

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, worshipping God, 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 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent



Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: The Candle of Peace
based on Isaiah 2: 1-5

Singing :

STS 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

HWB 178 Come Thou long expected Jesus

HWB 184 Hark the Glad Sound

Offering

Children's Story

Mission Report: Vida Feliz Senior Center, Bolivia

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38 The Annunciation

Message: "A Prayer for All Seasons"

Response Song: *STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy*

Children's Choice of Song

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 185 Hail to the Lord's anointed*

Benediction



Worship Leader: Rachel Kropf
Song Leader: Jani Jenkins
Children's Story: Mathew Swora
Prelude/Offertory: Kelsey Sommer

This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School for All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

PLT Meeting

Bible Study in Library

Prayer Meeting in Mathew's Office

Worship Commission meeting

Mennonite Women

Monday 6:00pm

Tuesday 10:00am

12:15pm

6:30pm

Thursday 9:00am

Worship Schedule:

Advent and Worship Series "Prayers of Our Mothers"

December 8: Second Sunday, The Visitation, Luke 1: 39-45

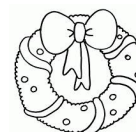
December 15: Third Sunday, The Magnificat, Luke 1: 46-55

December 22: Fourth Sunday, "From the Lips of Children"

Luke 2: 1-20

December 29: The Presentation in the Temple; "Thanks to God",

Luke 2:21-38



MYF Holiday Wreath Sale

Wreaths are available for pickup **TODAY** after the service. They are \$20 each.

Save the Date! Zion All-Church Retreat. January 24-26, 2020 at Drift Creek Camp. Adults, families, youth and children are all welcome! (This will replace the Adult Retreat.) If you have interest in helping to plan this retreat, please talk to Vonnie Oyer.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sing Your Own Messiah
Saturday, December 21, 7:00pm

"The Christmas Story" Christmas Service
Sunday, December 22, 10:45am

Christmas Eve Service
Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church hosts
on Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00pm at Hope Village.
All are welcome!

The Christmas Story Retold: Jana and Seth Gingerich will be working on a special project with the K-5 Sunday School classes. Children will be video taped telling their version of the Christmas Story, which will show during our special Christmas service on Sunday, December 22. *If you do not want your child videoed, please let Jana know today, as taping begins today during Sunday School.* If you have any questions, ask Jana.



Popcorn and Prayer

Sunday, December 8, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
There will be a short time of fellowship while we snack on popcorn, followed by prayer, with library and activity time for children. Please come! Everyone is welcome!

PLEASE ORDER TODAY for NEXT SUNDAY PICK-UP



Today is the last day to place orders on the order sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for next Sunday's Cinnamon Roll pick-up. Once again, 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. You can also order online by visiting www.rollsforrefugees.com through Thursday of this week. Each order consists of 4 large cinnamon rolls with Cream Cheese Butter icing. Price is \$12. (They make great gifts for your neighbors!) In order to manage our minimal storage, please order today for pickup next Sunday, Dec 8th.



KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

If you love to bake and have fun in the kitchen, WE NEED YOU! All skill levels welcomed. Anytime you're able, come be a part of Rolls for Refugees team. December 6 and 7, 9:30am-4pm in the Zion Kitchen. Lunch provided. Bonus: you go home smelling like a cinnamon roll! Contact Sheryl Russell via phone or email: (503) 550-1976 or sherylrussell@gmail.com

DINNERS TOGETHER



Please sign up during the month of December if you would like to participate in the January, February, and March round. Anyone is welcome to sign up, as a single or as a couple. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer if you have any questions.

PRAYERS OF OUR MOTHERS

Devotional Guide for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany
December 2, 2019—January 5, 2020

Monday, Dec. 2: Isaiah 11: 1-10; What are the seven functions of God's Spirit that Hebrew and Christian tradition have identified in verses 2-3? In what ways does Christ exemplify traits of both the lion and the lamb? In what ways is Christ's Advent a gift for all Creation?

"Lamb of God, and Lion of Judah, by your Spirit make me as peaceable as a lamb and as courageous as a lion."

Tuesday, Dec. 3: Romans 15: 4-13; What does this New Testament passage have in common with yesterday's passage from Isaiah 11? What hope and encouragement do the Advent/Christmas season passages and hymns give you?

"Lord, the calendar calls for Christmas. We have traveled this way before. During the Advent season we would see what we have never seen before, accept what we have refused to think, and hear what we need to understand. Be with us in our goings that we might meet you in your coming." Donald Shelby, *The Unsettling Season*.

Wednesday, Dec. 4: Psalm 72: 1-7; 18-19; How does Christ fulfill the prayers of this Psalm for Israel's king? What are you doing, or can you do, to live out this king's royal policies?

"In your hearts enthrone Him, there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true. Crown Him as your captain, in temptation's hour; Let his will enfold you in its light and power."

Verse 4 of "At the Name of Jesus," HWB 342

"Almighty and Eternal God, who wishes to bring all things in submission to your Beloved Son, King of the Universe, grant that all creation, liberated from slavery to sin, may serve Your majesty and glorify you forever." Prayer of the Benedictine Liturgy of the Hours

Thursday, Dec. 5: Matthew 3: 1-12; How do John's strong words and his call to repentance help us prepare for the Lord's coming? What must we examine and cleanse from our lives to better make room for Christ's coming to us?

"Grant me now, Dear Lord, to love you as much as I once loved sin itself." From the Great Liturgy of St. Basil, 4th C. Eastern Orthodox

Friday, Dec. 6: Luke 1: 39-45, The Visitation; When have you ever wondered, like Elizabeth, "Why am I so favored?" What blessing in this passage applies to you?

"We are so preciousely loved by him who is highest that it is far beyond the comprehension of all creatures. That is to say, no created being can fully know how much, how sweetly, and how tenderly our Creator loves us." From Revelation of Divine Love, Julian of Norwich, 14th C. England

"God, of your goodness give me yourself for you are sufficient for me. I cannot properly ask anything less to be worthy of you. If I were to ask less, I should ever be in want. In you alone do I have all." Julian of Norwich.

THEY PRESENTED THE CHILD WITH GIFTS..." (Mt. 2:11)

as can we this Advent/Christmas Season, for children and their families in the world's zones of conflict, oppression, displacement and poverty. You may leave donations in a bag or box in the Sanctuary foyer. All collected kits will be consecrated and sent on the day that celebrates the magi's gifts to the Christ child, on January 5.

MCC RELIEF KIT CONTENTS:

(NEW items only)

4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)

Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)

4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha[®], Sunlight[®] or Zote[®] brands)

4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)

4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 29 in x 60 in)

2 wide-toothed combs (6–8 in)

1 nail clipper (good quality)

1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)

Sanitary pads (THIN; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, we will provide toothpaste with the kits when they ship from our warehouse. The kit will be re-packed in a new 5-gallon plastic pail with lid.

<https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/relief>

Please keep in your prayers:

- Lord, remind us of all of our blessings. Give us gratitude for each other, and your beautiful world. Prepare us to enter into this Advent season with open hearts, to see, hear, and experience Jesus, your child of Hope.
- The Vida Feliz Senior Center in Bolivia, and the staff, along with Wendell and Karen Amstutz, who provide care and hospitality to local seniors.
- College students who will be studying, completing finals, and traveling over the next few weeks.
- The Congo Mennonite Literacy Project, initiated by women leaders in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which has helped more than 3,000 adults learn to read, and for the 200 teachers who have been trained this year to help meet the demand for literacy classes, especially in areas devastated by violence (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry though the week: *"I am your servant, Lord; may your word to me be fulfilled."* Mary, in Luke 1:38

Nursery:

This week: Kiara Yoder, Brean Epp
Next Week: Carolyn Yoder, Kelsey Sommer

Greeters Next Week: Chris Keady,
Florence Regier, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 217
Offering: \$4734

Church Staff:

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