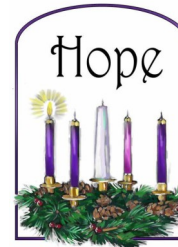




Zion Mennonite Church

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Growing 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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER OF SERVICE

-November 27, 2022-

GATHERING

Welcome
Prayer and Announcements
Call to Worship (see insert)
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting
Congregational Singing
Prayer for the Offering
Passing the Peace

WORD

Congregational Singing
Children's Story
Scripture Presentation: Isaiah 64:19
Sermon: "Hope" —Jana Gingerich

RESPONSE

Response Song
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Sending Words

Prelude: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes
Worship Leader: Frank Howard
Song Leader: Seth Gingerich
Children's Story: Ken Kauffman

Sing Your Own Messiah

Saturday, December 3, 7:00pm

Please bring finger foods for fellowship afterwards

Senior Christmas Tea

Thursday, December 15, 2-4pm

Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24, 5:00PM

Christmas Worship Service

Sunday, December 25, 10:15am

No Sunday School

In Prayer:

Continue to pray for our church family to let God's faithfulness, gentleness, humbleness, and grace be our strength.

Continue to pray for Marilyn VanPelt who has a surgical consultation this week. Pray for pain relief and good rest for her, and for wisdom and timing in surgery scheduling.



This Morning:
 8:30am Potluck Breakfast Fellowship
 9:00am Sunday School classes for all ages
 10:15am Worship Service in Person and via Zoom

This Afternoon/Evening:
 No Activities

This Week:
 Monday, 1:30pm Stephen Ministrers meet
 Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom
 Tuesday 6:30pm Prayer Group meets
 Thursday, 9:00am Mennonite Women meet
 Thursday, 4:00pm PLT meets
 Saturday, 7:00pm Sing Your Own Messiah

Nursery Schedule:

Today: Vonnie Oyer, Serenity Coulombe
 Next week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila

Budget Report: Offering 11/20/22—\$

A membership and baptism class will meet Sunday from 9:00-10:00am on November 27, December 4, 11, and 18 in the West Skylight Room.
 Contact: Pastor Steve (zionpastor.sb@canby.com)

A six-week long Sunday school class based on a video series and discussion questions called "How to Read the Bible Through a Love-Centered Lens" by Jared Byas meets in the East Skylight Room.
 Contact: Stan Oyer (oyer@canby.com)

Tuesday morning Bible Study begins a new study on November 29 at 10 a.m. on Zoom. *Expecting Emmanuel* by Joanne Haarder looks at eight women who prepared the way for Jesus. Additional study guides are available.
 Contact: Pat Hershberger (wphershberger@gmail.com)

Primary Sunday School gifts new Bibles to kids in the 3rd—5th grade. In the hallway outside the Skylight classrooms, there is a table with some Bibles. Please consider marking or highlighting your favorite or a meaningful passage and write your name in the margin beside it. This is a great way to personalize this gift from the Zion Church family.

Results of Congregational Poll

Responses = 97
 Yes = 77 (80.4%)
 Yes, without condition = 59 (60.8%)
 Yes, with the following conditions = 19 (19.6%)
 No = 18 (18.5%)
 No, with the following conditions = 11 (11.3%)
 No, without condition = 7 (7.2%)
 Abstain = 1 (1%)

Thank you for your participation and your continued prayer. We believe this process has provided clarity for individuals about our congregational perspective and this will allow church leadership to focus on other priorities. Please keep in mind that our diverse perspectives mean while some in our congregation appreciate the outcome others may find it discouraging.
And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near. -Hebrews 10:24-25 (CEB)

2023 West Coast Borderlands Learning Tour

Plan ahead and join community leaders and other interested individuals for a weeklong learning tour on the border, February 5-11, 2023. This will be a great opportunity to engage in the realities of immigration from a different perspective. You will have the opportunity to grow in understanding the complexities of the Mexico-U.S. border and learn how to better serve communities affected by the U.S immigration system. Registration and additional details are available at: mcc.org; click on "Events near you". Registration deadline is January 6, 2023 and cost is \$800/person attending.
 Kelly Yoder is Zion's MCC Representative if you have additional questions.