



Eva & Luci —North Marion Girls Basketball (V)
Tues. Dec. 17 7PM: Home game vs. Scappoose

In Prayer:

This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus’ birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn’t dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn’t depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

Father, you offer that same joy to us now if we know you and recognize Jesus as our Savior and Lord. You gave us a reason to celebrate when you gave us the unspeakable gift of Jesus Christ. You came to dwell among us. You went to Calvary’s cross for us. You overcame death and rose from the dead for us. You forgive our sins and give us eternal life when we believe in you.

Our joy doesn’t come from our jobs, our family, our relationships, our finances, or our success. Our joy doesn’t come from what we have on earth or who we are with. Our joy is a gift. It is the gift that you gave us that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. Our joy is encompassed in our Savior, King Jesus. Flood our heart with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus’ birth. In Jesus’ precious name we pray. Amen.

-by Hope Bollinger



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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER OF SERVICE

-December 15, 2024-



- Prelude
- GATHERING
 - Welcome
 - Call to Worship
 - Advent Reading and Candle Lighting
 - Congregational Singing
 - Bolivia Sharing
 - Offering Blessing
 - Passing the Peace
- WORD
 - Children’s Christmas Program
- RESPONSE
 - Prayers of the People
- SENDING
 - Benediction

Prelude: Zion Youth
Worship Leader: Karie Smucker
Song Leader: Jani Vanpelt

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.
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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
Saturday, 4:00pm Sing Your Own Messiah

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

Upcoming Events

December 22: Youth Group pizza & bowling
December 29: 5th Sunday Senior Dinner

Worship Schedule:

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love
December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 29: Pastor Steve will be preaching

Nursery Schedule:

This week: Chris Keady, Dylan
Next Week: Eliza Gingerich, Jenna Oyer
Budget Report: Offering 12/8/24: \$16,155.82

Year End Giving Update: *Thank you for your generous support of Zion again this year! There are two Sundays left in 2024, and we need approximately \$24,000 to meet our anticipated expenses.*



A big thank you to Josh, who created the beautiful Advent artwork being displayed up front. We so appreciate you sharing your gift with us this Christmas season.

We want to thank everyone for your cards, words of comfort and support at the passing of my dad. We appreciated the beautiful poinsettia plant arrangement that Julie brought to us from Zion also.

-Kelly Yoder and family

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Bre Epp has been hired as the permanent Office Administrator at Zion. We are glad to have Bre in this position! The office hours for all church staff are 9am - 12pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.



Upcoming Holiday Events

Sing Your Own Messiah

Saturday, December 21 | 4PM
Please bring finger foods to share
**See below for additional details*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24 | 5PM

New Year's Eve Celebration

Tuesday, December 31 | 8PM-12AM

**There will be a rehearsal for the choir at 3pm, 1 hour prior to performance time. The director asks that singers consider practicing the following choruses at home:
4, 7, 9b, 12, 17, 22, 24, 33, 44, 46, and 53.*

You Are Invited to the 5th Sunday Senior Dinner

December 29 at 11:45 am at Country Cottage Restaurant
in Woodburn Senior Estates

Please sign up today if you will be able to join us.



ZION CHRISTMAS CARD SCRAPBOOK

For those interested in contributing, we are making a scrapbook of the congregation's Christmas cards! To be included, leave your card or letter in the box located near the mailboxes. Contact Jenna Oyer at (319) 471-7870 or Cynthia Hockman-Chupp with any questions.