

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 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent The Candle of HOPE



Welcome and Greeting
Congregational Singing

Call to Worship:

Leader: In a world of war, famine, and disease, where children grow up as orphans, where families go hungry and entire regions face destruction by illness, God, we call upon you to come.

People: In a world where so many have lost hope, we call upon you, Lord of Hope, to come.

Leader: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Hope into our world. We await the birth of the Christ-child, the coming of God into our lives in a new way.

All: Come, Messiah, Come and Save us

Prayer

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Theme Song: "Poor of the Earth" (see insert)

Worship in Song: Canby High School Cantalinas
Directed by Brooks Gingerich

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Tom Gingerich
Prelude/Offertory: Lois Yoder

This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School for All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday

12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday

9:00am

Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

December 9: Second Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching.

December 16: Third Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching.

"Greet them for us!" and "May God give you a good homecoming!"

our brothers and sisters of the Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso said as Don and Kelly Yoder and Pastor Mathew Swora turned homeward this week from the 40th anniversary celebration in Orodara. Next Sunday, December 9, during worship and the Christian Education hour, they will give reports and reflections about the people, the life, the churches and the celebration they experienced. All adult and youth classes are invited to attend in the Sanctuary.

MYF is selling Christmas wreaths! Beautiful, handmade wreaths are available to purchase for \$25 from the MYF beginning TODAY Meet a student in the covered area by the sharing tables after the service.

Seniors/Primetimers: We are planning a carpool to Fairview Mennonite Church for their Annual Christmas Pageant on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Please sign on the sign-up on the bulletin board. The music and the pageantry are excellent, you will not be disappointed. Contact Lynn Miller if you have any questions.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study is on recess until January 8, when they will begin a six week study of Exodus, "Out of the Waters". Anyone is welcome to join at that time. The group meets at 10am in the Church Library.



Advent and Christmas Calendar

Annual Senior Christmas Tea Thursday, December 13, 2-4pm

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

Christmas Caroling at Hope Village Sunday, December 16, 5:00pm

All are welcome to join the MYF and Jr. High for caroling. Meet at Zion at 5:00pm to carpool

Sing Your Own Messiah Saturday, December 22 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.) Spread the word to our friends and community!

Zion's Christmas Service Sunday, December 23, 10:45am

Along with special Christmas music, the children will also present a short Christmas program



During the month of December, Zion will be collecting items for hygiene kits for MCC. As you do your holiday shopping, please consider picking up these items:

NEW items only:

- 1 adult-sized toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16in x 26 in)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6-8in)

All donations may be left under the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary foyer.

From the Pastoral Leadership Team :

Elder Selection

Andy Coulombe has agreed to serve as elder if affirmed by the congregation. There will be an affirmation ballot during the worship service on Dec. 16.

Looking Ahead to 2019: Membership

Over the last several months the Pastoral Leadership team has been in discussion about what church membership means at Zion, exploring the possibility of annual membership covenant. Pastoral messages in the new year invite you to consider these ideas with us. Opportunities will be made available for you to share your questions and thoughts.

Second Sunday

December 11, 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.

MYF & Jr High meet 5:30-6:30 following the meal.

Sunday Morning Greeters: A new schedule will be created soon. If you are a greeter, the schedule will be similar to what it has been the past couple of months. If you would like to change the frequency of number of days you've been scheduled, please let Jodi know. Likewise, if you are interested in being added to the greeter schedule, contact Jodi. More greeters are always welcome!



Thank you to the team of volunteers who shared their talents and helped Jana and Gina create this year's Advent display, including Lynn Miller, Jillian Sokso, Charlie Gingerich, and Judy Gingerich and her middle grade Sunday School class. Thank you also to Donna Ollis for decorating the trees in the foyers. And finally, to Joe and Marlene Harris and Doug Berkey for their work at re-lighting the 'Jesus the light of the world' sign on the red barn. May Zion always be a reflection of Christ's love!

On behalf of Bridging Cultures, I would like to personally thank you for your recent contribution of time to our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 17th. I am happy to report that around 480 people from our community came together to enjoy our event. This event could not have been a success without the dedication and hard work of people like you. Once again, thank you for your support!

—Sincerely, Janet Diaz

\$\$ WE'RE RAISING DOUGH \$\$



For the 4th year, together with family, friends and our faith communities at Zion and Grace Chapel Wilsonville, we are baking cinnamon rolls to raise money and awareness for displaced families in Syria and Iraq. Proceeds donated to MCC and PreEmptive Love Coalition, two organizations doing amazing work on the ground there. To order, visit

www.rollsforrefugees.com or use sign-up sheet in foyer or email Sheryl Russell at sherylrussell@gmail.com.

Each order consists of 4 large cinnamon rolls with either Maple Butter or Cream Cheese Butter icings. Prices are \$12/\$11 respectively. (They freeze extremely well and make great gifts.) In order to manage our minimal storage, **please order today for pickup next Sunday, Dec. 9th.**

ROLLS *for*
REFUGEES



Happy Bakers Needed! Rolls for Refugees is looking for volunteers Friday, December 7th and Friday, December 14th, 9am-3:30pm (or any hours you can spare.) No experience necessary; we have many jobs in the kitchen and we laugh a lot!

Please contact Sheryl Russell: sherylrussell@gmail.com

Please keep in your prayers:

- Our gratefulness for a wonderful visit to Burkina Faso, West Africa for Pastor Mathew and Don and Kelly Yoder, and that they safely returned home this week. May they find rest along with their reflection.
- Those in our congregation who are ill, homebound, recovering, traveling, or otherwise not able to worship with us at this time.
- That this Advent season draws us ever closer as we journey together toward the stable and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

A prayer to carry though the week: “How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of his heaven, no ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Lord enters in.”

Philips Brooks, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Budget Report: As of November 30, annual income is \$60,855.60 shy of meeting the 2018 budget of \$323,754.

Nursery:

This week: Luanne Berkey, Seth Ediger
Next Week: Nancy Beachy, Kristin Oakes

Last Sunday:

Attendance:—
Offering: \$10,907.33

Greeters Next Week:

Sheila Kauffman, Chris Keady, Florence Regier

Church Staff:

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