

# 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.

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November 24, 2019

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Prayer

Call: The Lord is our shepherd.

**Response: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd.**

Call: Our shepherd knows us and calls us by name.

**Response: We follow him because we know his voice.**

Call: Our shepherd is completely trustworthy.

**Response: He leads us to that which makes for abundant life.**

Call: Green pastures, refreshing water and safe shelter.  
These are the gifts of our shepherd.

**Response: In trust, we follow our shepherd.**

Call: In peace, we rest secure.

**Response: In joy and thankfulness, we celebrate our shepherd's goodness.**

*All: The Lord is our shepherd. Thanks be to God!*

Singing  
Offering  
Special Guests: CHS Cantalinas, directed by Brooks Gingerich  
Pastoral Prayer  
Sending Song  
Benediction

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich  
Song Leader: Lois Yoder  
Prelude/Offertory: Rachel Kropf

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

## **This Morning:**

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

## **This Afternoon/Evening**

3:00pm  
5:00pm

Junior High  
MYF Friendsgiving

## **This Week:**

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library  
12:15pm Prayer Meeting in Mathew's Office  
Thursday Thanksgiving Day  
Friday Church Office Closed

## **Worship Schedule:**

### **Advent and Worship Series "Prayers of Our Mothers"**

December 1: First Sunday, The Annunciation, Luke 1: 26-38

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

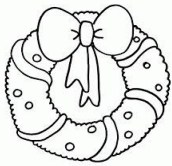
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**Junior High** will meet at Hockman-Chupp's at 3:00pm today to carpool to Gianna's home in Newberg. See Kevin or Cynthia for more information and to RSVP for a ride.

**MYF** Friendsgiving gathering today, from 5-6:30pm at Zion. A main dish Thanksgiving casserole will be provided. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish to share. We will also provide tableware/drinks and probably some fun conversation.



Stephen Minister trainees (Carolyn Yoder, Luanne Berkey, Sheryl Mast, Karen Kropf, Chris Keady, with Jana Gingerich) spent this weekend, together for a retreat as they finish up their training. We thank God for this opportunity he has given us for growth and service. Pray for God's blessings on this new ministry!



### MYF Holiday Wreath Sale

For \$20 you can purchase a lovely 12" fir greens wreath, with pinecone accents, made by our friend, Juana Cortes! **Wreaths will be available for pickup on December 1** after our church service.

Please place an order with Serenity Coulombe.

In addition, there are 2 bags left of One Village Coffee from the MYF fundraiser earlier in the spring. You can pick a bag up at the discounted price of \$10 each. Stop by the Church Office.

## 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 before taping begins on December 1. If you have any questions, ask Jana.



## \$\$ WE'RE RAISING DOUGH! \$\$

This December we will once again be baking cinnamon rolls to raise money and awareness for displaced families in Syria and Iraq.

Proceeds are donated to MCC and Preemptive Love Coalition, two organizations doing lifesaving work on the ground there. Because of your generosity, over \$9200 has been raised since 2015!

To order, visit [www.rollsforrefugees.com](http://www.rollsforrefugees.com) or email Sheryl Russell: [sherylrussell@gmail.com](mailto:sherylrussell@gmail.com). There is also a sign-up sheet in foyer.

(Rolls freeze extremely well and make great gifts for your neighbors!)

Each \$12 order consists of 4 large cinnamon rolls with cream cheese butter icing. **Orders must be placed by December 1 for pickup in the church kitchen on Sunday, December 8.**



### 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](mailto:sherylrussell@gmail.com)



“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, such as Haiti, Burkina Faso, Ukraine, Central America, and elsewhere. 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>

## Advent Season: PRAYERS OF OUR MOTHERS

*“When Mama prayed, good things happened; When Mama prayed, lives were changed...”* (sung by Randy Travis).

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” through God’s sovereign mercies, and through the faith and prayers of ancestors in our family of faith. Starting on Sunday, December 1, Advent/Christmas worship services and messages will highlight our courageous mothers in the faith, whose prayers, recorded in Luke’s Gospel, guide and affect us yet today (see Worship Schedule in the bulletin). In upcoming bulletins and online there will be readings and prayers based on our mothers’ prayers for each coming Sunday until Epiphany (January 5, 2020), for daily personal or family devotions.

During worship we will also pray, as would all fathers and mothers, here and around the world, for children in need. To respond to such needs, we will also take collections for Mennonite Central Committee refugee kits. Each Sunday we will also sing a Christmas carol or hymn requested by one of the children present.

To prepare for the first Sunday of Advent (December 1), read Luke 1: 26-38, about *“The Annunciation.”*

For prayer, meditation, maybe journaling on this passage, consider:

What made Mary’s “yes” to God so difficult or courageous?

When have you ever been called upon to show similar courage?

Who, in your faith life, has been a mother to you (not just your actual mother)?

What are you doing to nurture children and future generations by your “Yes” to God?

What might you do?

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Any among us or around us for whom the Thanksgiving and holiday season bring up memories and feelings of loss, loneliness, isolation and grief, as well as love and joy, that we might find the connections and comfort we need, and/or recognize and respond to those who need our attention and care.
- A couple who have lived most of their lives in Israel, that God might bless their ministry of bringing Arab Christians and Messianic Jews together to worship and to follow Jesus in a way that breaks down divisions between people (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Students, staff and faculty of Mennonite schools, colleges, universities and seminaries who are traveling to and from Thanksgiving Day gatherings this week (Mennonite Education Agency)

**A prayer to carry though the week:** *“We yield to you hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all the other blessings of your merciful providence”* Thanksgiving for the Harvest prayer, from The Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

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**Nursery:**

This week: Mary Masingila, Luanne Berkey

Next Week: Kiara Yoder, Brean Epp

**Greeters Next Week:** Don Yoder, Kelly Yoder,  
Florence Regier

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 133

Offering: \$5174.50

Church Staff:

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