

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.

Third Sunday of Advent

"Restoration"



December 13, 2020

Prelude Ian Oakes
Welcome/Prayer Jana
Call to Worship Bill
HWB#189 To Us a Child of Hope is Born

Advent candle lighting Emmet & Ethan Epp
STJ #31 He Came Down - Jana

Special Music - "Let it Be" - Allyson & Eva Coulombe

Children's Time: Joseph & Mary Travel Gina Hansen
Song: "O come little children" Chris Keady

Scripture reading – Isaiah 61:1-3 Bill
Message – "Jesus at Home - Restoration" Jana
HWB# 199 The First Noel
Praise and Prayer
Benediction

10:00 am

This Morning:
Worship Service via Zoom
This Afternoon/Evening:

2:00-4:00 pm
4:00-5:00 pm

Virtual **Voices Together** dedication
Drive Thru Christmas Celebration

This Week:

Tuesday, 10:00 am

Bible Study via Zoom led by
Pat Hershberger



Advent Worship Schedule:

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**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

January 3 (Bill): **Jesus at Home ♦ Radiance**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 10 (Bill): **Sermon on the Mount: Introduction**

Pastoral Search Update – After interviews and reference conversations, the search committee is recommending a candidate to the Zion Leadership Team. Your continued prayers are appreciated for the next steps as the Leadership Team determines how to move forward. (Seth Gingerich, Kiara Yoder, Ken Beachy, Stacy Berkey, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly)

Dear Zion Church Family, Thank you all for your continued prayers sent my way—I continue on this journey with a positive attitude and hope that God will give me strength through my chemo cycles. I am so thankful for all my church family, prayer warriors and my family for their love and support.

Love, Carolyn Neuschwander

All-Church Drive-Up Christmas Celebration!

TODAY! Sunday, Dec.13, 4:00-4:30pm

join us for our **Drive-Up Christmas Celebration.**

Caroling from your cars, will begin at 4:30 pm. You may drop off your Christmas cards and pick up treats and a gift from Zion for your family. **Bring Terracycle items to church during the drive up caroling event.**

Also we are happy to be able to give Bible story books to the 2 year olds and devotional Bibles to 3rd graders again this year. We will be doing that today, at Zion when we meet from 4:00 – 4:30 for our pre-Christmas gathering. We love our children and want them to enjoy their bibles regardless of whether we are able to meet together now or later! Zion Sunday School

Stacy & Karen

The ***Voices Together*** dedication launch will be TODAY, **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?*) Everyone is welcome!

<http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/digital-launch-registration>.

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 celebration, 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 \$67,359 to meet budget at year end. There are 3 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.





<https://www.godsstorygodssong.com> Password:
meta1234 Week 28.

Can you identify with “Mary’s Song” in this weeks story (Luke 1:46-55)? Mary sings: ““My soul gives glory to the Lord. My spirit delights in God my Savior. He has taken note of me even though I am not considered important” I’d think each of us can feel unimportant sometimes. The story starts with an Angel visiting Mary <https://youtu.be/aIb8szs0mzA> and her visit to her cousin Elizabeth <https://youtu.be/-tmkp1zPnfw>

Take some time to talk with your family this week about ways you are each important and ways God might be using you right now.

Remember how much he loves YOU!

Love, Stacy and Karen

prayer

- Each of us as we learn to see ourselves as beloved children of God and accept our calling to be God’s image bearers.
- Healing and comfort for Jodi Hansen who is recovering from collarbone surgery and Doug Gingerich who sustained apparent mini-strokes and further testing this past week.
- Prayers for Richard Caton who is being treated for depression at Brookside Keizer.
- Safety and well-being of hospital and nursing home workers. God, hold each one in your embrace with peace beyond understanding.
- Wisdom for all as opportunities arise in daily life and conversation to deescalate fear and hate and promote love and compassion.

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