

An Advent Prayer for Peace:

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 hearts, and an inner voice that whispers, "Be afraid!" In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up the good news again: that Jesus is the Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Make it real in our hearts this Advent.

We know that peace on earth can only come when our 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 of this Christmas and always. Amen.

Year End Giving Update:

NEW ROOF

\$55,000



Thank you for your generous support of Zion again this year! There are three Sundays left in 2025, and we need approximately \$45,000 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.

Please scan the OR code to access Zion's online giving options.



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.



Prelude **GATHERING**

> Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Congregational Singing

Hope Is a Candle (VT 211) O Come, O Come, Immanuel (VT 210) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (VT 218)

Offering Blessing Passing the Peace

WORD

Children's Time

Canby High School Cantalinas

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Sending Song: The First Noel (VT 250)

Prelude: Kristin Oakes Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich Song Leader: Jana Gingerich Children's Time: Cynthia Hockman-Chupp



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. zionmc@canby.com | 503-651-2274

Sunday

8:30am Potluck Fellowship Breakfast9:00am 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

Nursery Schedule

This week: Jani Vanpelt, Mary Masingila Next week: Louise Gingerich, Stacy Berkey

Budget Report:

The Lead of the Land

11/30/25 Offering: \$2,448.55

Pastor Steve will be out of the office enjoying vacation time from December 7-20. For emergencies, please contact Pastor Jana. For non-emergencies, contact the Church Office.

Upcoming Holiday Events

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14 | 10:15AM worship service

Senior Christmas Tea

Wednesday, December 17 | 2-4PM

Sing Your Own Messiah

Saturday, December 20 | 4PM

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24 | 6PM

New Years Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31 | 8-11PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPOT MARY & JOSEPH

Advent season is here and you are invited to watch for Mary and Joseph as they journey toward Bethlehem. Each Sunday they make a different stop somewhere in the sanctuary, lobby, or lobby entryway. If you spot Mary and Joseph, please keep it quiet (so others can keep looking) and leave them where they are so they can continue on their journey. Young attenders who spot Mary and Joseph can quietly tell Pastor Jana where they are for a small treat each week.

TRIM THE TREE WITH MCC!

Join Mennonite Central Committee in spreading joy to families and communities worldwide this December. Select from: Chickens \$12, Ducks \$15, Clean Water \$25, Keeping Girls in School \$50, or Hope \$ of any amount. Children will collect your donations each week during Children's Time and place them in the appropriate donation bucket. Any donations by check should be made out to Zion and have "MCC Giving Tree" specified on the memo line.

NINETY-ONE SCHOOL DECEMBER EVENTS

The annual Ninety-One Food Drive and Giving Tree are running now through December 12. If you would like to participate in the food drive, they are looking for baking items, breakfast items, pasta, peanut butter, rice, beans, canned chicken, tuna, canned soup, fruit and vegetables.



You may place these items on the floor by the glass doors near the office. If you are interested in the Giving Tree, scan the QR code or send an email to: 91givingtree@gmail.com. Questions can be directed to Stephanie Moyer.

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW? SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER!

Each week, we email out a newsletter that has the latest information for the upcoming Sunday, announcements that may not be in the bulletin, listed volunteer opportunities, and links to associated organizations. To be added to this mailing, please reach out to our office at: zionmc@canby.com and stay in the loop!