

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude Ellen Kaufman

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship Sharon Gehring

Children's Story

**Song *Come on Ring Those Bells*

Lighting the Candle of LOVE Austin & Mary Vermillion

**Song *O Come All Ye Faithful HWB 212*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer Pastor Mike Hiebert

Message "LOVE" - 1 Cor. 13:1-8 & 13 Pastor Mike

**Sending Song *Holy Forever - CeCe Winans* Lory Fisher

**Benediction Pastor Mike

**Postlude

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

Pray – for growth spiritually and physically

Invite – others, the Holy Spirit will do the rest

Fall – More in Love with the WORD of GOD

West Zion Prayers

Kaleigh Guhr and healing for her wrist

Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner

Sunday, December 28

Greeter(s): Jan Dyck

Worship Leader: Connie Kaufman

9:15 a.m.: Sunday School

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Sharon Schrag

Message: Pastor Mike Hiebert

Coming Events and Church Use

December 22: Pastor Mike on vacation – not in office

NO STEP MC, NO PV lunch with pastor

December 23: Pastor Mike on vacation, NO Hieb @ the Hub

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

Pastor Mike on vacation, not in office

December 29: NO STEP MC

December 30: Hieb @ the Hub

January 5: Christian Homemakers at MCC Center

January 14: Church Council 7:00 p.m.

January 18: Meal and Annual Meeting

December 14 attendance: 77

Pastor Mike Hiebert

Office Hours: 9 – 11:15 am on Mon

9 am – Noon on Tues & Wed

9 am – Noon, 1 – 4 pm on Thursday

8 – 11 am on Friday

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Secretary Carla Stucky

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Did you know? West Zion has bracelets you can wear to remind you of our commitment to Christ and the Holy Spirit. Feel free to grab a few extras and hand out to others as you feel led.



We are **W**ord **Z**ealous **A**nd **L**iving **I**n **V**ictory **E**very **D**ay! West Zion Alive! On the back of the bracelet is J663 which stands for John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." NLT



We wish a **Happy Birthday** to:
December 22: Carla Stucky
December 23: Connie Kaufman

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

BUDGET SUMMARY

| | This Year | Last Year |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Regular collections – this week | \$ 310.00 | \$ 4,012.00 |
| Regular collections – year to date | \$133,008.73 | \$145,558.36 |
| Budget | \$178,431.00 | \$173,035.00 |
| Estimated unspent budget | (28,000.00) | (40,000.00) |
| Less: expended to date | (137,193.07) | (120,783.01) |
| Less: cash balance | (46,117.93) | (47,951.20) |
| Receipts needed to meet budget | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| White Christmas – to date | \$615 | \$765 |

LOVE is patient.
LOVE is kind. ♥
 IT DOES NOT ENVY. IT DOES NOT BOAST.
 IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS.
 IT IS NOT { SELF-SEEKING IT KEEPS NO
 EASILY ANGERED RECORD OF WRONGS
 LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
 BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH
 [IT] **ALWAYS** { PROTECTS
 TRUSTS
 HOPES
 PERSEVERES
LOVE. NEVER. FAILS.
 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

West Zion Announcements

Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon

1. Come celebrate Christmas at West Zion on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24! The program begins at 6:00 p.m. **There will be no 30- minute prelude this year** but a short prelude will start off a simple program of hymn singing, special music, scripture, and Pastor Mike reading the Christmas story. Our traditional candle lighting ceremony will end the service and small treat bags will be handed to everyone afterwards.
2. **Christmas Eve invites** are included in the bulletin and can be used to hand out to friends and acquaintances. Extra invites can be found by the mailboxes.
3. **White Christmas Offering** will go to support Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) hygiene kits which are given to families who have fled their homes because of disaster or war. Buy one or more of the following NEW items and put in the foyer basket:
 - 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. **Items and money will be collected through Christmas Eve.**
4. **Announcement deadline:** Announcements for the Dec. 28 bulletin will be due to the secretary by Tuesday, Dec. 23. The bulletin will be printed by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24.
5. **Change in schedule:** **Hieb @ the Hub** was planned to only be held through the holidays and **Tuesday, December 30 will be the last one.** However, you are always welcome to text or call Pastor Mike to meet and he will be glad to do that.
6. **Nursery Helpers needed:** A sign-up sheet for nursery help can be found on a foyer table. The nursery room will be located next to the upstairs bathroom. A livestream of the service can be playing on the TV if you would like to listen while keeping an eye on the kiddos. Please consider if you would like to help and sign up on a date that works for you.

7. Join the **Christian Homemakers** as they plan to spend January 5, 2026 at the MCC Center to help with projects. Work starts at 1:00 p.m. but join us as we meet at West Zion at 11:30 a.m. and will eat a noon meal in Newton.

8. **This is a good time of year** to remind people who have church mailboxes to check them. Several Christmas cards will be missed if you don't!

9. **For those who would like to mail** a Christmas card to Pastor Mike and Lucinda, their address is 1018 S. Walnut in McPherson, KS.

10. A **special thank you** for all who helped make up the 12 days of Christmas gift bags. Every day had a gift to be opened and what a thoughtful surprise it was. This was done by the Christian Discipleship Team and others from the church, and given to widows and widowers of West Zion. Again, thanks for the gifts that have given a lot of joy. – Geneva Wedel

11. There is **still an opportunity to write a note of encouragement** to Karen Hess, our missionary who has now moved to Prague. The letter you write and send to the address on the Eastern Mennonite Mission folder will be put into the encouragement boxes sent to her at intervals. You can also email her at karen.hess@snapmail.net.

General Announcements

12. **Garden Community Church** will continue to offer their Griefshare and DivorceCare seminars/support groups in 2026. This video seminar series features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief recovery and divorce recovery as seen from a biblical perspective. The two separate seminars are combined with support group discussions of materials presented in the video. Classes are held at the Garden Community Church Office at 349 N. Old Hwy 81 in Hesston. Information can be found in the foyer.