

# 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.

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November 26, 2017

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship  
*HWB 70 Immortal, invisible, God only wise*  
*HWB 86 Now thank we all our God*  
*HWB 167 For God so loved us*  
Offering  
Pastoral Prayer  
Children's Story  
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23  
Message:  
Hymn of Response: *STJ 44 The love of God*  
Sharing and Prayer  
Sending Song: *HWB 506 I sought the Lord*  
Benediction

Worship Leader: Ken Beachy  
Song Leader: Louise Gingerich  
Children's Story: Jana Gingerich  
Prelude/Offertory: Karen Tro/Kristin Oakes

9:00am  
9:30am  
9:45am  
10:45am

**This Morning:**  
Coffee Time  
Sunday School For All Ages  
Prayer Team meets (upstairs)  
Worship Service

5:30-7:00pm  
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**This Afternoon/Evening**  
Jr. Hi meets at Church  
MYF at Jana's

Tuesday 10:00am  
Wednesday 12:15pm  
1:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am

**This Week:**  
Bible Study in Library  
Prayer Meeting at Zion  
PLT Meeting  
Quilting

## **Worship Schedule:**

December 3: First Sunday of Advent. Special music from Canby High School Cantalinas.

December 10: Second Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching "Hasten The Day", Peter 3:8-15a

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**ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**, the season of preparation for Christmas and Epiphany (the revealing of Christ to the nations- January 7). "*Yes! Let It Be!*" is the theme that we and many MCUSA churches will follow, with prayers, Bible readings, children's stories, and other activities inspired by the response of Mary to the Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:38). Other activities and resources include suggested daily Bible readings leading up to each Sunday, some reflections on Zion's website, and other devotional sites, such that of Goshen College, at <https://www.goshen.edu/devotions/>.

**A Men's Choir, directed by Tom Gingerich**, will be singing together on Sunday morning, December 24. Two or three rehearsals will be announced prior to that date. If you would like to participate, please let Jana Gingerich know.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:** Lynn Miller's class will begin a 3-month study of "Faith In Action" by Kathleen Kern beginning December 3. All are welcome to join.

**Reminder!** If you haven't yet completed the survey for the annual pastoral review, we invite all attendees of Zion Mennonite Church who are high school age or older to do so by Sunday, December 3rd. You can either fill out the survey online using the link that Jodi sent out, or by paper using the copies in the foyer. Paper copies should be returned to the survey box, which is also in the foyer. Please see a PCRC (Pastoral Congregation Relations Committee) member if you have questions: Dennis Russell, Kristin Oakes, Andy Coulombe, or Joe Parker. You can also contact us at [zionpcrc@googlegroups.com](mailto:zionpcrc@googlegroups.com).

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING RELIEF KITS FOR REFUGEES** throughout the Advent season to commission on Epiphany Sunday. Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. *MCC shipped 16,787 kits last year to Jordan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea), Iraq, Ukraine and Serbia*

Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)  
4 large bars bath soap  
1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)  
4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)  
4 adult-size toothbrushes  
4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)  
2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)  
1 fingernail clipper (good quality)  
1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)  
1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count thin maxi)

If you prefer to donate money, it can be used to purchase the laundry soap bars, which are sometimes hard to find. Or it will be sent to MCC to use for shipping costs. Donated items may be left in the foyer.

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT.** It's time again! If you would like to participate in the January, February and March round of Dinners for 8, please sign up today. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer if you have any questions.



## Advent and Christmas Calendar

### Canby High School Cantalinas Sunday, December 3

The Cantalinas will share during our worship service. Emma Gingerich and Tristan Oakes are members of the choir.

### Sing Your Own Messiah Saturday, December 9 at 7:00pm

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.)

### Annual Senior Christmas Tea Tuesday, December 12, 2-4pm

Seniors (aged 60+ and their spouses) are invited to Ron and Kara Kropf's home (5993 S. Miller Rd, Hubbard) for holiday refreshments and fellowship.

### MYF and Jr. Hi Caroling at Hope Village Sunday, December 17, 5-7pm

Adults and families are invited to join the group as well. Refreshments afterward at Oliver and Rachel Kropf's home (1346 S. Cedar Drive, Canby)

### Zion's Christmas Service Sunday, December 24, 10:45am



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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Jaclyn Roth and her family as they await results of this past week's MRI scans, looking for the cause of her long illness.
- Shirley Martin, Floyd Lapp, Darlene Kauffman, and Mark LaBare who continue to recover from surgery and medical procedures.
- Susan and Wally Fahrer, who have served in the United Kingdom for nearly four decades, as they provide an Anabaptist presence in churches and communities and engage in ministries of counseling and music (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Students and tutors participating in the many IBA (Instituto Biblico Anabautista) study centers across the country (Mennonite Education Agency)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** "Bless my enemies, O Lord, for they have driven me into your embrace more than friends ever could." Nikolai of Okhrid, Serbia 20th C.

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**Nursery:**

This week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila  
Next Week: Stephanie Moyer, Seth Ediger

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 158  
Offering: \$

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**Church Staff:**

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