

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 24, 2017

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Welcome

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Children's Song

Call to Worship

Lighting of Advent Candles: *HWB 13 My Soul is Filled with Joy*

Singing: *HWB 184 Hark! The glad sound!*

HWB 199 The first Noel, the Angel did say

HWB 197 Angels we have heard on high

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Men's Choir

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:15-20

Message

Response Song: *Way down in Bethlehem*

Confession and Words of Assurance

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *HWB 318 Joy to the World*



Worship Leader: Mathew and Jana
Song Leader: Brandon Chupp
Children's Story: Karl Birkey
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

6:00pm

This Afternoon/Evening
Pacific Covenant Christmas Eve Service
at Hope Village Community Center

Monday

This Week:

Tuesday

Christmas Day

Wednesday 12:15pm

Church Office Closed

Thursday 9:00am

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Quilting

Worship Schedule:

December 31: Mathew will be preaching "On The Presentation"
Luke 2:22-40

January 7: Epiphany Sunday. Mathew will be preaching
"Bearing Treasures" Matthew 2:1-12

*Jana will be out of the office Wednesday, December 27—Friday,
December 29. Mathew will be out of the office Thursday,
December 28.*



Everyone is invited to come to a New Year's Eve party at Zion from 8:00pm to midnight on Sunday, December 31. Bring snacks to eat and games to play. We will welcome in the new year with a short service right before midnight. If you have any questions, contact Stan Oyer.

OUR CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY SUNDAY, January 7, 2018, the first Sunday of 2018, will include a service of communion, the commissioning of MCC Relief kits, the commissioning of Jana Gingerich for her sabbatical, beginning that day, and the celebration of 14 years of youth ministry with Zion Mennonite Church. Following the service there will be a potluck meal and further celebration of her and Craig's ministry to Zion's youth.

ROLLS for REFUGEES

We have extras! Cinnamon Rolls will be available for purchase in the kitchen after the service this morning. \$11 for a pan of 4 large rolls with cream cheese/butter icing. These are frozen. Cash, check or I.O.U.'s.

(Make checks payable to Mennonite Central Committee, with Syria/Iraq in the memo line.)

Tuesday morning Bible study is on recess until January 9. A new study begins on Hebrews "Jesus, the Pioneer and Author of our Faith." The study booklet is written by N.T. Wright, an Anglican New Testament scholar, well known in both the United Kingdom and the U.S. Anyone is welcome to join! Contact Pat Hershberger for more information.

The Youth Ministry Visioning Task Group invites parents, youth, and all others who are interested to a **meeting on Sunday, January 7 at 4:00pm** in the Skylight Room to discuss the visioning process and to prepare for youth activities for the upcoming year. Your input is valued and appreciated. Please come and participate in the meeting!

MCC Relief Kit items are still being collected through Sunday, January 7, and will be commissioned during our worship service that day. Items may be left in the church foyer. A list of kit contents is posted on the bulletin board.

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.

Mark your calendars for the annual Zion Adult Retreat. It will be held January 26—28 at Drift Creek Camp. The speaker will be Ray Keen from The Canby Center. More information will be coming soon from the planning committee, Luke and Kelsey Sommer and Stan and Vonnie Oyer.

Mildred and Maynard Nofziger thank everyone at Zion MC for their prayers and other expressions of care during Maynard's most recent hospitalization for an infection. Maynard was released from the hospital on Tuesday, December 19, and is now recovering at home.

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes! The invitation to carry light comes to each of us, no matter who we are.

All: Oh God, you choose to dwell within us. You promise to move about with us until we find our rest in you.

Leader: Your call seems risky; saying yes takes away our breath.

All: Yet we know your faithfulness and steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: You are our strength

All: Yes! Let it be now.

Confession

O God of blessing and joy, your favor rests upon us, and our souls magnify you.

We sing of your steadfast love and proclaim your faithfulness.

We confess we often lack complete trust, walking in our own strength, building our own houses instead of joining you in turning ruins into abundance.

We are terrified and overcome by fear, wondering "How will we know?" and pondering, "How can this be?"

We are afraid to claim and proclaim that nothing is impossible when your power overshadows us, when your spirit comes upon us.

We find it hard to let go and say, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Forgive us.

Words of Assurance

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

Please keep in your prayers:

- The churches in both Kenya and Honduras, where civil unrest has erupted after recent presidential elections that were not perceived to be fair, that our MWC partners would be wise in discerning how to respect national processes while standing for justice (Mennonite World Conference)
- The 53 congregations of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Argentina and their 31 missionary church plants throughout the country, that God may provide all that is needed so their zeal for introducing people to Jesus may be fruitful (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Families and persons connected to Mennonite colleges and seminaries who will be hosting international students during the Christmas/New Year break, the students themselves, and the relationships they will build during this season. (MEA)

A prayer to carry through the week: *“You who have so marvelously created us and restored our dignity, grant us to share in the divine nature of the Son, who has consented to take on our human nature.”*

From the Daily Hours of the Order of St. Benedict

Budget Report: Total Annual Budget is \$333,494. Total giving year-to-date is \$302,314 for a budget deficit of \$31,180. \$15,590 is needed per Sunday until year end to meet budget. A total of approximately \$22,000 is needed to meet annual expenses.

Nursery:

This week: Emma Gingerich, Elizabeth Masingila

Next Week: Kelsey Sommer, Luanne Berkey

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 146

Offering: \$13,610

Church Staff:

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