

Tuesday morning Bible Study is taking a short break and will meet again on Tuesday, November 28 and begin an Advent study. Contact Pat Hershberger (503-510-6642) if you are interested in joining.

The Primary Sunday School department is in need of a 3rd-5th grade teacher for one quarter—December, January, February. If you would be willing to teach, please talk to Eliza Gingerich (215-285-3901) or Vonnie Oyer (503-915-1169)

PLEASE NOTE: Zion Cemetery plot and columbarium niche prices will be increasing by \$100 on January 1, 2024. If you would like to purchase a plot or niche prior to the increase, contact Vonnie Oyer. (503-915-1169)

In Prayer:

As we're called to pray for others, *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people"* (1 Timothy 2:1)

Remember Florence Regier in your prayers this week. She recently spent some time in the hospital but is gaining her strength. Pray for wisdom in her continuing care.

Pray also for those who deal with difficulties in their lives, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually. May God give them strength, courage and hope for better days.



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

ORDER OF SERVICE -November 12, 2023-

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Great Is The Lord (HWB 87)

For The Beauty Of The Earth (HWB 89)

Could It Be That God Is Singing (VT 42)

Prayer for the Offering

Passing the Peace

WORD

Children's Story

Scripture Presentation: Hosea 11:1-9

Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song: *God Loves His Many People (VT 767)*

Prayers of the People: *God Be The Love (VT 43)*

SENDING

Benediction

Prelude: Kristin Oakes
Worship Leader: Kara Kropf
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich
Children's Story: Anne Bomar



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Office hours: 9am-noon Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Please contact our Church Office if you would like to be included in our church correspondence, if you would like prayer, or a pastoral visit.

Sunday:

8:30am Potluck Breakfast Fellowship
9:00am Sunday School classes for all ages
10:15am Worship Service

This Week:

Thursday, 6:30pm Zion Leadership Table meeting

Nursery Schedule:

This Week: Virginia Broderick, Luci Coulombe

Next Week: Stacy Berkey, Eva Coulombe

Worship Schedule:

November 19: Creation Care Sunday

November 26: Steve Bomar

Budget Report: Offering 11/5/23: \$19,515.92

Creation Care Sunday | November 19

Our worship service will be focused on how we partner with God as stewards entrusted with the care of God's Creation. Several members will share examples of decisions being made in their own lives that involve stewardship awareness. After nearly a year of work and preparation we are set to begin site preparation for an outdoor structure with solar panels.

When the service concludes, we will invite our younger participants to take the first steps in site preparation. We will move outside to the west of the sanctuary for this portion of the service. *If you have small shovels, please bring them for our younger children to use.*

We will collect a special offering to further fund our solar panel project. Please mark any checks with "solar project" in the memo line. We are also exploring micro loans as a possible funding source for the project. Contact Carolyn Yoder (503-956-1030) for more information.

Join us as, together, we worship the God of all creation, bring awareness to God's invitation to stewardship, and acknowledge those who have served as stewards of this land before us.

The children will be participating in a short Christmas program during the morning worship service on December 17. The reading parts are assigned, and I will hand out the scripts to the children today. Readers are Ethan E., Levi M., Quinton B., Eli G., Jack G., Liesel S., Olive G., Isaac M., and Felix B. The six songs are first verses of *O Come Little Children*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *Away in a Manger*, *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World*, and *Run Shepherds Run*, which was written just for the program and should be easily learned during Sunday School singing time. All the children (and guests) are included in the singing of the songs, and holding the letter boards. Dress rehearsal will be during the Sunday School hour on December 17th, and we will practice the songs each Sunday morning prior. Please help your children practice the readings and songs as often as you can to be sure they are all comfortable and able to enjoy the program.

—Chris Keady

In a Pickle?

Sunday, November 19th the church gym will be open from 6pm-8pm for anyone interested in playing Pickle Ball. We will have two courts set up including paddles and balls. Doubles, singles, and all skill levels welcome including first-timers.



Let's Put the ART in PARTY!

**Ladies! Join us for a fun time to be creative
-Paint, Chat, & Snack-**

Sunday, November 19, 3-5PM in the Fellowship Hall

You bring your inspiration and we'll provide paint canvases and supplies. Paint or feel free to bring your own art project. To help with planning, let Jenna Oyer (319-471-7870) know if you can make it or sign up on the bulletin board.