

# West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

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January 21, 2024

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Prelude Carla Stucky  
Lighting of the Christ candle

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

**People: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before the passing shadow of a cloud.**

Leader: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

**People: To worship is to sing with the beauty of the earth; it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice of God.**

**All: *Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the Mystery beyond.***

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

Prayer

\*\*Songs *A wonderful Savior is Jesus HWB 598*  
*For God so loved us HWB 167*

Message Pastor Phil Slabaugh  
"Who are We Pleasing?" 1 John 4:1-6

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

Song for Meditation

\*\*Sending Song *Pass It On*

\*\*Benediction

\*\*Postlude

Pastor Phil Slabaugh

\*\*please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Mike & Connie Kaufman

CCLI # 9106321  
Stream CCLI #20084674  
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*Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page*

## **Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**Message:** Pastor Phil Slabaugh

**10:30 AM:** Worship Service

**Scripture:** 1 John 4:1-6

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Worship Leader:** Carla Stucky

**Greeter(s):** Will & Ellen Kaufman

### **Coming Events**

Jan. 24: Chicken Casserole meal & MYM

Jan. 31: Tator tot casserole meal & MYM

Feb. 1: Homemakers work night

Feb. 7: Pancake/sausage meal & MYM

Feb. 14: Taco meal & MYM

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

#### **Interim Pastor Phil Slabaugh**

**Office Hours:** Tues-Friday 9 AM – 4:30 PM

**Cell:** 319-461-5313

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#### **Secretary Carla Stucky**

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**Church website:** [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

## West Zion Announcements

Please have bulletin announcements to the office by Thursday noon.

1. Welcome to **Pastor Phil Slabaugh**, our new interim pastor. He will be in the office from 9 AM – 4:30 PM Tuesday through Friday. His address is 1812 Carnation Village in Moundridge and cell # is 319-461-5313. Email is [p.b.slabaugh@gmail.com](mailto:p.b.slabaugh@gmail.com).
2. Come join us at **the potluck meal** following worship, there will be plenty of food! The Annual **Business Meeting** will follow the meal. At the meeting, a vote will be taken to move our affiliation to Evana Network. The Council is requiring a two-thirds yes vote in order for the motion to move forward. Upon receiving the positive vote, there will need to be acceptance from Evana Network and revisions to our constitution and handbook.

## General Announcements

3. You are invited to the **Annual Meeting of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum** in Goessel on January 28 at 2 PM at the Goessel Church. After the meeting, Rod Ratzlaff, Przechowko historian, will present, “Origins of Alexanderwohl, Huffnungsau, & Lone Tree: Legacy of the Old Flemish Mennonites of Przechowko.” How do these three Mennonite churches fit in with a 16th century village in West Prussia (today’s Poland)? Come find out! After the program, *faspa* will be served. Come early to renew your MH&AM membership or join for the first time. Merchandise for the 150th Anniversary will be available for sale (cash or check only). This event will be live streamed from the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum’s Facebook page.

4. In 2024, the **Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus (KMMC)** will be part of a year-long celebration recognizing the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Mennonites to Kansas. Our concerts in April will include selections that recognize this important anniversary and special guest performers will be the Newton Community Children’s Choir. Men and boys are invited to join this tradition of worship through four-part choral music as members of KMMC. See the registration poster in the foyer. Rehearsals begin January 28. Contact Mike Lamb at 316-253-1542 or Ken Stucky with questions.

5. **Life Enrichment program** at Bethel College begins on January 31. Brochures with more information can be found on the foyer board.

6. **Everence®** will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, January 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:

January 21: Curtis Guhr

January 23: Leon Guhr

January 27: Sharon Gehring

January 14 attendance: 40

### **West Zion Prayers**

Jan Dyck’s brother, Glen, as he continues to decline Search Committee and church leadership

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,585.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 14,184.70	\$ 19,393.62
Budget	\$173,035.00	\$163,155.00
Less: expended to date	( 646.10)	( 3,827.13)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 36,380.04)</u>	<u>( 21,142.01)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$136,008.86	\$138,185.86
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 2,720	\$ 2,764