

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

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December 8, 2024

Prelude Donna Stucky

Welcome Carla Stucky

Announcements

**Call to Worship *O Come, O Come, Immanuel HWB 172*

Advent Candle Lighting and Reading Curtis & Crysta Guhr

Offering/Song of Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

**Song *To Us A Child of Hope Is Born HWB 189*

Message "Peaceful Christmas" Steve Sherbenou
Luke 2:1-12

**Sending Song *Let There Be Peace On Earth S&R 53*

**Benediction Steve Sherbenou

**Postlude

**please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Ken 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.

West Zion Prayers

Bonnie Kaufman on the death of her brother, Bill
Tracy Duffman's grandson, Mason, considering pastoral ministry
Brett Norden, Jan's grandson, dealing with continuing health issues
Ellen & Will Kaufman, as they visit her brother, Robert, who has Alzheimer's
Search Committee, church leadership, West Zion's future
Physical and mental health journeys

Next Sunday, December 15

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

9:30 a.m.: Sunday School

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Donna Stucky

Worship Leader: Sharon Gehring

Advent Candle: Bretz Family

Coming Events and Church Use

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

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

Dec. 11: Prayer gathering 7 p.m., Council at 8 p.m.
Games in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 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

Dec. 1 attendance: 44

*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)



We wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to:
December 13: Mac Bretz

Secretary Carla Stucky
Office Hours: Thursdays 9-11:30 AM, 1-4 PM
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1. **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 up 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.

2. **A Prayer meeting is being planned Dec 11 at 7 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Randy and Larissa suggest that people consider fasting one meal on Tuesday, Dec. 10 and use that time to listen to the Holy Spirit and what to pray for. Even if you do not fast, please come and join together in prayer.

3. A **game night** will follow the prayer meeting in Fellowship Hall on December 11. All are welcome to join! Bring a snack and a game if you would like.

4. **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.

5. **Thank you to all who** adopted a snowman from the Giving Tree. They are all gone! For those who are buying gifts, please follow directions on the snowman and drop off gifts at **West Zion** on Friday, December 13 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. The gifts will be distributed on December 16. Please 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.**

| BUDGET SUMMARY | This Year | Last Year |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Regular collections – this week | \$ 400.00 | \$ 2,280.00 |
| Regular collections – year to date | \$139,396.36 | \$110,228.83 |
| | | |
| Budget | \$173,035.00 | \$163,155.00 |
| Estimated unspent budget | (40,000.00) | (50,311.48) |
| Less: expended to date | (118,270.68) | (104,154.20) |
| Less: cash balance | <u>(44,301.53)</u> | <u>(11,792.50)</u> |
| Receipts needed to meet budget | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |

General Announcements

6. **The Schwalter Singers** from the Villa will be presenting a Christmas Concert in the Villa Chapel on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 3:00 p.m. and at Hesston Mennonite Church on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend!

7. Let **Central Kansas Master Chorale** be a part of your Christmas tradition! Please join us for *Christmas with the Chorale*, a festive concert with CKMC under the direction of Dr. Joel Garber, and featuring the Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble. This free event will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15 at Hesston Mennonite Church. For more information, visit the chorale website at www.centrankansasmasterchorale.org.

8. 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.

9. The **Annual Christmas Brass Concert** will be held at Alexanderwohl Mennonite north of Goessel tonight 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.

