I want to thank my Zion family for the amaryllis flower grow kit I received. It is fun watching the bulb grow a little each day. Looking forward to lovely blooms in a few weeks. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and hopefully peace in our world in the coming year. —Fondly, Donna Ollis

## In Prayer:

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen. ~attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people form their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet; The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel — which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:21-23

# 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 -December 24, 2023-

Prelude Video Choir: O Holy Night **Opening Prayer and Welcome** Advent Reading and Candle Lighting **Devotional: Steve Bomar** I Heard the Bells on Christmas Dav Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4 Here I Am to Worship O Come All Ye Faithful Children's Story The First Noel Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 Angels We Have Heard On High Candle Lighting Silent Niaht Joy To the World Sendina



Prelude: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich and Steve Bomar Song Leader: Jana Gingerich Children's Story: Gina Hansen

> 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 Fellowship9:00am Sunday School classes for all ages10:15am Worship Service

This Week:

No Activities \*Pastor Jana will be out of the office this week\*

#### Nursery Schedule:

This Week: Luke Sommer, Ron Kropf Next Week: Kiara Yoder, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly **Worship Schedule:** December 31: God's Kingdom Announced. Steve Bomar January 7: Jesus' Ministry Begins. Steve Bomar **Budget Report**: Offering 12/17/23: \$6,693.78

NOTE: No Pickleball Sunday evening



**PrimeTimers (Seniors):** Every time there is a fifth Sunday in a month, we will have lunch together after church. Meet at the chosen restaurant or gather to carpool. On Sunday, December 31, we will plan to go to Langdon Farms (24377 NE Airport Rd. Aurora).

Contact Pat Hershberger for more information. 503-510-6642

#### **Your Contact Info**

Want to receive information about upcoming church events? Make sure we have your updated contact information and email. Weekly church emails include announcements and a copy of the week's bulletin.

Fill out a welcome card located next to one of our Offering Boxes and drop it in the box; we will take it from there.

A Church Directory is available from Church Office.

**Year End Giving:** \$9,000 is needed to cover our anticipated 2023 expenses.

**Zion Solar Project:** A detailed Solar Project Financial Update is coming in January.

Estimated Total:	\$160,000
Current Contributions:	\$101,230
Grant Incentives:	\$ 30,000
Still Needed:	\$ 28,769

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Thank you for your generous giving throughout the year. Your ongoing contributions support our ministries here at Zion and various ministry partners we support.

Donations to Vida Feliz Senior Center can be made to Zion with "Vida Feliz" noted in the memo. *Donations to organizations like MCC, Bridging Cultures and Drift Creek Camp should be sent directly to the organization.* 

Come join for a weekend of relaxation, fun, and fellowship!



### Zion Family Retreat January 26-28 at Drift Creek Camp

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. There is no cost to attend, but we ask you to prayerfully consider bringing a silent auction item as funds from this auction will benefit DCC.

For any questions call or text Jenna Oyer (319-471-7870) or Jared Oyer (503-989-7213). We hope to see you there!