

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 22 2019

Christmas Sunday

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: *HWB 172 O come, O come Emmanuel*

Call to Worship and Candle lighting Litany

Hymns: *HWB 199 The First Noel*

HWB 201 Hark the Herald

Away in a Manger

Offering: Rachel Kropf and Everett Ediger

Children's Video

Meditation

Hymns: *HWB 193 Silent Night (intro by Lucy Coulombe)*

HWB 215 What Child is This

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction: *HWB 212 O Come All Ye Faithful*



Worship Leader: Mathew and Jana
 Song Leader: Jana Gingerich
 Prelude/Offertory: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes
 Rachel Kropf, Everett Ediger

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

Caroling at HOPE, followed by refreshments at Oyers'

This Week:

The Church Office will be closed Tuesday—Thursday Merry Christmas!

Worship Schedule:

December 29: The Presentation in the Temple; "Thanks to God", Luke 2:21-38

January 5: Epiphany Sunday

January 12: Guest speakers: Ken and Katherine Jameson Pitts about Christian faith and climate change

With a service of communion we will celebrate Epiphany (the revealing of Christ to the nations, Matthew 2: 1-11) and the first Sunday of the New Year on January 5. Please prepare as best you know how to share this celebration of Christ's union with us and ours with Christ and each other.

TO STRENGTHEN OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER, starting on Sunday, January 5, 2020, there will be cards in the pews for writing requests, testimonies and concerns, which can go into the offering basket for sharing and prayer by a pastor or prayer leader that same Sunday. This is in addition to any verbal reflections or prayer requests. This is to give all a way to share and seek prayer support, even if we are uncomfortable speaking in public. There will also be boxes to mark indicating if you wish the information to be kept private with a pastor, or shared during worship, or in another way or time.

Church Profile Survey Reminder! The church profile survey for our lead pastor search is due next Sunday (the 29th). There are paper copies available in the foyer that can be returned to the box under the table.

Caroling at HOPE Village

TONIGHT, 6:30pm

Meet at Zion at 6:15pm to carpool (or meet in front of the Community Center at HOPE at 6:30); carolers are invited to Stan and Vonnie Oyer's house afterwards for snacks and drinks.

Please bring snacks to share.

All ages are welcome!

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24, 6:00pm

Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church

hosts at Hope Village

All are welcome!



Announcing a New Year's Eve Gathering at Zion!

Tuesday, December 31, 8:00pm—midnight

You are invited to an evening of sharing your favorite games, finger food, fun, and fellowship, and for this year, being a part of...



This is a project of MCC to celebrate their 100th anniversary. Being called the **Great Winter Warm-Up**, their goal is to make 6,500 comforters to be sent to places like Syria and Ukraine.

We will have comforters for tying. Please bring games and puzzles from home, and finger food snacks to share. Bring your whole family and come join us to be a part of something big!

GOT CINNAMON ROLLS?

We've got extras! Cinnamon Rolls will be available for purchase in the kitchen after the service this morning. \$12/pan of 4 large rolls with cream cheese/butter icing. These are frozen. Your purchase will provide warmth, food, shelter and jobs inside Syria and Iraq to families displaced by war.

Merry Christmas & THANK YOU!!



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.

Attention Friends Who Recycle:

Terracycle/Malt O Meal are discontinuing the cereal bag recycling program. Please do not include any plastic bags of any kind in the Terracycle recycling can found in the fellowship hall. (OK to include one if it is carrying your other recyclables and the liner is full). The good news: you can recycle plastic cereal bag liners (NOT the kind that are more like wax paper) in the grocery store collection bins for plastic grocery bags in Safeway, Fred Meyer, and other major retail grocery stores. Thanks to all who participate in efforts to reduce waste going to landfills!

PRAYERS OF OUR MOTHERS

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

Monday, December 23: Isaiah 9:2-7. “The day of Midian” refers to the miraculous, weapon-free deliverance of Judah and Jerusalem by God from Midianite invaders, recorded in 2 Chronicles 20. What are the images and promises of peace in this passage? Which titles for the coming king, in verses 6-7, encourage you most?

“This is He whom heaven-taught singers sang of old with one accord; Whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word. Now he shines the Long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore.” From “Of The Father’s Love Begotten,” 4th C. hymn

Tuesday, December 24: Hebrews 1: 1-4; God speaks not only through Jesus’ words and teachings, but through his very life, his presence, his actions and his character. As important as laws and prophecies, Jesus of Nazareth is God’s self-disclosure and self-giving in ways that are much more immediate, intimate, personal, costly, vulnerable and revealing than any command or prediction through a Moses or an Isaiah. What do you sense God saying to you, personally, through the gift of the person of Jesus?

“...the Lord’s wish seems to have been to show the soul something of the country to which it is to travel, so that it may endure the trials of this difficult road, knowing to where it must travel to obtain its rest.” Teresa of Avila, 16th C. Spain

Wednesday, December 25: John 1: 1-14; From this passage especially we derive the word and the doctrine of the Incarnation (Latin for “in the flesh”), that “in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,” in a harmony and unity of divine and human natures that does justice to both.

“And in the Incarnation the whole human race recovers the dignity of the image of God. Henceforth, any attack even on the least of men is an attack on Christ, who took the form of man, and in his own Person restored the image of God in all that bears a human form. Through fellowship and communion with the incarnate Lord, we recover our true humanity... The incarnate Lord makes his followers the brothers of all mankind.”
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship.

Thursday, December 26: Titus 2: 11-14; Grace is typically defined only as mercy, pardon, even permission. How is grace defined here? What does grace do, and not just undo? How is God’s grace connected with Christ’s first and second comings? *“O, life of my life, and sustenance that sustains me!”* a prayer by Teresa of Avila, 16th C. Spain

Friday, December 27: Luke 2: 22-38, “The Presentation;” Simeon usually gets the most press from this event, as his words are recorded, and his prayer (“Nunc dimittis” or “Now dismiss” in Latin) is featured in so much beautiful music and in the evening prayers of some Christian communities. What strikes you about Anna? Seeing, praising and proclaiming the Lord’s Christ are the fruit of her many years of prayer, the capstone of a very long life, and her “dress rehearsal” for the next life.

“We are told to put on Christ and we think of him in his private life, his life of work, his public life, his teaching and his suffering life. But we do not think enough of his life as a little child, as a baby. His helplessness, his powerlessness. We have to be content to be in that state too. Not to be able to do anything, to accomplish anything.” Dorothy Day, 1897-1980

MCC RELIEF KITS



If you would like to include MCC relief projects in your prayers, there are star post-it notes in the foyer windows with country names written on them. Each country written on a star is currently receiving relief kits. You can peel the post-it from the hanging star and take it home as a visual reminder during your personal or family prayer time.

Items for the MCC relief kits may be left in a box or bag in the foyer. Please deliver kit items by Sunday, January 5, which is the date our collections will be consecrated.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Those in our congregation who are homebound, ill, or otherwise unable to worship with us during our services, as well as those who may be facing loneliness this time of year. May the spirit of Christmas and the comfort of Christ be with all.

God of Christmas blessings, we thank you for Christmas joy -
for gifts and family gatherings,
for renewed friendships and splendid meals.

We thank you for this community,
which comes to worship, sings carols and put faith into action.

We thank you for hope kindled, peace restored
and visions of a new world.

God of Christmas blessings, we thank you. Amen

A prayer to carry though the week: *“Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.”* Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, Fortress Press

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| Budget Report: Budget Amount: \$331,000 Giving year-to- date: \$264,046 Amount needed per Sunday to meet Budget: \$31,884 |
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Nursery:

This week: Elizabeth and Simon Masingila

Next Week: Emma Gingerich, Sheryl Mast

Greeters Next Week: Florence Regier,
Sheila Kauffman, Dorothy Brenneman

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 122

Offering: \$3185

Church Staff:

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