

I want to thank Zion. I asked for help, and you showed up in a big way to support the 91 School food drive. Your support was amazing! We were able to send several full, generous boxes of food and gifts to 37 families. —Stephanie Moyer

We would like to say "Thank You" for the beautiful white Amaryllis plant from our church family. It was wonderful to visit with Julie Yoder when she came. Thank you so much.

—Lloyd and Shirley Martin

THANK YOU to my Zion church family (Good Cheer) for the beautiful Amaryllis bulb, which has just started to bloom! We will enjoy watching it, as it has many more flowers to still open! Thank you for the cards and phone calls too... I have appreciated you all!

To the many who helped and made the Senior Christmas party happen on Thurs: It was so beautifully decorated, and the treats were tasty! Very enjoyable—THANKS!

Merry Christmas everyone...Remember the REASON for the SEASON ~ —Blessings, Carol Stringer

## In Prayer:

*Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas, Stars and angels gave the sign.  
Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine;  
Love to God and all men, Love for plea, and gift, and sign.*

Pray for health for those in our church, our families and community. Many people are experiencing illness and some very seriously. May God's healing hand bring comfort and relief.



# 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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ORDER OF SERVICE

-December 18, 2022-

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

*Oh How Shall I Receive Thee (VT 215)*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (VT 245)*

*Hope Is a Candle (VT 211)*

Prayer for the Offering

Passing the Peace

WORD

*Helpless and Hungry/What Child is This (VT 268/267)*

Children's Story

Children's Songs: *Away in a Manger; Silent Night*

*This Little Light Of Mine*

Scripture Presentation: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (VT 218)*

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Sending Words

Prelude: Justin Hansen  
Worship Leader: Anne Bomar  
Song Leader: Julie Yoder  
Children's Story: Jeremy Gingerich



**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:**  
 Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom  
                   6:30pm Prayer Group meets  
 Wed. 9:30-11:30am Open Family Gym time  
 Saturday 5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

#### **Nursery Schedule:**

Today: Karen Kropf, Ally, Eva, Luci Coulombe  
 Next week: Nursery Not Staffed

**Budget Report:** Offering 12/11/22—\$6,786.

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#### **The Church Office will be open 9:00-noon Tuesday, December 27.**

Staff will have minimal other office hours during the week of Christmas to New Year. Please call ahead.

**Budget Report:** Thank you for your financial giving during this year. We are grateful for all of the contributions that support the ministries of Zion. There are 2 Sundays left until year end and we need \$48,814.61 to meet our anticipated expenses. This amount is less than needed for the full approved budget because some budgeted items were not fully spent this year.

Please consider how you might help with our budget as we look to close out 2022.

**Looking for something to do over Christmas break?** Come to Zion for open gym, puzzles, games or coloring, and fellowship time. All ages welcome! December 21st and 27th from 9:30-11:30am. Contact the Church Office with questions.

**Zion's All-Church Retreat** at Drift Creek Camp is January 20-22, 2023. There is no cost for this retreat as funds have been budgeted. Invite your friends. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
 Saturday, December 24, 5:00PM

**Christmas Worship Service**  
 Sunday, December 25, 10:15am  
*No Breakfast, No Sunday School*

**New Year's Worship Service**  
 Sunday, January 1, 10:15am  
*No Breakfast, No Sunday School*

**The family of J. Robert Fisher invite you** to help them celebrate his 100th birthday on Thursday, December 29 from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall at Zion.

**Jubilee Food Pantry:** Many of you have already known that we are closing but some have not heard the news yet. Over the past 13 years you all have been a significant support to us in this journey. Many of you have prayed, donated food, encouraged us with words, bagged beans and rice, sent money, helped organize the pantry, weeded the garden, and so many other things! **We want to thank you for these many actions and invite you to our very last food pantry day, Tuesday, December 20. Drop in anytime between 4-7:00pm.**(2492 Baines Blvd, Hubbard) We will have tacos, hot drinks and music! It would be wonderful to see all of you and celebrate the goodness and love of our God together!

—Andy and Serenity Coulombe

#### **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. Registration and additional details are available at: [mcc.org](https://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.