



An Advent Prayer of Love

God of love, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, fill our hearts with Your love. May we show kindness to those around us, forgiving freely and loving unconditionally. Let our actions reflect the love of Christ in all that we do. May this Advent season remind us of the depth of Your love and inspire us to share it with the world. Amen.

Year End Giving Updates

Thank you for your generous support of Zion again this year! There is only one Sunday left in 2025, and we need approximately \$18,000 to meet our anticipated operating expenses. Also, if you would like to donate to the Roof Fund, Vecinos or Vida Feliz Senior Center in Bolivia as part of your year-end giving, please write those checks to Zion with the specific fund noted in the memo. All other charitable donations should be sent directly to the organization of choice.

Bolivia Flood Relief

If you would like to financially help those communities affected by the severe flooding that took place in Bolivia last weekend, please write a check to Zion Mennonite Church with "flood relief" noted in the memo line, and have it to the church no later than Sunday, December 28th. This deadline allows enough processing time so that Wendell and Karen can take the funds with them when they depart in early January.

Trim the Tree with MCC

Thank you for your generous donations! To date, we have raised about \$2,000 for Mennonite Central Committee projects. If you would like to participate, please select from: Chickens \$12, Ducks \$15, Clean Water \$25, Keeping Girls in School \$50, or Hope \$ of any amount. Any donations by check should be made out to Zion and have "MCC Giving Tree" specified on the memo line.



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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.



The Season of Advent: Love

December 21, 2025

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting
Congregational Singing
We Come (VT 225)
Here I Am to Worship (VT 227)
Offering Blessing
Passing the Peace

WORD

Congregational Singing
Hope Is a Candle (VT 211)
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (VT 216)
Children's Time
Scripture Presentation: John 1:1-18
Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song
Comfort, Comfort, O My People (VT 212)
Prayers of the People

SENDING

Benediction

Prelude: Kelsey Sommer
Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Seth Gingerich
Children's Time: Vonnie Oyer
Speaker: Steve Bomar

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 Fellowship Breakfast
9:00am Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:15am Worship Service

After Children's Time, parents have the option for their K-5th Grade children to meet in the foyer where they will then be escorted to the gym for a supervised playtime for the remainder of the service.

This Week

Tue, 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom
Wed, 6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Nursery Schedule

This week: Chris Keady, Kaitlin Kauffman
Next week: Nancy Beachy, Trina Fitzpatrick

Budget Report:

12/14/25 Offering: \$6,176.56

Pastor Jana will be out of the office enjoying vacation time on December 30 & 31. For emergencies, please contact Pastor Steve. For non-emergencies, contact the Church Office.

WORDS OF Gratitude

I want to thank my Zion family for the Ideals magazine and amaryllis marquis plant... I will enjoy both! Also, it was wonderful to see three of my favorite people: Dorothy, Carolyn, and Judy, who I always enjoy visiting with. Here is a blessing I would like to share: "May God's love always bless you, His joy always fill you, His presence always keep you close to all that is good!" Wishing you God's best at Christmas and in the New Year.
-Donna Ollis

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.

The Senior Tea had another great turnout this year! Thanks to Vonnie Oyer for organizing the event, and to those who contributed food and time to shower our seniors with love.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE Wednesday, December 24 at 6pm

Come celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth with a short service of Christmas hymns and scripture readings. Friends and family are welcome!

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION Wednesday, January 31 from 8-11pm

Come join in as we celebrate a Rocky Mountain New Year together! Bring your favorite puzzles, games and snacks to share. Stop in at the church between 8-11pm on New Year's Eve for what's sure to be a good time. Contact Jenna Oyer for more information.

MEALS THAT MATTER

In support of our local community, we are going to be organizing meals at various restaurants that are struggling due to recent immigration events. We will be announcing dates, times and locations to gather. Watch for more details coming soon. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Cynthia Hockman-Chupp.

SPOT MARY & JOSEPH

Mary and Joseph are nearing Bethlehem, and this will be the final Sunday to spot them on their journey! If you see them, please keep it quiet and leave them where they are so others can keep looking. Young attenders who have found Mary and Joseph can quietly tell Pastor Jana where they are for a small treat.

