

West Zion Mennonite Church

10:30 AM: Worship Service

Church phone (620-345-8143)

Email: www.westzionmc.org

December 7, 2025

Second 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 Phil Lohrenz

Special Music Gerry Major & Jan Larson

Lighting the Candle of PEACE Phil & Lorene Lohrenz

****Songs** *O Little Town of Bethlehem HWB 191*
What Child is This HWB 215

Special Music Gerry Major & Jan Larson

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayer Pastor Mike Hiebert

Message "PEACE" Pastor Mike
John 14:26-27, John 16:33, Philippians 4:7

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

****Benediction** Pastor Mike

****Postlude**

****Please stand if you are able**

Greeter(s): Dave & Zettie Wedel

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

Richard Golden's sister, Fontelle, who is battling cancer
Carolyn Schmidt as she recovers from knee surgery
Rodney Gehring who will be traveling and training for a new job
Karen Hess, WZ missionary partner in the Czech Republic
Physical and mental health journeys

3rd Advent Sunday, December 14

Greeter(s): Geneva Wedel

Worship Leader: Vicky Kessler

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

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

Accompanist: Sharon Schrag and Carla Stucky

Message: Pastor Mike Hiebert

Coming Events and Church Use

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

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

December 15: STEP MC 4-8 p.m., PV lunch with pastor 11:30 a.m.

December 16: Hieb @ the Hub 1:30 p.m.

December 22: Pastor Mike on vacation

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

December 29: NO STEP MC

November 30 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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Dilemma of Sin:

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Foundational Steps to Faith:

1 John 1:9

Acts 3:19

John 3:16

John 1:12-13

God's Resolve:

Matthew 7:7

Romans 10:9

Revelation 3:20

Romans 10:13

NOTES:

West Zion Announcements

Announcements are due to the secretary by Thursday noon

1. **White Christmas Offering:** 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 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.

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. Please come join us!

3. **We are excited** about the need for nursery helpers during worship again! If you are interested in helping with the nursery, please visit with Pastor Mike or Carla. The nursery is located by the upstairs restrooms.

4. **I would like to thank you** all for your prayers, texts, voicemails, cards, visits, and food. I would especially like to thank Pastor Mike for coming to the hospital. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Again, Darin and I thank you all for your support with my knee surgery. Carolyn Schmidt

5. 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!

6. A **thank you note** from the STEPNC board can be found in the foyer.

7. **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.

General Announcements

8. **Pine Village singers** will be presenting a Christmas cantata "A Promise Kept" at 2:00 p.m. on December 12th in the Wellness Center. All welcome to come and get in the Christmas spirit.

9. The **Schowalter Singers** will be performing Christmas music several places. Come enjoy some beautiful music at:
Schowalter Villa Chapel, Dec. 10 @ 3:00 p.m.
Hesston Mennonite Brethren Church, Dec. 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

10. **MCC Christmas Giving** - Choose gifts that honor your loved ones and change lives across the globe. MCC has 20 alternative gift options for you to choose from this Christmas season starting at just \$12. Start here mcc.org/christmas and if you have any questions please contact the MCC Central States office at 316.283.2720.

11. **Eden Mennonite Church** invites you to our production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. Admission is free and performances are Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) and Dec. 14th at 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) at Eden Mennonite.



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

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