



Eva & Luci —North Marion Girls Basketball (V)
 Fri. Dec. 27 2:45PM: Home game vs. Riverside

In Prayer:

Heavenly Father, the whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent helps us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus.

The greatest gift of all came that first Christmas. It wasn't wrapped in a beautiful package and set under a decorated tree. The greatest gift came wrapped in the flesh of baby Jesus and laid in the rough wood of a manger. Our perfect gift would later be rewrapped in the scars of our sin and nailed to the rugged wood of a cross on Calvary, all because of love.

Father, this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of that truth. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.
 -by Hope Bollinger



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER OF SERVICE

-December 22, 2024-



Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Congregational Singing

Go Tell It on the Mountain (VT 252)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (VT 247)

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born (VT 259)

Offering Blessing

Passing the Peace

WORD

Congregational Singing

Angels We Have Heard on High (VT 249)

Away in a Manger (VT 257)

Children's Time

Scripture Presentation: Luke 1:26-45, 46-56

Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song: *He Came Down (VT 239)*

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Benediction

Prelude: Kelsey Sommer
 Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
 Song Leader: Stan Oyer
 Children's Story: Daphne Kropf



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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.
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CHURCH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
In effect the weeks of Christmas & New Years
Monday & Tuesday 9AM—Noon

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
Tuesday, 5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Upcoming Events

December 29: 5th Sunday Senior Dinner
December 31: New Years Eve Celebration

Worship Schedule:

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 29: Pastor Steve will be preaching

Nursery Schedule:

This week: Eliza Gingerich, Jenna Oyer
Next Week: Gina Hansen, Louise Gingerich

Budget Report: Offering 12/15/24: \$7,335.10

Year End Giving Update: *Thank you for your generous support of Zion again this year! There is one Sunday left in 2024, and we need approximately \$17,000 to meet our anticipated expenses. Also, 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.*

Next week is the 5th Sunday Senior Dinner!

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



It's not too late to contribute to Zion's 2024 Christmas Card Scrapbook! Just leave your card or letter in the box located near the mailboxes.

Questions? Contact Jenna Oyer
or Cynthia Hockman-Chupp

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

December 24th at 5 pm

Come celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth with us during a short service of Christmas hymns and scripture readings.

Come as you are, and bring your friends and family, too!



A big thank you to Chris Keady, and all of her helpers, for putting together such a special Children's Christmas Program again this year! It brings such joy to have the children participate in Worship. Your hard work is a blessing to us all.

Thanks to my church family for the cards, prayers, and phone calls, and also a beautiful bouquet when I returned from the hospital. Also, thank you for the pretty little Poinsettia and Ideals magazine for Christmas! We don't go out much due to various doctor visits each week, and I have very little immunity with this disease. Denny has his own health issues too, but we are very thankful as it could be much worse. Merry Christmas Blessings to all, and remember the REASON FOR THE SEASON!

- Carol (& Denny) Stringer