

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Morning Worship

January 7, 2024

Prelude Donna Stucky
Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome Ellen Kaufman
The Lord be with you / **and also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving...

Leader: For this congregation of your people,

People: thank you, God.

Leader: For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer,
witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: thank you, God.

Leader: For young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,

People: thank you, God.

Leader: For the faithful who have led and loved us, and by the
the offering of their gifts, equipped us all for the work of ministry.

People: thank you, God.

Leader: Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through
which you have led us, and open us to the future you promise. Give
thanks to God, who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting. Amen!

**Song *This is the Day S&R 118 (vs. 1 & 3)*

ADORATION

Psalm 34:1-3

Song *Lord I lift your name on High*

Kirk Stucky

CONFESSION

Sing Antiphon "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good."

Jennifer Suarez



Colossians 1:20-22

Sing Antiphon

Silent prayer of confession

THANKSGIVING

Carla Stucky

For the earth - Psalm 33:4-8

Song *For the Beauty of the Earth HWB 89 vs. 1,2,5*

For friends & family - Romans 12:9-13

Poem "Hidden Membership" written & read by Dan Pohl

Song *Count Your Blessings*

For God's faithfulness – Lamentations 3:22-24

**Song *Great is Thy Faithfulness HWB 327*

Poem "Let Us Give Thanks" by Gerhard E. Frost

SUPPLICATION (humble requests)

Ellen Kaufman

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

Song for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Sending Song *How Deep the Father's Love*

**Benediction

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

*Antiphon is written by Donna Stucky. The poems are
printed in the bulletin. All words to songs will be printed on the screen.*

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Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page

Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:30 AM: Meet with Matt Hamsher **10:30 AM:** Worship Service
Message: Matt Hamsher **Accompanist:** Donna Stucky
Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman **Scripture:** Connie Graber
Greeter(s): Clark & Connie Graber

Coming Events

Jan. 8: Homemakers work at MCC Center
Jan. 14: 9:30 AM: Informational meeting about Evana with Matt
 Hamsher, time for Q & A
 10:30 AM: Matt Hamsher brings the message
Jan. 17: Meals and MYM begins
Jan. 21: Meal & Annual Meeting, vote on conference affiliation
Feb. 1: Homemakers work night

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West Zion Prayers

Congratulations to Jerod Kaufman and Julianna Schrag on their engagement!

Melvin Graber is thankful for prayers and health recovery.

Sharon Gehring's mom was hospitalized and is back home.

Terry Kessler is at Mercy Hospital and working hard to return home.

Carl Duffman has returned home but needs continued prayers.

Dorothy Toews is at Mercy Hospital.

Search Committee and church leadership

West Zion Announcements

Please have bulletin announcements to the office by Thursday noon.

1. **Pastor Phil Slabaugh** will be moving into a duplex at 1812 Carnation Village in Moundridge on January 5 (the plan as of the printing of the bulletin!). Pastor Phil will tentatively start in the office on Wednesday, January 10. Thank you to all who helped move and donated items.

2. The Christmas decorations will be taken down after church this morning. Anyone who can stay and help is welcome. **Please feel free to take a poinsettia home** as we will be done using them.

3. **Next Sunday**, January 14, Matt Hamsher who is Executive Director of Evana Network, will be visiting West Zion. During the Sunday School hour at 9:30 AM, an informational meeting will be held to introduce Evana and answer any questions. Mr. Hamsher will then be bringing the message that morning. The Deacons and Church Council are recommending leaving Western District Conference and MCUSA and moving to Evana. You are encouraged to learn about the Evana Network online at <https://evananetwork.org/> and bring any questions next Sunday.

4. The West Zion Annual **Business Meeting** will take place on Sunday, January 21 following a potluck meal. **At the meeting, a vote will be taken to move our affiliation to Evana.** 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 and revisions to the constitution and handbook. We ask that you pray about this decision and plan to attend the Jan. 14 informational meeting as well as the annual meeting. If you have further questions, please visit with one of the Deacons or Connie Kaufman.

5. **Yearbook needs:**

- Make changes in the yearbook in the foyer as needed by Jan. 21.
- The secretary needs each Team's written yearbook report.
- Let secretary know who the Chair of your Team is when known.

6. All are welcome to join the **Christian Homemakers** for a work afternoon at the MCC Center January 8 at 1:00 PM. Plans are to eat lunch at the Breadbasket in Newton at noon. If you wish to carpool, join the group at West Zion church at 11:30 AM.

7. The 2024 lists of **greeters and scripture readers** can be found in church mailboxes. Please be sure to check your box if you will be helping with these.

General Announcements

8. **Garden Community Church** south of Moundridge offers a GriefShare group and DivorceCare group beginning January 18. Brochures can be found on the foyer board.

9. **STEPMC** sent a note of thanks to WZ which can be found in the foyer.

10. **Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise** May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church; Whitewater, KS. This is a 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact Pastor Weldon Martens at: weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at www.tourwithweldon.com

11. **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.

December 31 attendance: 34



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