## Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship, and planting the seeds for God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others.

#### November 27, 2016

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 122

CHILD: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house

of the Lord!"

YOUTH: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house

of the Lord!"

ADULT: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house

of the Lord!"

CHILD: Standing on holy ground; YOUTH: bound firmly together;

ADULT: we give thanks to the name of the Lord!

ALL: And together we will pray for peace.

CHILD: peace within these walls;

YOUTH: peace within our family and friends;

ADULT: peace within ourselves.

ALL: In the house of God, we give thanks to the name of the Lord!

Prayer

Songs of Praise and Worship:

HWB 172 O Come, O Come Immanuel

HWB 188 Sleepers, Wake!

STJ 31 He Came Down

HWB 178 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STS 16 Peace Before Us

Offering

**Advent Candle Lighting** 

STS 3 Come, Light of the World

Confession and Assurance

STS 17 Alleluia

Children's Story Time

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Message: Jesus and Flannel

**Sharing and Prayer** 

Response Song: Jesus Be the Center

Benediction



First Sunday of Advent

After the service, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary for sharing and prayer. Today's Elder is Lynn Miller.

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger Song Leader: Louise Gingerich Children's Story: Ken Beachy

#### This Morning:

9:00am	Conee rime
9:30am	Sunday School for all ages
9:45am	Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

10:45am Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

6:00pm MYF at Jana's

This Week:

Tuesday 1:30pm PLT at Jana's Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women

6:30pm Worship Commission Meeting

Saturday 3:00pm Primary Sunday School meets at Zion

to make video

#### **Worship Schedule:**

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<u>December 4</u>: Isaiah 11:1-11, Cantalinas from Canby High School,

led by Brooks Gingerich, will sing during worship

December 11: Third Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching

"I John, a Prophet", Matthew 11:2-11

To Parents of Primary Sunday School Aged Children: Please have your children participate in special Christmas video project happening on Saturday, December 3 at 3:00pm at Zion. Junior High and all primary classes will be participating. Contact Jana if you have any questions.

The Primary Sunday School offering will be sent to Raul & Megan Gomez in Honduras to establish a library for beginning readers at the orphanage there. We have a goal of \$400 for this school year. To date we have collected about \$50. If you have coins or bills to contribute to this, please send it with any of the children aged 2 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to put in the bank downstairs. Thank you!

"Zionitis: A condition describing members who share meals, send cards, flowers, etc., to cheer the ill." Thank you very much for your zionology thoughtfulness!

~Love, Judy Hall

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# Advent and Christmas Calendar

MYF and Jr. Hi Caroling at Hope Village Sunday, December 11, 5:30-7:00pm

Meet at the church at 5:00pm for the Second Sunday meal. We will then carpool to Hope Village at 5:30. Adults and families are invited to join the group as well.

Annual Senior Christmas Tea Friday, December 16, 2-4pm

Seniors (aged 60+and their spouses) are invited to Gerald and Sheryl Mast's home (5555 Sconce Rd, Hubbard) for holiday refreshments and fellowship.

Sing Your Own Messiah Sunday, December 18 at 3:30pm

Everyone is welcome to either sing along or just listen and enjoy. Refreshments will follow. (Please bring a prepared finger food to share with guests.)

Christmas Eve Service at Canby Pioneer Chapel

Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church hopes you will join us for our annual service on Saturday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. There is a change in location this year; the service will be held at the Hope Village Community Center. It's a great opportunity to hear the Christmas story and sing some of your favorite carols. If you have questions, please contact Karie Smucker at 503-459-3181 or kmsmucker@gmail.com.

Zion's Christmas Service Sunday, December 25, 10:45am

There will be no Sunday School classes. A special Christmas service will be held at regular worship time. Children are invited to request their favorite Christmas carol.

Daily Advent-Epiphany Bible readings and devotional thoughts are available at www.goshen.edu/devotions.

#### Please keep in your prayers:

- Willie Garber, celebrating his 90th birthday today.
- Maynard Nofziger, who will have surgery to remove a cancerous tumor on Tuesday, November 29.
- Churches in the USA, that they would offer a bold, creative, courageous witness to the gospel, and a gracious spirit and trust in God, in response to the real fears driving the polarization on all sides in the recent election season, as their brothers and sisters around the world walk with them in prayer (Mennonite World Conference)
- Petrus and Yuliana Handojo, Indonesian Mennonite leaders being sent to Cambodia, where Petrus will teach religion and ethics at two universities, and Yuliana will administer an educational ministry for children at the edge of the city (MMN)
- Eastern Mennonite Seminary, as preparations are under way for the School of Leadership Training, Jan. 16-18, 2017; may those who attend hear and respond to God's call to "neighboring," rather than "othering" (Mennonite Education Agency)

### A prayer to carry through the week:

"Give us the true courage that shows itself by gentleness; the true wisdom that shows itself by simplicity; and the true power that shows itself by modesty..." By Charles Kingsley, 19th C. **England** 

**Budget Report:** \$80,915.56 is needed by year end to meet our 2016 Budget.

**Nursery:** 

This week: Serenity Coulombe, Brie Ediger Next Week: Vonnie Oyer, Irina Herschberger Last Sunday

Attendance: 144 Offering: \$3,570.25 Burkina Faso: \$2059

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