

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.

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Hope



Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Prayer
Advent Candle Reading and Lighting
Worship in Song:
Offering Prayer
Passing the Peace

WORD

Children's Story: Joseph and His 8 Brothers
Scripture: Psalm 25: 1-10; Jeremiah 33:14-16
Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Benediction (see responsive reading)

9:00am
10:15 am

This Morning:

Sunday School Classes for all ages
Worship Service in person
or on Zoom <https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/>

This Afternoon:

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study via Zoom
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81190699512?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81190699512?pwd=MnRLR1I1Z1haejZ2NmpETGdRZFVlZz09)
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Tuesday 4:30pm

PLT Meeting

Wednesday 5:30pm

Prayer Team meets

Thursday 9:00am

Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

December 5, Second Sunday of Advent. "Peace"

December 12, Third Sunday of Advent. "Joy"

Please continue to practice Covid precautions in conjunction with Oregon Health Authority guidance.

Benediction:

Leader: In the darkened sky that hangs over humanity, hope seems a futile dream.

All: But we have hope as we leave this church.

Leader: Hope stirs in the resolution to celebrate the joys of each day.

All: Hope stirs as we assert our confidence in the Christian community.

Leader: Hope comes clear when we pass through the testing times, battered but unbroken.

All: Our hope finds a focus in the journey of a young couple to Bethlehem 2000 years ago – a journey in which we join.

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Seth Gingerich
Children's Story: Gina Hansen
Prelude: Kelsey Sommer

Quilting Workshop 2022: Mennonite Women have made the difficult decision to cancel Quilting Workshop in February. Please share the word and let those you know who enjoy attending that we hope to see them again in 2023.

Sing Your Own Messiah: We will not be hosting this event this year. Please let friends and family know.

If you are joining us for worship on Sunday mornings via Zoom and would like to have a hymnal at home to use during our singing time you are welcome to have a copy of the Voices Together hymnal on loan. Please let the Church Office know and we will make arrangements to get a copy for you.



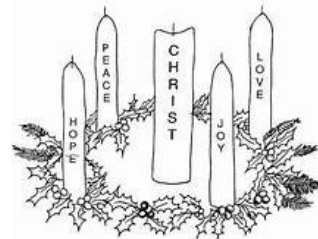
Consider supporting MCC through Gifts of Comfort and Joy, the 2021 Christmas giving guide. These gifts are not stuck in the supply chain back up, nor made of plastic or other non-renewable resources. Choose a gift that changes lives, like clean water, stocking a fish pond, mosquito nets, sewing machines and books for young readers. Visit: mcc.org/christmas to give a gift of hope

Juana Cortes is making wreaths again this holiday season!

Please consider supporting her small local/seasonal business by purchasing straight from her. Serenity Coulombe will not be taking orders this year. Please call or text Juana with your order and the date you would like to pick it up. \$25 for a regular 12" ring wreath. She does a lot more than just that though! Her number is (503) 984-4387.

Her address is 4524 Pacific Hwy 99E Hubbard, OR 97032

Budget Report: Offering 11/21/21: \$4,255
\$48,654 is needed by year end to meet budget; there are 5 Sundays remaining, which averages to \$9730 per week.



Holiday Season Schedule

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 5: *Peace*—Steve Bomar
(with communion)

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 12: *Joy*— Steve Bomar

Senior Christmas Tea, December 16: 2-4pm, Fellowship Hall

4th Sunday of Advent, December 19: *Love*— Wendell Amstutz

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, December 24: 5:00pm

*Church Office Closed December 24

Christmas Service, December 26: Steve Bomar

*Church Office Closed December 31

January 2: Steve Bomar (with communion)



Associate Pastor Review Summary for Jana Gingerich

PCRC received 31 reviews for Jana, processed them and presented the comments from the review to Jana. People's names were removed from the comments and held in confidence by PCRC members. Below is a synopsis of the review. Thanks to all who participated.

Comments given expressed that Jana is clearly demonstrating the love of God that flows through her into the relationships she has with the congregation. Jana has demonstrated growth in preaching and in worship leading and is perceived as becoming more and more comfortable in those roles. She demonstrated tremendous resilience during pastoral transitions and the pandemic. Jana was seen as a stabilizing force during troubled times. She also received positive recognition for her work in Stephens Ministries as well as being a person who is seen as dependable and available in times of troubles. She is perceived as "loyal, faithful, diligent, humble and committed". Those who specifically rated Jana's over-all performance clearly demonstrate that the congregation fully supports her and desires her continued ministry in this role.

Specific suggestion as to "growth" areas for Jana include taking a personal retreat, perhaps attending seminary or college classes, set "boundaries" in terms of what she will do based on her responsibilities, continue to release day to day work "details" to others, and demonstrate some level of outreach to the community.

PCRC members along with ZLT highly recommend Jana's continued employment under this job description and are fully supportive of Jana's work at Zion.

Collect MCC Relief Kits this Christmas Season!

Mennonite Central Committee needs relief kits to provide to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. While you're doing your Christmas shopping, consider picking up the following supplies. Place items in a box or bag and deliver them to the foyer anytime before New Year. Thank you for your generous support of the work of MCC! If you have questions, please contact Cynthia Hockman-Chupp or Nancy Beachy.

Kit Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 4 large bars bath soap
- Shampoo— 1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20oz; place in re-sealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)
- Sanitary Pads— *Thin* 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)
If possible, please purchase items for complete kits

In Prayer:

On this first Sunday of Advent, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity; let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. Over this Advent, we pray that **hope** would rise up in our spirits in a tangible and life-giving way.

Remember especially during this holiday season our friends at Hope Marquis, Countryside Living, Davenport Place, and those who are homebound. May they find comfort, peace and joy.

When the injustice of this world seems too much for us to handle, help us remember, Jesus, that you fed five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Give us hope that what we have to offer will turn out to be enough, too.

With Praise and Gratitude:

For our association with Stephen Ministry, which provides one-to-one care and support through confidential relationships grounded in Jesus' command to love one another and for those in our congregation who have answered the call to be Stephen ministers.

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