



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](mailto:zionmc@canby.com))

### Upcoming Youth Events

December 22 at 5:00pm: Pizza & Bowling, \$10 per youth  
January 5 at 5:30pm: Regressive Dinner

### In Prayer:

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life—burdens that steal the joy right out of our stockings. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, “Be afraid!” We need your peace, Jesus. We confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true?

In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Advent, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. We not only need Your peace and joy; Lord, we crave it.

You’ve promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted—not just at Advent, but every day of every year. Your name is still called “Wonderful,” “Counselor,” “The Mighty God,” “The Everlasting Father,” and “The Prince of Peace.” We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You. You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace. You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord—this Christmas and always.

-by Rebecca Barlow Jordan



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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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### ORDER OF SERVICE

-December 8, 2024-

- Prelude
- GATHERING
  - Welcome
  - Call to Worship
  - Advent Reading and Candle Lighting
  - Congregational Singing
  - Offering Blessing
- WORD
  - Children's Time
  - Canby High School Cantalinas
- RESPONSE
  - Prayers of the People
  - Passing the Peace
- SENDING
  - Benediction

Prelude: Kristin Oakes  
Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich  
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman

*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  
Thursday, 2:00pm Senior Christmas Tea

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

### Upcoming Events

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

### Worship Schedule:

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent: Joy  
Children's Christmas Program  
December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

### Nursery Schedule:

This week: Shawn Epp, Karen Kropf  
Next Week: Chris Keady, Dylan  
**Budget Report:** Offering 12/1/24: \$8,862.91

### Year End Giving Update

*Thank you for your generous support of Zion again this year!  
There are three Sundays left in 2024, and we need approximately  
\$39,000 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.*

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION



Come ring in the new year at Zion on New Year's Eve! From 8pm to midnight everyone is invited for a 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 and Jenna Oyer with any questions.

## Upcoming Holiday Events

### Senior Christmas Tea

Thursday, December 12 | 2-4PM  
Fellowship Hall

### Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15 | 10:15AM worship service

### Sing Your Own Messiah

Saturday, December 21 | 4PM  
Refreshments to follow

*\*See below for additional details*

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24 | 5PM

### New Year's Eve Celebration

Tuesday, December 31 | 8PM-12AM

### Sing Your Own Messiah directed by Tom Gingerich

Join us in singing selections from Handel's Messiah with piano and string accompaniment. New this year is 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. The event is free and open to singers and listeners, and scores are available to share. Donations are gladly accepted to pay instrumentalists and soloists.

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