

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 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent **Love**



Prelude

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting and Reading

Worship in Song:

VT 223 *Blessed be the God of Israel*

VT 241 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Offering Prayer

Passing the Peace

WORD

Children's Story: Joseph reunites with his brothers

Special Music: Children's Sunday School classes with Chris Keady

Special Music: Ethan Epp

VT 259 *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

Scripture Presentation

Sermon: "Where's Waldo?"—Wendell Amstutz

RESPONSE

VT 239 *He Came Down*

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Benediction

Worship Leader: Steve Bomar
Song Leader: Stan Oyer
Children's Story: Gina Hansen

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:

Wednesday 5:30pm

Prayer Team meets via Zoom

Friday 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Service

****The Church Office will be Closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31****

Worship Schedule:

December 26: Steve Bomar. *No Sunday School Classes*

January 2: Steve Bomar. Communion service

Jana is enjoying vacation time this weekend.

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

The Tuesday morning Bible Study is on a Christmas recess. They will meet again beginning on Tuesday, January 4 for a study on 2 Peter. Contact Pat Hershberger if you have any questions about the study or would like to join. They meet via Zoom.

Sunday School Class Update!

What: Read and discuss [The Land Is Not Empty](#)
by Sarah Augustine

When: 8:45-9:45am Sunday, starting January 9th

Where: Zoom - meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83381910400?pwd=bVRxbVBxa1pUV3l3aEJJVEp5dWJsQT09>

Anyone who would like to discuss the book is welcome to join. Contact Kiara Yoder for more information or if you have any questions.

Budget Report: Offering 12/12/21: \$7,660
\$19,980 needed by year end to meet budget.

Christmas Week Schedule

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24: 5:00pm

Worship Service

December 26: 10:15am

***There will be NO Sunday School
on December 26***



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

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Zion's Family Retreat is scheduled for January 21-23, 2022 at Drift Creek Camp. In order to move forward with planning, we need to know if we have enough people interested in attending. If you plan to attend, please email or text Vonnie Oyer (vonnioyer@gmail.com, 503.915.1169) by Friday, December 31.

To my church family: I thank you for all your prayers for me and my family, as I also do for you. May you all have a Happy New Year. Love to you all. —Luella Hostetler

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS REFLECTION AND UPDATE FROM ZLT

Come Let us reason together...

Ephesians 4:2 *With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,*

The Zion Leadership Table (ZLT) recognizes that there are various opinions about how to implement application of current mask requirements and guidelines from the Governor's Office and OHA. ZLT has decided to continue to honor the spirit and intent of the masking restrictions as outlined by OHA Administrative Rule 333-019-1025. ZLT has come to this conclusion through much prayer, discussion and discernment. We believe that we are following God's will in this decision, being led by God's Spirit as we seek do his will.

While leadership wants to find a way for us all to meet safely in person, it is simply not possible to incorporate the mask preferences of all our members. As Leadership we evaluate the ever-changing realities of the pandemic and do our best to make appropriate adjustments. Our desire is to continue to listen as we journey through this pandemic together, making sure that we keep open minds and open hearts. If any of you have further input or wish to discuss our current approach to safety during this pandemic PCRC members would be happy to meet with you. Contact the Church Office by phone or email.

In Prayer:

On this fourth 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 **love** would rise up in our spirits in a tangible and life-giving way.

Pray for Mennonite Disaster Service and other organizations immediately responding to the devastating tornados in the mid-west this week, and for the families of victims who lost their lives, and for the countless others who have lost their homes, possessions, businesses, schools, and churches.

We glorify God for answered prayer—the remaining twelve hostages are FREE! Join us in praising God that all seventeen of our loved ones are now safe. Thank you for your fervent prayers throughout the past two months. We hope to provide more information as we are able. (Christian Aid Ministries)

With Praise and Gratitude:

For our partnerships in ministry, including Vida Feliz Senior Center, meeting the needs the elderly in El Torno Bolivia, and for the donations and monetary support provided which covers the salaries of the center's administrators.

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