



Eva & Luci —North Marion Girls Basketball (M)
Fri. Jan 3 7PM: Home game vs. Seaside

Upcoming Youth Events

January 5 at 5:30pm: Regressive Dinner

In Prayer:

Father God, we thank You and praise You for the miracle of Your Son's birth. Thank You for bringing great JOY to the whole world! Thank You for giving us the assurance that because You came to us in the form of a human, we who believe in Jesus can know with absolute certainty that we'll spend eternity with You.

We thank You, Lord, for the many reasons we have been given a merry Christmas. And we rejoice for each blessing. New life. New love. A home. A job. New opportunities. Second chances. And so much more.

And although we have many reasons to rejoice, Lord, we also know that this season can be not-so-merry for many reasons. We pray for those who are experiencing loss: relational, financial, spiritual and physical... unending pain and frustrations of all kinds. Thank You, Lord, that You are The Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace, even in the midst of our not-so-merry circumstances.

Finally, Lord, we ask You to grant us peace. Peace in our homes, peace in our churches, and peace in our hearts. Help us to stay focused on You, throughout this season and always. Thank You for loving the whole world enough to send the greatest gift, Your Son, so that we might truly have a very merry Christmas season.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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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

CHRIST IS BORN

ORDER OF SERVICE

-December 29, 2024-



Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Offering Blessing

Passing the Peace

WORD

Congregational Singing

Children's Time

Scripture Presentation: Luke 2:21-38

Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Benediction

Prelude: Kelsey Sommer
Worship Leader: Ken Kauffman
Song Leader: Charlie Gingerich
Children's Story: Pat Hershberger

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 week of New Year
Monday & Tuesday 9AM—Noon

Sunday:

8:30am Potluck Breakfast Fellowship
9:00am Sunday School classes for all ages
10:15am Worship Service
11:45am 5th Sunday Senior Dinner

This Week:

Tuesday, 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday, 8:00pm New Year's Eve Celebration
Thursday, 9:00am Zion Mennonite Women meeting
Thursday, 6:00pm Pastoral Leadership Table Meeting

Worship Schedule:

January 5: Pastor Steve will be preaching
January 12: Pastor Steve will be preaching

Nursery Schedule:

This week: Gina Hansen, Louise Gingerich
Next Week: Nancy Beachy, Jesse Fitzpatrick

Budget Report: Offering 12/22/24: \$4,950

Year End Giving Update: *Thank you for your generous support of Zion again this year! Currently, we need approximately \$11,000 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.*



ZION FAMILY RETREAT AT DRIFT CREEK CAMP

Friday, January 24 - Sunday, January 26.

Please let us know if you will be joining us!
There is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE
CELEBRATION**

Come ring in the new year at Zion!
8pm - 12am

Everyone is invited for this fun come-and-go event!
Activities will include: trivia, open gym (pickleball courts set up),
puzzles, crafts, a movie, and root beer floats.
Bring your friends, family, and some food to share.

Contact Jared Oyer or Jenna Oyer with questions.

WORDS OF Gratitude

My family and I would like to sincerely thank all the people who helped with Richard Gingerich's memorial service: pastoral staff, kitchen helpers, ushers, those who provided food and prepared the facilities, even those who shared a kind word or personal story. You were all such a blessing to us during a difficult time, and a beautiful reminder of what a church family is. Thank you.
- Bre Epp

I want to thank my Zion family for the lovely poinsettia and Ideals magazine. Both are very much appreciated. I was taken by a poem from the Ideals magazine called "Open Your Heart" by Minnie Klemme:

*Wreath your home with Christmas; open wide the door.
Let the dear Lord enter; there is room for more:
room for friend and stranger- Jesus makes the start,
If the inn is taken, open wide your heart.*

Something to think about.
Merry Christmas
-Donna Ollis