

# 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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December 16, 2018

## Second Sunday of Advent The Candle of JOY



Welcome and Greeting  
Congregational Singing  
Call to Worship  
Prayer

### Lighting the Candle of Joy

In a world of despair, where depression rates run high, where there has been so much sadness and loss, God, we call upon you to come. In a world where joy is a distant memory, we call upon you, Great God of Joy, to come.

In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Joy into our world. We await the birth of the Anointed One, the Promised Child, who comes into our lives in a new way.

Come, Messiah, Come, and Save Us

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

### Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-18

Message: "How is That Good News?"

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction

Worship Leader: Kiara Yoder  
Song Leader: Harrison Gingerich  
Children's Story: Gina Hansen  
Prelude/Offerory: Kelsey Sommer

### This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School for All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)

Worship Service

### This Afternoon/Evening

Caroling at Hope Village (carpool from Zion)

Vespers service at Marquis Center

### This Week:

Tuesday

12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

1:00pm

PLT meeting

Saturday

7:00pm

Sing Your Own Messiah

### Worship Schedule:

December 23: Christmas Service and children's program

December 30: Mathew will be preaching "In Which Father's House?" Luke 2: 41-52

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**Our thanks to Andy Coulombe** for offering to serve on our Pastoral Leadership Team as an elder. For that to happen, however, the affirmation of church members is needed by the ballots that are in your church mailboxes this morning, one per member. Members, please fill one out and sign it before you leave after the service of worship this morning, and place yours in a basket by the doors to the sanctuary.

**Adult Sunday School Classes:** Today is the last Sunday for the "Pathway, The Journey Forward" class with Mathew. On Sunday the 23rd, we will return to our regular class offerings, which are:

- Bible Study led by Ken Kauffman, meets in the Library
- Class that meets in the Skylight room will meet to discuss the next topic/book
- Prayer Group meets upstairs
- International Series Study led by Lynn Miller:  
The class meets in the room at the west side of the foyer and is open to anyone (all ages). Our study theme is "Loving God". *"Scripture asks us to take seriously the demands and challenges that come with living our love for God in a world that often does not receive such love well."*



## Advent and Christmas Calendar

### Christmas Caroling at Hope Village TONIGHT, 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.

### Pacific Covenant's Annual Christmas Eve Service Monday, December 24, 6:00pm

Pacific Covenant Church invites you to join them for their Christmas Eve service at Hope Village Community Center.



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.

NOTICE: The alarm keypad in the fellowship hall foyer has been replaced. It looks different, but works just the same. The code has not changed and both the arm and disarm procedure is exactly the same as before.

**MYF still have Christmas wreaths for sale!** Beautiful, handmade wreaths are available to purchase for \$25 from the MYF. Meet a student in the covered area by the sharing tables after the service.

## Dinners for 8

If you would like to participate in the January, February, and March round of Dinners for 8, sign-up during the month of December. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.



WE MADE EXTRAS! If you would still like cinnamon rolls for the holidays but didn't order them, come on by the kitchen after the service. Maple icing (\$12) or cream cheese frosting (\$11). Cash, check, or I.O.U. welcome.

**Children's artwork from Burkina Faso**, given in exchange for the artwork that many of Zion MC's children sent there with Pastor Mathew Swora, and with Don and Kelly Yoder, is on display in the foyer of the sanctuary. The fabric on which the pictures are posted is the fabric which the Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso commissioned for its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

## Annual Pastoral Review for Mathew Swora

Surveys are due TODAY. There are paper copies available on the table in the Sanctuary foyer. A link to the on-line survey was also emailed again last Friday or can be followed at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyit8tcZRGm6a5x0VdnM2plcUcKy-P6HB2QVkwuLRS8zKK-A/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyit8tcZRGm6a5x0VdnM2plcUcKy-P6HB2QVkwuLRS8zKK-A/viewform?usp=pp_url)

When done thoughtfully, prayerfully, and well, evaluations are an important facet of developing a healthy congregation, a congregation in which individuals in community discover and learn the rich and textured life that God desires for his family. Evaluations honor our role as stewards of God's gifts and can help us focus on the purpose for which God calls his people. Conversations that are gracious, candid—and ongoing!—these are expressions of a community that is growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

Thank you for your participation. It is an important and sacred responsibility. If you have any questions, contact a member of the PCRC: Dennis Russell, Frank Howard, Carolyn Hockman, Kristin Oakes, Andy Coulombe

HELP!!! Do you have a plastic grocery bag stash you can part with? We Need Them! For Jayce's senior project, he wants to help the homeless he drives by on the way to school each day. So, he's going to learn to crochet "Mercy Mats". Each 2 1/2 x 6 foot crocheted rug-type mat would help keep them clean and warm as they sleep. The plastic bags are cut into strips to make "plarn"—plastic yarn—and rolled into a ball to knit with. It takes 500-700 BAGS PER MAT so we literally need a bazillion! His project isn't due until May, so keep saving the bags all winter for us. This is recycling at it's best! Also, if you like to crochet (or know someone who does) and would enjoy having a winter project, we'd love to supply you with the pre-made plarn balls so you only need to do the crocheting part. We'd love to get as many mats made as possible by May. There are a lot of 'how to' videos online if you want to look up 'mats for the homeless out of recycled plastic bags' and 'mercy mats'. Feel free to share my contact info with anyone who may be interested in crocheting Mercy Mats with us. Thanks so much!

—Wendy and Jayce Roth  
(503-260-9354, roth7@canby.com)

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Faye Swartzendruber, who has returned to friends and places of ministry in Mexico for some of this winter season, depending on health considerations.
- All members of our church and families who are traveling and spending time at home from college or graduate schools during the holiday season.
- Missionary evangelist Laston Bissani, of Milange, Mozambique, where he and his wife Carlotta were attacked in their home with a demand for money, that the Holy Spirit would minister healing to the family after this trauma (Mennonite World Conference)

**A prayer to carry though the week:** “Because you walked on our earth, we are to see the face of the Divine in every person we meet...”

Marie Kownacki, Benedictine Sisterhood of Erie, PA

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Budget Report: As of December 2, annual income is \$38,618.58 shy of meeting the 2018 budget of \$323,754.

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**Nursery:**

This week: Nancy Beachy, Kristin Oakes

Next Week: Wendy and Jaclyn Roth

**Greeters Next Week:**

Julie Yoder, Carol Stringer, Denny Stringer

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 132

Offering: \$4,201

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