

## 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 15, 2024

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Prelude Donna Stucky

Welcome Sharon Gehring

Announcements

**\*\*Call to Worship** *Praise the One who breaks the darkness STS 1*

Advent Candle Lighting and Reading Bretz family

Special Music "More Than Wonderful" Lory Fisher, Sharon Schrag  
By Sandi Patty

Offering/Song of Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

**\*\*Song** *It Came upon a Midnight Clear HWB 195*

Message "Praying To Be Rescued" – Luke 2 Pastor Justin Knight

**\*\*Sending Song** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**\*\*Benediction** Pastor Justin

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*please stand if you are able**

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

**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 to Pastor Knight and family! Justin was raised on a farm in northeast Oklahoma. He has been married to Charla for 31 years and they have a daughter, Autumn. He has been a pastor for 35 years as well as a fire chaplain and hospice chaplain. He is a shepherd longing to lead people to Christ and deeper with Christ.*

### West Zion Prayers

Aline Bachman in declining health  
Carolyn Schmidt's dad, Gordon, dealing with health issues  
Randy Kessler who fell and had stitches this past week  
Sharon Gehring on the death of her brother-in-law, Norman Search Committee, church leadership, West Zion's future  
Physical and mental health journeys

### Next Sunday, December 22

**Greeter(s):** Geneva Wedel

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

**Accompanist:** Carla Stucky

**Worship Leader:** Ellen Kaufman

**Advent Candle:** Will, Ellen, Daniel Kaufman

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-23

**Message:** Christmas Is All About Love – Steve Sherbenou

**Vote to call Pastor Justin as our pastor**

### Coming Events and Church Use

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. 22: Vote to call Pastor Justin as our pastor

Dec. 23: No STEP MC

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service 5:30 prelude, 6:00 service

Dec. 30: No STEP MC

Jan. 10: Craft night

Jan. 19: Meal & Annual Meeting

Dec. 8 attendance: 47

*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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## General Announcements

7. The **Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, December 27 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. There is an extreme shortage of blood so please consider adding the gift of "saving a life" this Christmas to your list. For an appointment visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code or call 1-800-733-2767. For questions call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112.

8. Construction on the **Moundridge Habitat for Humanity house** at 1309 Koehn Ave continues. If you are interested in volunteering help, please contact Austin Regier 316-218-7763 or Tom Graber 620-386-0845.



We wish a **"Happy Anniversary"** to:  
December 17: Brian & Laura Bretz

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 950.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$141,546.36	\$111,178.83
Budget	\$173,035.00	\$163,155.00
Estimated unspent budget	(40,000.00)	(50,311.48)
Less: expended to date	( 120,002.24)	( 104,605.61)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 44,719.97)</u>	<u>( 12,291.09)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>White Christmas – to date</b>	<b>\$390</b>	<b>\$545</b>

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

1. Last Sunday, the **Search Committee** announced our pastoral candidate is Justin Knight who will be preaching this morning. The Committee along with Evana Network, has worked for the past 7 weeks researching and communicating with references and interviewing Pastor Justin. Church leadership met with him on Saturday, Dec. 14. **Everyone is invited to stay for the potluck meal after church to visit and get to know Pastor Justin and his family.**

2. Next Sunday, Dec. 22 during announcement time, **we will be taking a vote to call Justin Knight** as our next pastor. You must be present in church and be a member to cast your vote. Please prayerfully consider this important decision in our church.

3. **White Christmas Offering:** The White Christmas offering this year will go towards Camp David in Hesston and MCC Kits. Camp David International serves at-risk youth who have an incarcerated parent. You can make checks out to West Zion with Camp David in the memo line and drop in the offering box. You may also bring **infant sleepers 6 to 12 months** and bar soap (leave in wrapper) for MCC. Inventory for these two items is very low at the MCC Center. We will be collecting on Sundays in December.

4. The **West Zion Christmas Eve service** on December 24 will begin with a 5:30 p.m. prelude. The service entitled "Everlasting Light" will begin at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to Crysta Guhr for planning our program!

5. Evana Network has announced that registration is now open for **Re-Gen2025**, the premiere North American Baptist Youth, Adult & Family Gathering in Canton, OH. You are invited to join this July 3-7, 2025 gather to celebrate Christ and the mission He has given us. For more information, got to <https://evananetwork.org/event/regen-2025/>

6. **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.