

Zion Mennonite Church Newsletter

By God's Grace, Zion Mennonite Church will be a House of Peace where all people are invited to share Christ's love with each other and the world.

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December 19, 2021

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Zion Activities this week

Sunday, December 19

9:30am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 am ~ Staff

Thursday, December 23

6:30 am ~ Men's Prayer

7:00 pm ~ AA

Friday, December 24 ~ *Christmas Eve*

7:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve Service (in-person & Zoom)

Saturday, December 25 ~ *Merry Christmas*

Sunday, December 26

9:30am ~ Worship (in-person & Zoom)

10:45 am ~ Sunday School

Order of Service

Prelude ~ Bill & Kathy Beck

Welcome & Announcements ~ Bruce Whiteman

Interlude ~ Bill & Kathy Beck

Call to Worship ~ Bruce Whiteman

Opening Prayer ~ Bruce Whiteman

Advent Candle Lighting ~

Grace Hastings & Naomi Richer

Recorded Song ~

May You Find A Light (The Brilliance)

Video Children's Time ~

Karen Rodriguez & Meleah Plank

Offering ~ Bruce Whiteman/Bill & Kathy Beck

Scripture ~ Luke 1:39-55

Sermon ~ Sue Short

Confession & Assurance ~ Bruce Whiteman

Prayer for the Church and World ~ Greg Nofziger

Hymns ~ Mark Nafziger

“My Soul is Filled with Joy” (STJ 13)

“Away in the Manger” (HWB 194)

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (HWB 201)

Benediction ~ Sue Short

Sending Song ~ Mark Nafziger

“Dona Nobis Pacem” (HWB 346)

Office News

The church office will be closed **Monday, December 27th**, and **Friday, December 31st** for the holidays.

Happy Birthday:

December 23 - Quinn Wyse, Sarah Hastings

December 25 - Elinor Conrad

Happy Anniversary:

December 22 - Troy & Jan Roth (31)

December 24 - James & Charlene Beck (66)



Upcoming Worship

Advent 2021 - "Dare to Imagine": This season, we'll shift our attention to the natural world, particularly the wonder of the heavens, as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. The writers of this year's materials describe their theme in this way: "So much [in our lives] has been put on hold or turned upside down that we need to listen and respond to God's presence with new ears and renewed hearts and minds. As we anticipate a new year ahead, let's dare to imagine our path ahead toward God's good dream for our world."

Advent IV - December 19th: *"Dare to Imagine God's Face"*

Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55

Christmas Eve Service - December 24th at 7:00 pm: Join us on Christmas Eve, along with your family and friends, for our annual evening of worship. This will be a short service of scripture, carols, a story and fun for children, and the traditional candlelight singing of "Silent Night." There will also be an opportunity to support the Aid Fund.

Advent V - December 26th: *"Dare to Imagine God's Robe"*

1 Samuel 2:18-20 & 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

Thank You

Special thanks to Kelvin Friesen, Karen Rodriguez and Meleah Plank for the Children's time videos during Advent. Thanks also to Jodi Nofziger and all of her helpers for the beautiful stars and decorations.

Don't Forget

Give gifts of comfort and joy with MCC! Delight your loved ones and share God's love with our global neighbors this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, clean water, fruit trees, books and many more. Give at mcc.org/delight or call 888.563.4676.

Address Change

Please update your mailing address for Butch and Sharon Frey to PO BOX 404, Archbold OH 43502.

New address/phone/email directories are very close to being finished! Thanks for your patience on this!

Ways to give this Holiday Season

***Adriel:** It's almost that time of year again! As we look forward to the holiday season, Adriel needs your help in bringing the Christmas spirit to our foster families. **Each \$25 donation will sponsor a Christmas gift** for an Adriel foster youth or Bridges young adult. Please help us reach our \$5000 goal to assure that each Adriel foster child and Bridges young adult receive their Christmas gift in time for the holiday. **2021 marks Adriel's 125 year anniversary caring for children. Consider supporting gifts for 5 children with a \$125 dollar donation in celebration of our anniversary.** Visit <https://Adriel.networkforgood.com/projects/142000-adriel-christmas-angel-tree-2021> to make an online donation or mail a check with the memo "Angel Tree" to PO Box 188 West Liberty, OH 43357. As always, thank you for your continued support of our organization and generosity toward the children and families we serve!

A big thank you for helping touch the lives of people in our area for the holidays.

~ Missions in Service Team (MiST)