

## West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: [www.westzionmc.org](http://www.westzionmc.org)

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December 1, 2024

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Prelude Donna Stucky

Welcome Vicky Kessler

Announcements

\*\*Call to Worship *Come, Thou Long Expected HWB 178*

Advent Candle Lighting and Reading Zettie Wedel & Connie Graber

Offering/Song of Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

\*\*Song *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly HWB 203*

Message "The Light That Brings Hope" Steve Sherbenou  
Isaiah 9:1-7

\*\*Sending Song *Comfort, Comfort, O My People HWB 176*

\*\*Benediction Steve Sherbenou

\*\*Postlude

\*\*please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Kirk & Carla Stucky

**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.

*Welcome and thank you to Steve Sherbenou for filling the pulpit in December! Steve grew up in Chanute then moved to Wichita where he worked at Cessna Aircraft for 33 years. Steve was called into ministry in 2002, first at the Viola First Baptist Church, then Goddard First Baptist. He and his wife Amy (who grew up at West Zion) met at Cessna and have been married for 28 years.*

### West Zion Prayers

Sharon Gehring on the death of her mother, Eileen Nafziger  
Aline Bachman as she deals with pain from a fracture  
Brett Dyck, Jan's grandson, dealing with health issues  
Search Committee, church leadership, West Zion's future  
Physical and mental health journeys

### Next Sunday, December 8

**Greeter(s):** Ken Stucky

**9:30 a.m.:** Sunday School in Conference Room

**10:30 a.m.:** Worship Service

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Worship Leader:** Carla Stucky

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-12

**Message:** Peaceful Christmas – Steve Sherbenou

### Coming Events and Church Use

Dec. 2: STEP MC 4-8 p.m.

Dec. 6: Craft night 6-10 p.m.

Dec. 9: STEP MC 4-8 p.m.

Dec. 10: Yoga 4-5 p.m.

Dec. 11: Prayer gathering 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 13: Drop off for Giving Tree gifts at WZ 2-7 p.m.

Dec. 15: Homemakers at Bonnie Kaufman's 6 p.m.

Dec. 16: STEP MC 4-8 p.m.

Dec. 17: Yoga 4-5 p.m.

Dec. 23: No STEP MC

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 30: No STEP MC

Nov. 24 attendance: 45

*Livestream can be found on our West Zion Youtube page  
Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search West Zion Mennonite*

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**West Zion Announcements**  
(Bulletin information due by Thursday noon)



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:  
December 5: Dorothy Toews

We wish a “**Happy Anniversary**” to:  
December 6: Phil & Lorene Lohrenz

**Secretary Carla Stucky**  
**Office Hours:** Thursdays 9-11:30 AM, 1-4 PM  
**Cell:** 620-386-0414  
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BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 7,260.00	\$ 849.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$138,996.36	\$107,948.83
Budget	\$173,035.00	\$163,155.00
Estimated unspent budget	(40,000.00)	(50,311.48)
Less: expended to date	( 117,656.03)	( 103,224.57)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 44,503.75)</u>	<u>( 10,438.42)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 0	\$ 0

1. **A Prayer meeting is being planned Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 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 in our church. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

2. **Christian Homemakers** will meet December 15 at Bonnie Kaufman’s home at 6:00 p.m. for a Christmas celebration. Bring a food for a light supper.

3. **Adopt a Snowman!** The snowmen are going fast! The Moundridge Giving Trees (formerly Angel Trees) have snowmen ornaments that represent 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](mailto:moundridgecoach@stepmc.org) if you have questions or if the drop off date does not work.

4. You can find a **thank you card** from STEP MC on the bulletin board. The staff and class attendees appreciate the use of our space!

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. 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.

## General Announcements

7. The **Moundridge Library** will have its third annual Holiday Cookie and Recipe Swap on Monday, December 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. Bring your favorite cookies with the recipes to trade. Baggies are recommended. Gloves will be provided.

The Library will also host coloring with Allie and Kaia on Saturday, December 14 from 9:00-noon. All ages welcome! Coloring pages and utensils will be provided.

8. The **Annual Christmas Brass Concert** will be held at Alexanderwohl Mennonite north of Goessel on December 8 at 7:00 p.m. Come join a great evening of brass music with the McPherson Brass and the Goessel Elbiata Singers as well as enjoying audience participation in singing of familiar Christmas Carols. A free will offering will support the ministries of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance.

9. **50,000 MEALS TO BE PACKAGED!** Each meal will be used to address local food security by donation to local food banks. Buhler Mennonite Church and Idea Tek are partnering with The Outreach Program to package non-perishable meals at the Sand Hills Event Center in Hutchinson. The meals will be packaged on **Saturday, December 7** with the first shift happening from 9-11 a.m. and the second from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can work one or both shifts. Job orientation is provided and no previous experience is needed! The event is open to all interested in volunteering their time and energy. There are jobs for volunteers ages 4 to 124! To volunteer please go to [buhlerchurch.com](http://buhlerchurch.com). For more information please contact: [bmcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:bmcpastor@gmail.com).

10. 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.

11. **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.

12. **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.