

Tue Dec 12, 7:30PM: Paul Masingila, CHS Band Concert, Fine Arts Center

Tue Dec. 12, 7:30PM: Eva Park-Williams, Band Concert, Tualatin High School Auditorium (contact Anna Park at 503.930.1525 for carpooling)

Fri. Dec. 15, 7PM: Eva Coulombe, Girls Basketball Game at NMHS

Sat. Dec. 16, 10AM: Paul Masingila. Wrestling Meet at CHS

In Prayer:

Will you allow yourself to be stretched to hold more of God this Advent season?

Stretch me, God Almighty, enlarge my heart with the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our redeemer, our liberator, the One who sets us free. Stretch me with your presence within, enlarge my heart, my spirit, my capacity to hold what you are growing within me.

Stretch me, God Almighty,

with a love for peace and justice and righteousness.

Stretch me with compassion and generosity and love.

Stretch me with a desire for more of you.

—By Christine Sine

Lord, God of mercy, in the midst of this Advent season, hear our confession that we haven't always loved and cared in the ways we should. Thank you that you offer us **hope**, **love**, **joy**, **and peace**—help us to see it!

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER OF SERVICE -December 10, 2023-

GATHERING Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship Advent Reading and Candle Lighting Congregational Singing Prayer for the Offering Passing the Peace WORD Children's Story Scripture Presentation: Isaiah 40:1-11 Sermon RESPONSE **Response Song** Stories of Hope SENDING **Benediction**

> Worship Leader: Anne Bomar Song Leader: Charlie Gingerich Children's Story: Kiara Yoder

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
5:30pm Youth Regressive Dinner (meet at church)
6-8:00pm Pickleball Open Gym

This Week:

Monday, 6:30pmZion Leadership Table MeetingTuesday, 10:00amBible Study via ZoomThursday, 2:00pmSenior TeaSaturday, 4:00pmSing Your Own Messiah

Nursery Schedule:

This Week: Eliza Gingerich, Kara Kropf Next Week: Vonnie Oyer, Ally Weatherford **Worship Schedule:** December 17: Third Sunday of Advent; Children's Program December 24: Candlelight Service **Budget Report**: Offering 12/3/23: \$7,523.91

Year End Budget Update: 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 four Sundays left until year end and we need approximately \$28,000 to meet our anticipated expenses. Please consider how you might help with our budget as we look to close out 2023.

If you would like to donate to Centro De Ancianos Vida Feliz in Bolivia as part of your year-end giving, please feel free to write those checks to Zion with "Vida Feliz" noted in the memo. All other charitable donations should be written and sent directly to the organization of choice.

A low voices choir will be singing "O Holy Night" in our candlelight worship service on Sunday, December 24. **Today (Dec, 10th) there will be a rehearsal** in the Gym with Lois Yoder right after the service.

Pickleball Open Gym: Sundays, 6-8PM. We will have two courts set up including paddles and balls. Doubles, singles, and all skill levels welcome, including first-timers!



Senior Christmas Tea Thursday, December 14 | 2-4PM Fellowship Hall

Sing Your Own Messiah Saturday, December 16 | 4PM Refreshments to follow *please consider bringing a prepared finger food to share with guests

Sunday School Children's Program Sunday, December 17 | 10:15AM worship service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sunday, December 24 | 10:15AM worship service



As you're preparing your Christmas cards, you're welcome to contact the Church Office for a church directory or mailing address if someone you know does not have a church mailbox.

Recyclers: One last chance to recycle those well-used or damaged food storage containers (Tupperware, Rubbermaid, etc.) The program is closing at the end of this month, meaning I need to send the shipment by 12/15. Gather up those items along with your toothbrushes/deodorant containers and get them to the church soon! Thanks! Kristin Oakes (oakeskr@gmail.com)