

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

November 24, 2024

Prelude Donna Stucky

Call to Worship Lory Fisher

Welcome and Announcements Sharon Gehring

Special Music Ensemble with Tracy Duffman
"O Give Thanks" – Hal Hopson
"With Joyful Thanksgiving" – Don Besig

Offering/Song of Meditation

Scripture Psalm 107:1-2,8-9,43 Carla Stucky

Testimony of God's grace Richard Golden, Terry & Shery Kessler

**Song *We Gather Together HWB 17*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayer

**Song *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah HWB 50*

Scripture Psalm 100 Lory Fisher

Testimony of God's grace Donna Stucky, Bonnie Kaufman

Practicing Gratitude Presentation

**Sending Song *For the Beauty of the Earth HWB 89*

Postlude (please stay seated)

**Benediction

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Terry & Shery Kessler

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

You may give an offering in the lock box at the back of the sanctuary.

West Zion Prayers

Ellen Kaufman's brother, Robert, dealing with declining health
Matt Hiebert & Dale Triplett, Mike Kaufman's co-workers
Karen Hess, our EMM missionary
Search Committee, church leadership, West Zion's future
Physical and mental health journeys

First Sunday of Advent, December 1

Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Worship Leader: Vicky Kessler

Message: Steve Sherbenou

Coming Events and Church Use

Nov. 25: STEP MC at WZ 4-8 p.m.
Dec. 2: STEP MC at WZ 4-8 pm
Dec. 6: Craft night 6-10 p.m.
Dec. 8: Steve Sherbenou brings the message
Dec. 11: Prayer gathering 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 13: Drop off for Giving Tree gifts at WZ 2-7 p.m.
Dec. 15: Christian Homemakers at Bonnie Kaufman's 6 p.m.

Nov. 17 attendance: 53

Secretary Carla Stucky

Office Hours: Thursdays 9-11:30 AM, 1-4 PM

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*Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page
Go to www.youtube.com and search West Zion Mennonite*

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West Zion Announcements

(Bulletin information due by Thursday noon)

- 1. Lunch and Christmas Decorating:** You are invited to join the soup lunch after worship today. After lunch we will work together to bring the joy and beauty of Christmas into our sanctuary.
- 2. A Prayer meeting is being planned Dec 11th at 7 pm,** by the Deacons. We have been in contact with Randy and Larissa and want to continue with prayer and for work of the Holy Spirit to continue in our church. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.
- 3. Search Committee Update:** Leon Guhr, Committee Chair, announced that the committee has been receiving applications and is meeting often to discuss and discern each one. Prayers are requested as the committee continues its hard work.
- 4. Adopt a Snowman!** The Moundridge Giving Trees (formerly Angel Trees) are up and each snowman represents boys and girls of the community that could use some extra love this Christmas. The trees are located at the library, the Hub, Goering Hardware and Bradbury. Return details are on the back of each ornament. Gifts can be dropped off at **West Zion** on Friday, December 13 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. The gifts will be distributed on December 16. You can call Alyssa Pollman at 918-306-2042 or email moundridgecoach@stepmc.org if you have questions or if the drop off date does not work.
5. Another **craft night** will be held on Friday, December 6 from 6-10 p.m. Bring your projects, crafts, puzzles and come join the fellowship. Invite a friend!
- 6. FEWZ youth group** sponsored a fund-raising meal at Eden today. If you are interested in giving to FEWZ which one or two of our youth participate in, please drop off at the Eden office or mail to Eden at 109 E. Hirschler (make checks to Eden Mennonite with FEWZ in memo).
7. Carla will begin putting together a **schedule for the greeters soon**. Greeting involves being at the church around 10:10 a.m. to help greet people at the door on Sunday morning. If you are interested in being removed from this list OR being added, please let Carla know by the middle of December. There will not be a scripture reader list made at this time.

General Announcements

8. All area churches are invited to attend this **year's PRAIRIE LIGHTS** event at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Prairie Lights will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1, and on Dec. 6, 7, and 8. Admission to the event is \$5 per person ages 13 years+ (FREE for children 12 and under). Tickets can be purchased online at <https://dyckarboretum.org/prairie-lights> or at the office. Traditional outdoor highlights include the walking path lit up by thousands of twinkle lights, a nativity scene, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. Music, education and storytelling are scheduled each night from 6:15 to 8:00 pm in the Prairie Pavilion.
- 9. MCC Open House, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 2pm-4pm:** All are welcome to come see the updated space at MCC Central States in North Newton. Bring your Christmas shopping list to get your alternative Christmas gifts purchased from our tree! Visit with MCC staff and enjoy some snacks. We can't wait to see you at the Open House, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton! mcc.org/open-house
10. **Tabor College** has Christmas Festival Concerts on Dec. 3, 6, and 8. The Christmas Festival programs are designed for worship and encompass many styles of Christmas music from praise and worship to *Messiah*. More information is on the board.



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:
November 27: Jerod Kaufman