



*DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024*  
*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

*Zion United Methodist Church exists to celebrate God's grace  
and witness for Jesus Christ. As you worship, open your heart.  
God has a word for you today!*

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PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

*"Star of the East"*

*by Cooper & Kennedy*

*Clarinet: Everett Sondreal Flute: David Perry*

ADVENT CANDLE RITUAL

ADVENT SONG

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs 1)*

#211

\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

\*INVITATION SONGS

*"Your Grace is Enough", "Jesus, Messiah",  
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*As we journey through the Sundays of Advent, listen to the promises of God:*

**A righteous branch springs forth,**

*A promise of justice and righteousness,*

**A promise of safety.**

*Listen to the promise of Jesus:*

**The kingdom of God draws near:**

*Keep alert; watch for signs of hope,*

**Our Advent journey begins**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

#203

CONFESSION OF FAITH *(Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version)*

#881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"We Are Waiting"*

*by Althouse, Albrecht, & Wesley*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 2:25-38*

#725

MESSAGE

*"Heroes & Villains- Simeon & Anna"*

*Rev. Chang H. Yi*

HYMN FOR COMMUNION

*"I Come with Joy" vs.1,2,&5*

#617

HOLY COMMUNION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

#184

\*SENDING FORTH

\*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **SUNDAY, December 1st**

9:15 a.m. – Advent Bible Study (Wk.1)

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

**Hanging of the Greens after service**

### **TUESDAY, December 3rd**

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins

### **WEDNESDAY, December 4th**

1:30 p.m. – Legacy Quilters

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, December 8th**

9:15 a.m. – Advent Bible Study (Wk. 2)

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

with Infant baptism

### **MONDAY, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. – Trustees' meeting

### **TUESDAY, December 10th**

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins

12:30 p.m. – Ladies Book Club at Eagles Crest

### **WEDNESDAY, December 11th**

1:30 p.m. – Legacy Quilters

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class

### **THURSDAY, December 12th**

5:30 p.m. – EMET Collective

6:00 p.m. – Stewardship & Finance

7:00 p.m. – Ad. Council

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## VIKING CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Viking Elementary School has reached out to us with an opportunity to help their students in need have a happier Christmas. Please check the bulletin insert for more information.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

You are invited to join in the seasonal joy of decorating the sanctuary and narthex for Christmas! **We'll gather after the service today!** Let's make the church beautiful together!

## ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Join us each Sunday during advent in the Narthex at 9:15 a.m. for a four-week Advent study, **"Words and Emotions"**. Each week a different facilitator will lead us on a journey of discovery and reflection.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We are planning to host a **caroling event on Sunday, December 15th!** If you're interested in joining our caroling group, would like us to visit your home, or know someone who would enjoy a caroling stop, please add the details to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

## ZION BUILDING INITIATIVE

Zion's goal is to raise \$300,000 by January 15, 2025, to support church and parsonage repairs and upgrades. You can contribute in three ways; visit the church website and donate, write a check to Zion United Methodist Church. (please note "Building Improvement" in the memo), or communicate a pledge to the church office.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Your safety is our first concern. Should we need to cancel worship services or other church activities this information will be found on our Zion Church website ([www.zion-umc.org](http://www.zion-umc.org)) or you may check your local stations at **Television** – WDAY/WDAZ, Channel 8; KVLV, Channel 11 **Radio** – KNOX 1310 AM; KCNN 1590 AM.

IF YOU NEED A QUIET PLACE WITH YOUR CHILD,  
OUR NURSERY IS LOCATED IN THE UPPER WEST WING.

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTOR .....	Rev. Chang H. Yi
MINISTERS.....	The Congregation
MUSIC COORDINATOR.....	David Perry
ACCOMPANIST.....	Marjorie Myrold
LAY READER.....	Cheryl Klamm
LAY LEADER.....	Deb Glennen
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY.....	Gail Sherwood

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**ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
Sunday Worship – 81    Sunday School – 26    Online - 27

### FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 4,781.00
NARTHEX.....	\$ 00.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 00.00

#### OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN .....	\$ 47,929.08
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT .....	\$ 52,987.68
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE .....	\$ 10,139.72

### ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ZION

Other than using checks, you may take advantage of other giving options. You can give online via **Tithe.ly**. Scan the QR code here and follow the directions. For those who prefer **Automatic Bank Transfer** on a regular basis, please contact the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



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## PRAYER MARKER FOR DECEMBER 1ST – DECEMBER 7TH

### LIFT IN PRAYER

Tim & LeeAnn Carlson  
Peter Blay  
Christianson Family  
Barb Larson and Family  
Wally and Carol Mytych  
Aileen Sandwick & Family  
Dorothy Schoen  
The Welsh Family  
Roger and Lois Parkinson  
Our Shut-ins

### BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Lavonne Brown  
12/04 Coleen Asche

### JOYS

New Zion Family Members  
Building Update Projects  
Love Feast