

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

December 22, 2024

Prelude Carla Stucky

Welcome Ellen Kaufman

Announcements

****Call to Worship** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing HWB 201*

Advent Candle Lighting and Reading The Kaufman Family

Offering/Song of Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

****Song** *Love came down at Christmas HWB 208*

Message "Christmas is all about Love" Steve Sherbenou
Matthew 1:18-23

****Sending Song** *Angels We Have Heard on High HWB 197*

****Benediction** Steve Sherbenou

****Postlude**

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

Greeter(s): Geneva 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.

West Zion Prayers

Carolyn Schmidt's dad, Gordon, dealing with health issues

Brett Norden who is receiving chemotherapy for cancer

Our pastoral candidate vote

Physical and mental health journeys

Next Sunday, December 29

Greeter(s): Brian & Laura Bretz

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Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman

Message: Steve Sherbenou

Coming Events and Church Use

Dec. 23: No STEP MC

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

Dec. 30: No STEP MC

Jan. 7: Yoga 4-5 p.m.

Jan. 10: Craft night

Jan. 14: Yoga 4-5 p.m.

Jan. 19: Meal & Annual Meeting

Dec. 15 attendance: 55

Secretary Carla Stucky

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

Cell: 620-386-0414

Email: secretary@westzionmc.org

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

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Stream CCLI # 20084674
One License # A-738752

General Announcements

8. 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 and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code or call 1-800-733-2767. For questions call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112.



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December 23: Connie Kaufman

We wish a "Happy Anniversary" to:
December 25: Richard & Glenda Golden

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