



*DECEMBER 15TH, 2024*  
*THIRD 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 *"Silent Night"* Zion Youth  
ADVENT CANDLE RITUAL Kellie Burgess, Caleb Zerr  
ADVENT SONG *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (vs. 1)* #160

**\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**\*INVITATION SONG** *"Advent Hymn", "He Has Come for Us", and "Behold Messiah"*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Let all who love God rejoice.*

**Let all who thirst for justice draw water from the well of God's Salvation.**

*Let all who long for Christ sing for joy.*

**Let all who hunger for righteousness return home to the living God.**

*Let all who seek the Spirit shout aloud.*

**Let all who yearn for mercy fall on their knees before the throne of grace.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"* #213

**OPENING PRAYER**

God of love and joy, thank you for your presence in our lives. During this time of worship, draw us closer to you and to one another. May we grow in our love for you and for our neighbor. May we lay aside our worries, trusting that you hear what lies in our hearts. May we dwell in your peace and be guided by the one who is to come, your Son, Jesus Christ. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *"We Await You"* by Ruth Elaine Schram  
*An Anthem for Advent*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

**MESSAGE**

*Luke 2:8-20* #724  
*"Heroes & Villains – the Shepherds"* Rev. Chang H. Yi

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"There's a Song in the Air"* #249  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs 1,3)* #89

**\*SENDING FORTH**

\*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **SUNDAY, December 15th**

- 9:15 a.m. – Advent Bible Study (Wk. 3)
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling

### **TUESDAY, December 17th**

- 9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins
- 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team Zoom meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, December 18th**

- 1:30 p.m. – Legacy Quilters
- 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, December 19th**

- 5:30 p.m. – Praise Band Practice meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, December 22nd**

- 9:15 a.m. – Advent Bible Study (Wk. 4)
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### **TUESDAY, December 24th**

- 9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins
- 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Candlelight Service

### **WEDNESDAY, December 25th**

*Church office closed December 25th*

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## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Calling all joyful singers to gather for some caroling tonight. **We will meet together at Zion at 4:20 p.m. on December 15<sup>th</sup> (today)** and then move on to visit some of our church friends and a few assisted living facilities in town.

## CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Zion is planning a **Christmas Candlelight service at 5:00 p.m. December 24<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to see all of you there!

## ZION BUILDING INITIATIVE

Thanks to your generosity, we've made incredible strides toward our **\$300,000 goal!** **As of today, we only have \$58,349 left to raise**, with an amazing \$23,050 contributed in just the first two Sundays of December. Let's keep the momentum going! Together, we can reach our goal by January 15, 2025. Visit our website, send a check, or contact the church office to help us cross the finish line!

## 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.

## THE QUILT OF THE WEEK



The quilt of the week is a second Christmas print twin size in a diagonal pattern. This would make a great Christmas gift.

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..... Hayley Stevens  
LAY LEADER..... Deb Glennen  
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR..... Connie Sherwood  
CHURCH SECRETARY..... Gail Sherwood

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Sunday Worship – 77 Sunday School – 23 Online - 29

## FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICE..... \$ 4,296.00  
NARTHEX..... \$ 00.00  
APPORTIONMENTS..... \$ 400.00

### NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN .....	\$ 35,296.47
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT .....	\$ 30,582.51
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE .....	\$ 6,251.72

### 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 15<sup>TH</sup>– DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

### 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

12/16 Jerry Loiland  
12/18 John Shabb  
12/21 Nancy Evans  
12/21 Joanne McLean

### JOYS

New Zion Family Members  
Building Update Projects  
Love Feast