

# 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.

## Second Sunday of Advent

“Repentance”



December 6, 2020

Prelude Kristin Oakes  
Welcome Bill

Call to Worship Frank Howard  
HWB# 172 O come, O come, Immanuel—men's chorus  
Riu, Riu, Chiu—Men's chorus

Advent candle lighting Steve, Cassie & Mia Miller  
STJ #31 He Came Down - Jana

Children's Time: Mary Hears the Angel! Gina Hansen  
Song: "O come little children" Chris Keady

Scripture reading – Mark 1:1-8 Frank  
Message – "Jesus at Home - Repentance" Bill

HWB #318 Joy to the World  
Praise and Prayer Jana  
Benediction Frank

8:45 am  
10:00 am

**This Morning:**  
Sunday School Class: "Color of Compromise"  
Worship Service via Zoom

**This Afternoon/Evening:**  
No Activities

**This Week:**  
Tuesday, 10:00 am Bible Study via Zoom led by Pat Hershberger  
Thursday, 6:30 pm ZLT meets



### ***Advent Worship Schedule:***

December 13 (Jana): **Jesus at Home ♦ Restoration**

Isaiah 61; Psalm 126; Luke 1:46-55; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-28

December 20 (Bill): **Jesus at Home ♦ Revelation**

2 Sam 7:1-11; Luke 1:46-55; Ps 89:1-26; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

December 27 (Bill): **Jesus at Home ♦ Rejoicing**

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**Pastoral Search Update** – After initial conversation with a pastoral candidate, the search committee moved forward with contacting references and listening to sermons. The next step is for the search committee and Katherine Jameson Pitts, our conference minister, to have a more in-depth interview with the candidate (via Zoom). Your continued prayers are appreciated. (Seth Gingerich, Kiara Yoder, Ken Beachy, Stacy Berkey, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly).

**Visual Arts:** Thank you to Joe Harris, (nativity) and Callan Arellano and Jana Gingerich for our Advent visuals. The intent of including these visuals in our virtual Sunday services, as in our inperson services, is to support our worship. They are prepared to help lead us into worship as we contemplate the coming of

**Zion's Prayer Group** continues to meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in joining, or if you have any requests you would like prayer for, please contact Sheryl Mast or Jana.



**All-Church Christmas  
Card Distribution  
Sunday, Dec.13, 4:00-4:30 pm**

It's no secret that this year has created challenges for meeting and greeting others whom we sorely miss. Many people share Christmas Cards with each other in the congregation, but with church mailboxes not being used right now, we would like to help facilitate the spreading of Christmas cheer.

Between now and December 13, drop off your Christmas cards at the church office (look for Christmas box by glass doors-if church is locked), or at Judy Gingerich's house-3243 First Street, Hubbard OR. All cards will be gathered and sorted, and before Christmas they will be hand-delivered to our church families.

In addition, our **Drive-Up Christmas Celebration** will be on **Sunday, December 13 - 4:00-4:30 pm.** You may drop off your Christmas cards and pick up treats and a gift from Zion for your family.

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The *Voices Together* dedication launch will be **Sunday, December 13, from 2-4pm.** While this is not the celebration originally planned, it's exciting to celebrate virtually. The service will include songs, prayers, scripture, and of course, some virtual choirs. (*Nothing is more quintessential for 2020 than the virtual choir, right?*) The *Voices Together* committee—a team of dedicated volunteers who worked on this project since 2016—has planned this worship service as a way to introduce all of us to the content and hear from contributors. Everyone is welcome!

**[Register today!](http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/digital-launch-registration)**

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**Due to closures of printing facilities during COVID19 our new hymnals have not arrived yet. It will be awhile before we receive them. Sorry to those participating in the introduction, to not have a new hymnal to follow along with.**

**Budget Report:** Thank you for your financial giving during this year. We are grateful for the blessings God has given to us. We need \$74,737 to meet budget at year end. There are 4 weeks until year end. Please consider how you might help with our budget as we look to close out 2020.

**Office Hours:** All church facilities remain closed. Given the newest recommendations and state mandates, staff will be working from home. Please contact Bill, Jana, or Jodi by cell phone or email.

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**Stephen Ministry Vision:**

God has blessed his people with gifts to be actively involved in meaningful ministry. One goal of the church is to equip God's people for the work of ministry.

As the body of Christ on earth, all God's people have been called to love and care for one another. Our church is growing in care, as Stephen Ministers serve here at Zion. Stephen Ministers listen, accept, care and walk with a person who is going through a difficult time. They provide support, prayer, Scripture, forgiveness, unconditional acceptance, standing by the person ministering to his or her spiritual needs as God works through the relationship to bring hope and healing. Talk to Pastor Jana if you desire a Stephen Minister, or have interest in the training to be a Stephen Minister.



## Are we related?

Have your parents or your grandparents ever introduced someone to you by saying “Do you know Joshua? His dad is Joe, who is the neighbor of cousin John’s grandpa, David, who works with”.....and you think WAIT, who are you introducing me too--I’m so confused!??!! This has happened to me so often! Now that I’m a grown up, I sometimes laugh when I start to talk this way to MY kids. Sometimes Mennonites play something I’ve heard called ‘The Mennonite Game’. If they are around other Mennonites, no matter where, they can usually figure out some way they might be related—even if it’s seventh cousins! This week’s story is one I have to admit I sometimes skip over because it’s about genealogy—relatives!! But it’s a special group—the relatives of Jesus! Instead of reading it you can watch this fun video. [https://youtu.be/OvZW58LQg\\_k](https://youtu.be/OvZW58LQg_k)

Many of the people in Jesus’s family are not people who would have been noticed for being important, but God used each in a very special way!

Sometimes people can put too much importance on who we are related to--we might not even know our relatives! Whether we do or don’t, one thing we can ALL know is in this quick video song. Give it a listen: <https://youtu.be/91hKtFjeOkQ>

<https://www.godsstorygodssong.com> Week 27. Matthew 1:1-17

Remember this week that each one of you is a child of God -Love, Karen and Stacy

## prayer

Pray for **Shirley Gingerich**, recovering from kyphoplasty procedure, as she rests at home.

Pray for **Carolyn Neuschwander** and her chemo treatments for aggressive B-cell lymphoma.

Pray for **Ashley LaBare** who is now home and taking meds for IBS.

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing this year’s five **Service Adventure** units to find new ways to live in community and extend God’s work through local congregations. Pray for the units in Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Anchorage, Alaska; Jackson, Mississippi; and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**SOOP** has developed COVID-19 protocols that permit serving in some locations. While the Navajo Nation has a high rate of infections, most of the cases are further west than the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission. Pray for volunteers to serve through tutoring and Christmas activities.

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