

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Vicky Kessler
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God, eternal Love and majesty, source, guide, and goal of all that is.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God, eternal Word, enfleshed among us, showing the way of life, the way of truth and love.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God, eternal Spirit, giver of life, abiding within and all around us, guiding us in all our ways.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Glory to God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

People: Glory to God!

Advent Candle Lighting and Reading Lory Fisher & Carolyn Schmidt

**Celebrating in song words on screen

O come, all ye faithful HWB 212
Love came down at Christmas HWB 208

Message Steve Sherbenou
"Love came down at Christmas" John 1:1-14

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 *Of the Father's love begotten HWB 104*

**Benediction Steve Sherbenou

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Dan Pohl

Welcome and thank you to Steve Sherbenou for agreeing to fill the pulpit in December! He grew up in Chanute then moved to Wichita where he worked at Cessna Aircraft for 33 years. He and his wife Amy (who grew up at West Zion) met at Cessna and have been married for 27 years. They both love camping and making music together.

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023

9:30 AM: Sunday School **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Steve Sherbenou **Scripture:** Steve Sherbenou
Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring **Accompanist:** Carla Stucky
Greeter(s): Ken Stucky

Coming Events

Dec. 10: Steve Sherbenou preaches
Dec. 11: Yoga 4-5 PM
Dec. 17: Steve Sherbenou preaches
Dec. 20: Church Council 7 PM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service 5:30 PM Prelude, 6 PM service

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

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West Zion Announcements

Please have bulletin announcements to the office by Thursday noon.

1. **White Christmas Offering:** This year's White Christmas Offering will be a towel drive for MCC. MCC is in desperate need of hand towels for their Hygiene Kits and bath towels for their Relief Kits. During the four Sundays of Advent we will be collecting the following items: **Hand towels-** (medium weight, dark or bright colors preferred); approx. 40 cm x 65 cm (16 in x 26 in) and **Bath towels-** (medium weight, dark or bright colors preferred); approximately 70 cm x 125 cm (28 in x 50 in). If you would like CDT to purchase towels for MCC, please make out a check for West Zion with **White Christmas offering** in the memo. Our goal is to collect 100 towels. Can you help us reach our goal?

2. Our West Zion **Christmas Eve program**, "The Simplicity of Christmas" will take place on Sunday, December 24. A prelude of music will begin at 5:30 PM with the program beginning at 6:00. Friends, neighbors and family are all welcome! Thank you to Crysta Guhr for planning the program.

3. Christmas season can be a time when we **miss our loved ones** a little more than usual. We would like to honor those who have died in a December 24 bulletin insert. The poinsettias up front represent the many beautiful memories and love they brought into our lives. Please send Carla the name(s) of who you would like listed by December 17.

4. **Moundridge Angel Trees:** Thank you to all who donated to the angel trees this year to help make the season a little brighter for others.

5. Carla will begin putting together schedules for the **greeters and scripture readers**. If you are interested in being removed from these lists OR being added, there is still time to let Carla know.

General Announcements

6. You are invited to the **Annual Christmas Brass Choir Concert** at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 PM outside of Goessel for some good old-fashioned Christmas Festive Music and Cheer!

7. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for December 29, 2023 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. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Carol at 620-345-6774 or email bczenger@mtelco.net.

8. **Interviews for the 2024 Camp Mennoscah summer staff** start over the Christmas/semester break! Complete your application by going to the Mennoscah website. Summer staff must be 18 years old or older. The staff leadership positions receiving stipends are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, and office/media. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. The 2024 summer camp season begins with orientation for summer-long positions on June 2 and ends August 4.

9. You still have an opportunity to participate in the 2024 **SMCHA 150th celebration musical drama**. We are particularly looking for young men (teens or slightly older), but will have openings for others as well. We have some very talented participants, and hope you will join them. If interested, contact Jenny Schrag by text or phone (620) 747-9158.

10. **Cradles to Crayons** is trying to raise 15% of capital funds so they can apply for a grant that would pay the 85%. It is a very fast turn around so funds are needed quickly but, it is a fantastic opportunity for Cradle to Crayons, businesses, and families in the area. A flyer with more information is on the foyer board. Thank you for your support!

11. **Bethel and Hesston College events** can be found on the foyer bulletin board.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 3,669.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$110,228.83	\$136,266.26
Budget	\$163,155.00	\$157,300.00
Expended to date	\$104,154.20	\$136,197.85
Cash balance	\$ 11,792.50	\$ 4,885.48

West Zion Prayers

Richard & Glenda Golden had a first great granddaughter born!
 Melvin Graber had a stent put in and is doing well.
 Jan Dyck's brother, Glen, dealing with pancreatic cancer
 Family of Myron Hiebert from Goessel who unexpectedly died.
 Those dealing with health issues and recovering from surgery
 Search for a new pastor and interim pastor

Prayer Request from Western District Conference

Pray for WDC's Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week, and as they provide support and resources for credentialed ministers in our conference.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who have walked alongside Toba-Qom churches and communities in the Argentine Chaco since 2004. Pray for them as they provide continuity in long-term relationships and encourage the preservation of Indigenous languages and cultures.

Mission Mosaic Prayer

Network of Mennonite Missions in Venezuela

December 3 attendance: 59



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
 December 13: Mac Bretz