



If you know of youth activities happening, please email details to the Church Office to be added in that week's bulletin. zionmc@canby.com

In Prayer:

Father God, every word in scripture points to the gift of hope that we have because of Jesus. The Christmas story wasn't the beginning of that message of hope, because the Old Testament is full of glimpses of your plan to redeem your people and restore them into a relationship with you, but we are able to truly begin to see and understand just how great your love for us is when we read the story of Jesus' birth in scripture.

Help us to see that you are with us today, too. Nothing is too difficult, too messy, or too dirty for you. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the salvation that only you, our Heavenly Father, can give.

That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

Sermon Notes:



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER OF SERVICE

-December 1, 2024-



Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting
Congregational Singing
Offering Blessing

WORD

Congregational Singing
Children's Time
Scripture Presentation: Daniel 6:6-22
Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song
Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Prelude: Lois Yoder
Worship Leader: Kiara Yoder
Song Leader: Karie Smucker
Children's Story: Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly



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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. zionmc@canby.com | 503-651-2274

Sunday:

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

This Week:

Tuesday, 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom
Thursday, 9:00am Zion Mennonite Women meeting
Thursday, 5:30pm Stephen's Ministry meeting

Pastor Steve will be out of the office enjoying vacation time December 6-19. For emergencies, contact Jana.

Upcoming Events

December 12: Senior Christmas Tea
December 21: Sing Your Own Messiah
December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Worship Schedule:

December 8: Second Sunday of Advent: Peace
CHS Cantalinas
December 15: Third Sunday of Advent: Joy
Children's Christmas Program

Nursery Schedule:

This week: Mary Masingila, Toby Keady
Next Week: Shawn Epp, Karen Kropf
Budget Report: Offering 11/24/24: \$595.00

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 \$48,000 to meet our anticipated expenses.

Please consider how you might help with our budget as we look to close out 2024. If you would like to donate to Vida Feliz Senior Center 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.

CONCLUSION TO PASTOR STEVE'S REVIEW

The ZLT has recommended that Steve Bomar continue his pastoral role here at Zion without reservations. The congregational responses to the review questions demonstrate that he continues to meet the job description expectations with high ratings. Ratings are especially high in planning and leading worship, preaching and teaching, and church rituals. Individual comments repeatedly mention thoughtful/knowledgeable sermons, involvement with parenting class and calm leadership.

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS— A Vecinos Event

What: Enjoy Guatemalan food and a Mariachi band while getting to know your local community
When: Saturday, December 7 from 4pm-7pm
Where: Woodburn High School Cafeteria
1785 N Front Street, Woodburn, OR 97071
How much: FREE!

Youth Regressive Dinner Hosts Needed

Sunday, January 5 starting at 5:30p

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to host one dinner course in their home, preferably located close to the church to cut-down on drive time between locations. If you'd like to participate in this fun event, please reach out to Steve at sbomar@zionhubbard.org



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