I appreciate hearing from you and hope you all had a wonderful celebration of Jesus Christ's birth with your family. Thank you for the Christmas cards, prayers, calls and the beautiful red amaryllis bulb. The plant is just opening up now and so beautiful! Blessings in the new year to each of you. May you seek His will in each of your lives in 2024.

—Carol Stringer

I want to thank my Zion Church family for the amaryllis bulb. I have had them before. In fact, I have three of them now. The one from you has two stalks that will bloom. It is fun to watch them grow each day. I will have flowers for many weeks. Wishing you all a happy new year in 2024, and peace in the world.

-Luella Hostetler



Luke Bomar—Capitol Football Club Soccer Winter season games on weekends through March 17 in the Salem and Portland area. For details contact Anne Bomar, 559–301–1953

Upcoming Youth Events: Feb. 11, 5:30pm – Fondue Party Mar.17. 5:30pm – St. Pat's Party

In Prayer:

Lord, God of all, hear our praise and thanksgiving for Your light, hope, love, and peace so freely offered to us all. Open our eyes this year to where You are working.

Hear our prayers for those needing healing: Levi Yoder recovering from a fall; Felix Burleson with a broken arm. Protect us from illness, and provide for those suffering physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually.

May your peace bring the end to wars and injustices in our world.

We give our thanks to You, O Lord, our provider and redeemer. Amen.



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

-January 14, 2024-

Prelude

GATHERING Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship **Congregational Singing** For the Beauty of the Earth V(T 120) You Are Salt for the Earth (VT 297) Prayer for the Offering Passing the Peace WORD Joys are Flowing Like a River (VT 375) Children's Story Scripture Presentation: Mark 4:1-34 Sermon RESPONSE Response Song: In the Bulb There is a Flower (VT 670) Prayers of the People SENDING **Benediction**

> Prelude: Kristin Oakes, Karen Tro Worship Leader: Andy Coulombe Song Leader: Stan Oyer Children's Story: Jana Gingerich

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 Pizza and Game Night at Church 6:00pm Pickleball Open Gym This Week: Tuesday, 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom Nursery Schedule: This Week: Jesse Fitzpatrick, Jorge Tro Next Week: Chris Keady, Mary Masingila Worship Schedule: January 21: Jesus Heals an Outcast. Steve Bomar Budget Report: Offering 1/7/24: \$5,631

Annual Church Budget Meeting: Sunday, February 4

The Zion Leadership Table would like to thank everyone for their support of the 2023 church budget. Our total expenses for the year were \$317,677 and the total giving was \$343,647. A proposed budget for 2024 has been developed and will be offered for congregational approval at the budget meeting on February 4th, following a potluck lunch.

Offerings can be put in the two wall-mounted offering boxes, mailed to the church or dropped off at the church office, or given electronically online through Vanco at <u>zionmennoniteoregon.org/</u><u>GIVE</u>.

Zion Youth Build Your Own Pizza & Game Night This Sunday, Jan 14th, 5:30pm

Craft a pizza just the way you like it and share it with friends while we play table games and pickleball. We will have multiple sauce and topping options available. If you have something weird you've always wanted to try on pizza feel

free to bring it with you for a group experiment.

Zion Family Retreat January 26-28 at Drift Creek Camp

For planning purposes, it is helpful if you can sign up by Sunday, January 21. See the bulletin board or call/text Jenna Oyer (319-471-7870)

Everyone is invited to join for all or part of the weekend. There is no cost to attend, but please consider bringing a silent auction item as proceeds from this auction will benefit DCC. And the more items, the more fun!



No Primary Sunday School classes on Sunday, January 28 due to Family Retreat at DCC

Church Photo Album:

Cynthia Hockman-Chupp and Jenna Oyer are interested in putting together a Zion Christmas card/letter photo album. If you are interested in contributing your card/letter for the 2023 Christmas season please place those in either Jenna or Cynthia's church mailbox. We are hoping to make this a yearly tradition.