

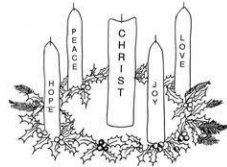
# Zion Mennonite Church

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.

December 10, 2017

Welcome

*Second Sunday of Advent*



MCC video

Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the voice who cries out for a smooth way through wild places.

**All: Oh God, your call is uncomfortable. How can we who are weak remove the rough and rugged places?**

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

**All: Lead us into your presence so all can see your way.**

Leader: Let it be so.

Lighting of Advent Candles: *"My soul is filled with Joy"*

Singing

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading:

Drama: "Hasten the Day"

Response Song

Confession

O God of blazing heavens, you come to us gently and tenderly, speaking peace and comfort into our fear.

We long for you, we yearn for your promise of a new heaven and earth.

Yet we confess that though we know how to get busy, and prepare for this season, we do not know how to slow down or wait and make space for your presence.

May our ordinary lives intersect with the power of your Word and the transforming presence of your grace.

Empower us to 'let it be so'.

Words of Assurance

**Oh God, Emmanuel, in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us. You have given us life, and we are restored.**

Moment in Mission from Ray Keen of The Canby Center

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Worship Leader: Kiara Yoder  
Song Leader: Seth Gingerich, Karie Smucker  
Children's Story: Doug Gingerich  
Prelude/Offertory: Lois Yoder

## **This Morning:**

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School For All Ages

9:45am

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

10:45am

Worship Service

## **This Afternoon/Evening**

5:00pm

Second Sunday

5:30pm

MYF/Jr. Hi Gym Night

## **This Week:**

Tuesday

10:00am

Bible Study in Library

2:-4:00pm

Senior Christmas Tea at Kropfs

7:00pm

Church Council Meeting

Wednesday

12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday

9:00am

Quilting

## **Worship Schedule:**

December 17: Third Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching "Call me Blessed", Luke 1:16b-55

December 24: Christmas Eve Sunday. Luke 2:1-21.

## **Second Sunday**

**Tonight, 5:00-6:30pm**

Everyone is welcome for a light meal at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by group time and activity for kids in K-5th grade. *Since it's the Christmas season, please bring fun and festive finger foods and holiday treats to share for the meal. If you have any questions, contact Mary Masingila.*

**Jr. Hi and MYF will meet separately at 5:30pm for Gym Night**

**Updated Phone Directory:** In your literature box is an updated telephone directory. There were printing issues with some of the last copies and a few corrections were made. Please discard the blue copy and keep this green copy.

**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.

*To our church family--Thank you so much for your cards, calls, visits and flower plant. It has been a long road to recovery but it feels like I might just get there. Hopefully I can soon return to church which I have really missed.* —Shirley Martin



**Orders are ready for pick-up in the kitchen after the service this morning.** If you would like your donation to be tax deductible, please make your check payable to Mennonite Central Committee with Syria/Iraq in the memo line.

Thank you for your giving hearts! P.S. If you have a few hours to spare on Friday, Dec 15th, help is needed rolling out cinnamon rolls in the afternoon. Please call Sheryl (503) 550-1976 or email sherylrussell@gmail.com if you can help.

**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.

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)

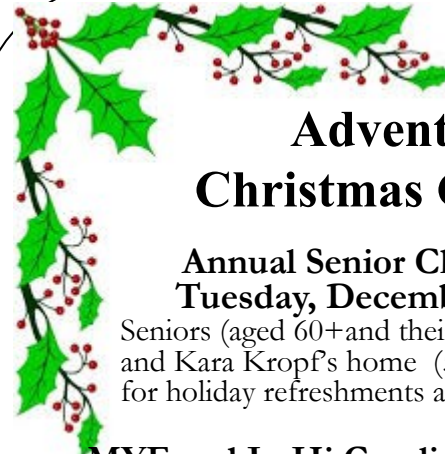
1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count thin maxi)

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. *Checks can be made to Zion Mennonite Church with "relief kits" designated in the memo line.*

Donated items may be left in the foyer.

**Still longing for summer? Reservations can be made now for the 2018 Zion Family Camping Trip! Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25 at Nehalem Bay State Park.** Reservations can be made online at [reserveamerica.com/camping/nehalem-bay-state-park](http://reserveamerica.com/camping/nehalem-bay-state-park). If you are interested, you might want to make your reservation soon. The Coulombes have already reserved site B-31, but loops A, B, and C are all very close together so you can reserve just about any available site in those loops. All sites are \$31 and have water, sewer and electric and are for either an RV or a tent. Contact Andy Coulombe if you have any questions.

**"Yes! Let It Be!"** is the theme that we and many MCUSA churches will follow through Advent, with prayers, Bible readings, children's stories, and other activities inspired by the response of Mary to the Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:38). Other resources include devotional sites, such as that of Goshen College, at <https://www.goshen.edu/devotions/> or daily devotional readings from contributors to The Mennonite, at <https://themennonite.org/advent-devotionals-begin-week/> Watch also for some Advent Bible and other devotional readings and prayers in Zion's bulletins, website and Facebook page.



## Advent and Christmas Calendar

### 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

Featuring special music by our Children's Choir and a Men's Choir.

### Pacific Covenant Christmas Eve Service Sunday, December 24, 6:00pm

The service will be held at the Hope Village Community Center. Hear the Christmas story and sing some of your favorite carols. If you have questions, contact Karie Smucker.



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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Our Venezuelan sisters and brothers for whom the economy and politics are sources of stress, but whose faith in God's providence and their testimonies of sharing and solidarity with each other are inspiring (Mennonite World Conference)
- Raul and Megan Gomez, and their children, Lili, Anna and Nico, along with all the people of Honduras where they serve in an orphanage, because of political chaos following the most recent elections.
- Bill and Carol Frisbie, who train church leaders in West Africa, and for people in Ghana and Togo who recently participated in their seminars, "Developing Leaders Like Jesus." (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Hesston College students as they prepare for the end of the semester, final exams, and traveling home at the end of this week. Give thanks for a productive and successful semester (Mennonite Education Agency)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** "Grant me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis." By Sarah Martin from "The Awe and Wonder of Advent: Day 18"

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**Nursery:**

This week: Nancy Beachy, Kristin Oakes

Next Week: Wendy and Jaclyn Roth

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 281

Offering: \$20,440

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