

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 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent The Candle of PEACE



Welcome and Greeting
Congregational Singing

HWB 178 Come thou long expected
HWB 182 Oh how shall I receive thee

Call to Worship
Prayer

Lighting the Candle of Peace

We are a people who seek peace.

We know that God has told us to turn our weapons of war
into instruments that benefit all humanity.

In the name of the Child who was born long ago to become
the Prince of Peace,

we ponder the Candle of Peace.

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

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

Message: "Because of Your Sharing in the Gospel"

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 180 The Angel Gabriel*

Benediction

Worship Leader: Mathew Swora
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich
Children's Story: Mathew Swora
Prelude/Offerory: Kristin Oakes

This Morning:

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

Coffee Time
Sunday School for All Ages
Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)
Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

5:00pm

Second Sunday, Jr. High, MYF

This Week:

Tuesday

12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

7:00pm

Church Council Meeting

Thursday

2-4:00pm

Senior Christmas Tea at Mast's

Worship Schedule:

December 16: Third Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching
"What Kind of Good News?", Luke 3:7-18

December 23: Christmas Service and children's program

"GREET THEM FOR US!" said many of our friends and partners in the Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, as Don and Kelly Yoder and Pastor Mathew Swora took their leave early last week to return home. To hear more from our friends in that country and church, join Mathew, Don and Kelly in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour today for reports and reflections on their experiences.

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. **MYF & Jr High meet from 5:30-6:30 following the meal** to make gingerbread houses. Please bring your creativity and at least one bag of candy or edible gingerbread house addition to share.

MYF is selling Christmas wreaths! 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.

Seniors/Primetimers: Sign up TODAY to join the group going to Fairview's Christmas Pageant on Wednesday of this week (December 12). We will leave Hope Village at 5:10pm and Woodburn Park and Ride (by to the freeway next to Denny's) at 5:35pm. The pageant uses live animals, a flying angel and more. We hope you can join us and see the Christmas Story come to life.



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.

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.



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!

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.

Thank you to those who have taken the opportunity this year to teach our children in the Primary Sunday School department.

2-3 year olds:

Janice Miller, Judy Gascho

3-4 year olds:

Gina Hansen, Frank Howard

K-2 grade:

Jana Gingerich, Shawn Epp

3-5 grade:

Jennifer Gingerich, Judy Gingerich

Jr. High:

Jorge Tro, Seth Ediger

With our appreciation, cinnamon rolls from Sheryl Russell's 'Rolls for Refugees' are waiting in the kitchen for all of these teachers! You can pick them up after the service today.

—Stacy Berkey and Karen Kropf, Primary SS Superintendents



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ROLLS for REFUGEES

Today is PICK-UP DAY! Orders will be ready for pick-up in the kitchen after the service this morning. If you forgot to order, we will have a few extra for you!

THANK YOU for your giving hearts. Proceeds are donated to MCC and PreEmptive Love Coalition, two organizations doing amazing work on the ground in Syria and Iraq.



Annual Pastoral Review for Mathew Swora

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.

Electronic copies were emailed last Friday. Below is the link to the on-line survey. Paper copies are also available on the table in the Sanctuary foyer.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyit8tcZRGm6a5x0VdnM2plcUcKy-P6HB2QVkwuLRS8zKK-A/viewform?usp=pp_url

Surveys should be submitted by Sunday, December 16, 2018. If you have any questions, contact a member of the PCRC: Dennis Russell, Frank Howard, Carolyn Hockman, Kristin Oakes, Andy Coulombe

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.

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 40th anniversary celebration.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Maynard and Millie Nofziger, as they deal with new diagnoses of cancer and options for treatment.
- Family and friends of Philip Thomas, adjunct professor of peace, justice and conflict studies at Goshen College, after his death last week in Nairobi, Kenya, of a heart attack. Thomas taught and worked with people and groups locally and internationally, for businesses, governments, churches and communities.
- Students at Mennonite colleges, seminaries and universities as they prepare for the end of the semester and final exams, and for those who will be traveling home at the end of the this week.

A prayer to carry though the week: “Father in heaven! When the thought of you wakes in our hearts let it not awaken like a frightened bird that flies about in dismay, but like a child waking from its sleep with a heavenly smile.”
By Soren Kierkegaard, 19th C. Denmark.

Budget Report: As of December 2, annual income is \$42,818.60 shy of meeting the 2018 budget of \$323,754.

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: 224

Offering: \$18,037

Church Staff:

Mathew Swora, Lead Pastor: zionpastor_ms@canby.com
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