

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude Sharon Schrag

Welcome and Announcements

You may give an offering in the lock box at the back of the sanctuary

Call to Worship Connie Kaufman

Lighting the Candle of HOPE Dave & Zettie Wedel

****Songs** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HWB 178*
The First Noel HWB 199

Children's Story

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayer

Pastor Mike Hiebert

Message "HOPE" Rom. 5:1-5 & Rom. 15:4 Pastor Mike

****Sending Song** *Emmanuel*

****Benediction** Pastor Mike

****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. As part of our mission, let us fervently....

Pray – for growth spiritually and physically

Invoke – others, the Holy Spirit will do the rest

Fall – More in Love with the WORD of GOD

West Zion Prayers

Maddie Kaufman's family, school teachers & kids

Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner in the Czech Republic

Physical and mental health journeys

2nd Advent Sunday, December 7

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

Worship Leader: Phil Lohrenz

9:15 a.m.: Sunday School Advent study

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Sharon Schrag and Carla Stucky

Special Music: Gerry Major and Jan Larson

Message: Pastor Mike Hiebert

6:00 p.m. Christian Homemakers at Virginia Guhr's

Coming Events and Church Use

December 1: STEPMC 4-8 p.m., PV lunch with pastor 11:30 a.m.

December 2: Hieb @ the Hub 1:30 p.m.

December 8: STEPMC 4-8 p.m., PV lunch with pastor 11:30 a.m.

December 9: Hieb @ the Hub 1:30 p.m.

December 22: NO STEPMC

December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m. service

December 29: NO STEPMC

November 23 attendance: 61

Pastor Mike Hiebert

Office Hours: 9 am – 11:15 on Mon

9 am – Noon on Tues & Wed

9 am - Noon, 1– 4 pm on Thursday

8-11 a.m. Friday

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*Livestream can be found on our West Zion YouTube page
Check out our WZ Facebook page!*

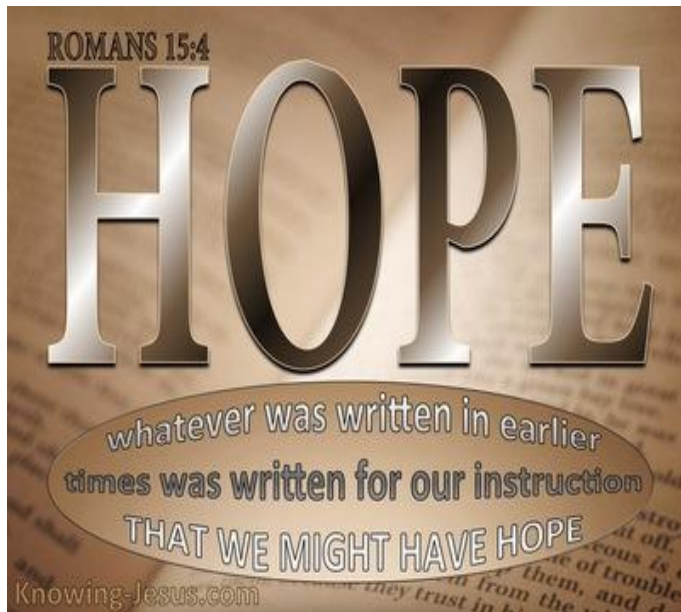
BUDGET SUMMARY	This Year	Last Year
Regular collections – this week	\$ 6,585.00	\$ 7,260.00
Regular collections – year to date	\$ 124,878.73	\$ 138,996.36
 Budget	 \$178,431.00	 \$173,035.00
Less: expended to date	(133,855.00)	(117,656.03)
Less: cash balance	<u>(41,403.56)</u>	<u>(44,503.75)</u>
Receipts needed to meet budget	\$ 3,172.44	\$ 10,875.22
Avg. offering per Sunday needed to meet budget	\$ 634	\$ 2,175

12. **The Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers** will be Sunday, December 7, 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus, Newton. The prelude will begin at 2:45 featuring The Schrag Siblings. The program will include Treble Clef Chorus, Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble, and Hearts 4 Him. A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund that will be awarded to high school seniors who are pursuing a music major. We invite you to be our guest and begin your Christmas Season with us.



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

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



West Zion Announcements

Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon

1. **White Christmas Offering:** Each year our church gathers items (or money) during December to give to others in need. This year's White Christmas Offering will support Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) hygiene kits which are given to families who have fled their homes because of disaster/war, or given to schools & orphanages. You can give money in the offering box or collect the following items (NEW items only) and bring to the church:

- 1 adult-sized toothbrush (in packaging)
- 1 large bar of bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark/bright color, approx. 16x26 in.)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6-8 in.)

If you would like to give money, write check to West Zion and put White Christmas in the memo and put in offering box.

2. **An Advent Study** on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love by Max Lucado will begin during the Sunday School hour (9:15 a.m.) on December 7 and continue through December. This will be taught by various teachers. Please come join us!

3. **Dear WZ Church Family:** Thank you for your support during a difficult time. Your presence, kind words, prayers and act of compassion have been a great comfort to me. You all have been a blessing. A special Thank You to Pastor Mike for being with Clark and myself before his death. After his death you, Pastor Mike, have been present for me. Your kindness will not be forgotten. Love, Connie Graber

4. The **Gifts Discernment Committee** is in the process of replacing people whose terms have expired and they do not wish to renew at this time. We will be needing a Recording Secretary to begin in January. This person takes minutes at Church Council meetings on third Wednesdays and church meetings, types up the minutes and distributes as needed. Thank you to Carolyn Schmidt for filling that need these past 3 years!

5. **Christian Homemakers** remember the Christmas Fellowship will be December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Virginia Guhr's home. Plan to bring snack-like food for the meal and your thoughts of a memorable Christmas event or program in West Zion's past.

6. **Carla Stucky will be putting together** a 2026 Greeter schedule soon. Please let her know by December 14th if you would like to be taken off of the greeting schedule, or if you would like to be added.

7. **The Worship Team** would like to continue to have worship leaders on Sunday. This gives Pastor Mike a greater ability to focus on the sermon and a chance to use different gifts of the congregation. To help with this goal, we will need more worship leaders. This involves a short welcome, a call to worship, introducing songs, asking for joys/concerns, and writing them down for the pastor. This can be written out by someone else for you to read or you can write it out yourself. Pray about this and let Carla know if you feel the slightest nudge!!

8. **Pastor Mike announced** that on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. he will be available at the Hub in downtown Moundridge for conversation and coffee (calling it Hieb @ the Hub!). Anyone is welcome!

General Announcements

9. The **Schowalter Singers** will be performing Christmas music several places. Come enjoy some beautiful music at:

Dyck Arboretum Prairie Lights, Nov. 30 @ 5:45 p.m.

Schowalter Villa Chapel, Dec. 10 @ 3:00 p.m.

Hesston Mennonite Brethren Church, Dec. 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

10. **Eden Mennonite Church** invites you to our production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson.

In this hilarious Christmas play, a couple struggling to put on a Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids- probably the most inventively awful kids in history. Admission is free and performances are Saturday December 13th at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) and Sunday December 14th at 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) at Eden Mennonite, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge.

11. **Give back on Giving Tuesday** at MCC, Dec. 2 from 6:30-8PM! Bring your kids, grandkids, and friends to MCC (121 E. 30th St, North Newton) for a fun evening of packing hygiene kits for MCC! Giving Tuesday is a casual, come-and-go, all-ages event. Pack hygiene kits, tie comforters, make a cardboard comforter block craft, and enjoy snacks. Kick off your holiday shopping by picking gifts for your friends and family from the MCC Christmas Giving Guide. Find out more at mcc.org/giving-Tuesday.