

# 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 8, 2019

## Second Sunday of Advent



Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: The Candle of Joy, based on Isaiah 11: 1-10

Singing :

*STS #15 Hope is a candle vs. 4 & 5*

*HWB #167 For God so loved us*

*HWB #172 O come, O come, Immanuel*

Offering

Special Music: Joshua Chupp and Mathew Swora

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 1: 39-45,

Advent Song: *My Soul Is Filled With Joy*

Message: "Why Me?"

Response Song: *HWB #181 My soul proclaims with wonder*

Children's Choice of Song

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *STS #16 vs. 1 (Joy) & 4*

Benediction



Worship Leader: Stan Oyer  
 Song Leader: Louise Gingerich  
 Children's Story: Jana Gingerich  
 Prelude/Offertory: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes

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

Popcorn and Prayer

### This Week:

ZLT Meeting

Bible Study in Library

Prayer Meeting in Mathew's Office

Tuesday 7:00pm  
 Tuesday 10:00am  
 12:15pm

### Worship Schedule:

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

December 15: Third Sunday, Jana is preaching "Need a Stable Moment?? 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

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

## Popcorn and Prayer

**Tonight, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**

There will be a short time of fellowship while we snack on popcorn, followed by prayer time. Children ages 2 years to 5th grade are invited to join us for stories, songs, and crafts in the Library. The theme for tonight is "Christmas Fun". The younger children will be making holiday paper chains and the older ones learning to make Christmas boxes.

Please come! Everyone is welcome!

**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.

**Housekeeping Reminder!** If you/your family is using the Church kitchen, please remember to take home, wash and return all dirty laundry. Thank you!



YOUR CINNAMON ROLLS ARE HERE TODAY!  
Please stop by the kitchen after church. Rolls are \$12/pan. Cash, checks to Mennonite Central Committee or I.O.U.'s accepted  
THANK YOU for your giving hearts!

## 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.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

### **Sing Your Own Messiah**

Saturday, December 21, 7:00pm  
Refreshments will follow

### **“The Christmas Story” Christmas Service**

Sunday, December 22, 10:45am

### **Caroling at HOPE Village**

Sunday, December 22, 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.

All ages are welcome!

### **Christmas Eve Service**

Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church hosts on Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00pm at Hope Village.

All are welcome!



## PRAYERS OF OUR MOTHERS

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

**Monday, December 9:** Isaiah 35: 1-10; How do Christ and his coming fulfill any of the images and promises of this passage? Do any miracles, healings, teachings or other acts of Jesus recorded in the gospels relate to this passage in any way?

**Tuesday, December 10:** Matthew 11: 2-11; “Whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than” John only because the new order of Christ is greater than that of the Law and Prophets, of which John was the last prophet. How does today’s Gospel passage connect with yesterday’s passage from Isaiah 35? What was John’s emotional and spiritual state when he sent his message to Jesus? Why? When have you ever been in a similar emotional and spiritual state? What was of help?  
*“Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us”* From the Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

**Wednesday, December 11:** Psalm 146: 5-10; This passage is included in traditional Advent season readings because it describes those for whom the Lord’s coming would be good news, and what it means to “wait” for the Lord.  
*“Most of us consider waiting as something very passive, a hopeless state determined by events totally out of our hands....But there is none of this passivity in Scripture. Those who are waiting are waiting very actively. They know that what they are waiting for is growing from the ground on which they are standing. Active waiting implies being fully present to the moment with the conviction that something is happening where we are and that we want to be present to it.”* By Henri Nouwen

**Thursday, December 12:** James 5: 7-10; According to James, what do patience, or “active waiting” require in our relationship with God? In our relationships with others?  
*“If Christ’s first coming was an Advent of grace, and his last coming an Advent of glory, his current coming to us [in Spirit] is an Advent both of grace and of glory at the same time. By grace which gives us consolation, it also gives us a foretaste of the glory to come.”* Guerric of Igny, 12th C. Trappist monk.

**Friday, December 13:** Luke 1: 46b-55; Mary’s prayer, called “The Magnificat,” from “Magnificat anima mea Domino,” or, “My soul magnifies the Lord,” in Latin. Why do you think this prayer has been so important in Christian worship and spiritual life for so long? In what ways can you identify with Mary? What has God done for you that you would join Mary in celebration?

*“Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, And not within thyself, Thy soul will be forlorn”* Johann Scheffler, 17th C. Germany

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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>

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Those among us whom the holiday season will find home-bound, alone, or dealing with illness, losses, griefs and major transitions
- The people and our partner churches in Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti and Chile who are experiencing political difficulties and violence, as MWC member churches heed Jesus' call for the churches to be one body together, and to be peacemakers (Mennonite World Conference)
- The Congo Leadership Coaching Network, which has sent a team of 12 prepared for ministry in the Democratic Republic of Congo and a neighboring country, praising God for safe travels and a fruitful time of encouraging congregations, in difficult times (Mennonite Mission Network)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *"Dear Lord God, awaken us, that we may be ready when your dear Son comes, that we may receive him with joy and serve you with pure hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."* By Martin Luther

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**Nursery:**

This week: Carolyn Yoder, Kelsey Sommer

Next Week: Wendy and Jaclyn Roth

**Greeters Next Week:** Sheila Kauffman

Becky Swora, Dorothy Brenneman

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 136

Offering: \$10,419.65

Church Staff:

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