnel and partners, to our brothers and sisters on six continents.



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