

## 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 29, 2024

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Prelude Donna Stucky

Welcome Connie Kaufman

Announcements

Call to Worship On screen

\*\*Songs *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear HWB 195*  
*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly HWB 206*

Offering/Song of Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

\*\*Song *Come on, Ring Those Bells*

Message "Forgetting the Past" Steve Sherbenou  
Philippians 3:12-16

\*\*Sending Song *Fling Wide the Door, Unbar the Gate HWB 186*  
(vs. 1,4)

\*\*Benediction Steve Sherbenou

\*\*Postlude "Hallelujah" from Messiah by G.F. Handel

\*\*please stand if you are able

Greeter(s): Brian & Laura Bretz

**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

Sandy Jantz as she continues to deal with health issues  
Kathi Becker on the death of her brother and her son's mother-in-law  
Joy for family getting together and new great grandchildren!  
Joy for a new pastor, Justin Knight!  
Justin Knight and family as they transition to Kansas  
Physical and mental health journeys

## Next Sunday, January 5

**Greeter(s):** Jan Dyck

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

**Accompanist:** Donna Stucky

**Worship Leader:** Vicky Kessler

**Message:** Steve Sherbenou

## Coming Events and Church Use

Dec. 30: No STEP MC  
Jan. 2: Pastor Justin begins work in church office  
Jan. 6: STEP MC 4-8 p.m.  
Jan. 7: Yoga 4-5 p.m.  
Jan. 10: Craft night  
Jan. 12: Tentative installation date for Pastor Justin  
Jan. 13: Homemakers go eat & volunteer at MCC Center  
STEP MC 4-8 p.m.  
Jan. 14: Yoga 4-5 p.m.  
Jan. 19: Meal & Annual Meeting

Dec. 22 attendance: 59

**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](http://www.youtube.com) and search West Zion Mennonite*

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## West Zion Announcements

1. **Pastor Justin Knight** was unanimously voted in as our next pastor on December 22! We are thankful to God for His guidance and to the Search Committee and church leadership for their energy and time. Thank you to Pastor Justin for following God’s call on his life. He hopes to begin working in the church office on January 2 and a tentative installation date is set for January 12.

2. **White Christmas Offering:** This is the last Sunday for our White Christmas offering. Thank you to all who donated money and items.

3. **Christian Homemakers** will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. on Monday January 13 to go eat at the Breadbasket, and then volunteer at the MCC Center at 1:00.

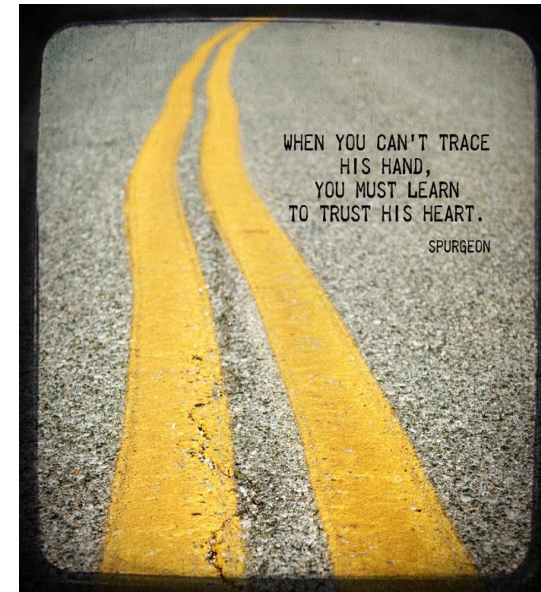
4. Journey Mennonite in McPherson invites you to come watch the movie **“Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot”** on Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m. at their church (201 E. Euclid). Free admission, popcorn and drinks! This movie was in the theaters in 2024 and is inspired by a true story of a church in Texas that adopted 77 kids out of foster care. Information tables will be set up from area foster and adoptive resources. The movie is PG-13.

5. Garden Community Church again is offering **GriefShare and DivorceCare recovery seminars** with support groups. Programs will begin January 16 and are separate programs. They feature Christian experts on grief recovery and divorce recovery topics as seen from biblical perspectives. Information is on the board.

6. Evana Network has announced that registration is now open for **Re-Gen2025**, the premiere North American Anabaptist 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/>

### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Regular collections – this week	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 1,425.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$148,683.36	\$125,539.13
Budget	\$173,035.00	\$163,155.00
Estimated unspent budget	(45,000.00)	(50,311.48)
Less: expended to date	( 124,639.41)	( 109,024.17)
Less: cash balance	<u>( 47,219.80)</u>	<u>( 22,258.13)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>White Christmas – to date</b>	<b>\$1445</b>	<b>\$605</b>



We wish a **“Happy Birthday”** to:  
January 1: Virginia Guhr