



**DECEMBER 14TH, 2025**  
**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

ADVENT CANDLE RITUAL

\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

\*INVITATION SONGS

*"Light Has Come (O Little Town)",  
"Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, friends in Christ, for our sorrow and mourning will not last forever!

***Amen! Glory to God! The joy of our God shall drive away our sorrow.***

Rejoice, friends in Christ, for God's mercies are new every morning!

***Amen! Glory to God! Every morning is new. Grace abounds!***

Rejoice, friends in Christ, for God is with us, even now!

***Amen! Glory to God! Let us worship together in joy and gladness!***

HYMN OF PRAISE

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

UMH 221

OPENING PRAYER

God and source of all joy, we begin our gathering in praise of your faithfulness and grace. Your goodness lightens our spirits and encourages our hearts. Though we may come from places of depression, sadness, grief, or sorrow, we praise you because we trust there will be an end to pain and sadness. Thank you for sunrises and mornings, births and blossoms, for all these moments reminding us you make all things new. Guide us into greater joy as we worship together Amen!

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"We Wait"*

*by Ruth Elaine Schram  
Cellist: Caleb Zerr*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORDS PRAYER IN UNISON

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

*Luke 2:8-20  
"Heart, Feel Joy"*

*Rev Clay Lundberg*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

UMH 204

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN

\*SENDING FORTH

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 1,2)*

UMH 211

\*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **SUNDAY, December 14th**

9:15 a.m.- Advent Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. –Worship Service  
4:00 p.m. –Christmas STEM Sunday  
Funday

### **TUESDAY, December 16th**

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins

### **WEDNESDAY, December 17th**

8:30 a.m. – Waffle Wednesday  
1:30 p.m. – Legacy Quilters  
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, December 18th**

9:00 a.m. – Pastor Clay's Coffee Shop

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, December 21st**

9:15 a.m.- Advent Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. –Worship Service  
3:45 p.m. –Caroling

### **TUESDAY, December 23rd**

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's group at Perkins

### **WEDNESDAY, December 24th**

5:00 p.m. – Christmas Candlelight Service

### **THURSDAY, December 25th**

Church office closed

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## BLESSING BOX

There is a blessing box outside of Zion! Take a blessing, leave a blessing! Pick up something extra to share with our Zion Neighborhood when you visit the grocery store! Nonperishable items only please!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Come and join us on December 21<sup>st</sup> as we spread Christmas cheer by caroling. We will meet at the church 3:45 in order to be at Valley 4000 by 4:00. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marjorie Myrold or David Perry.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us at 5:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

## THE CHRISTMAS STEM SUNDAY FUNDAY

Join us today, December 14, from 4:00-5:30 for a hands-on Christmas STEM event where kids can explore 5-7 fun experiments that help bring the Christmas story to life. Come enjoy pizza, creativity, and the wonder of Christ's birth as we learn and play together!

## 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 twin sized 57" x 87.5 " quilt named "Singing the Blues".

**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. Clay Lundberg  
MINISTERS ..... The Congregation  
CHOIR DIRECTOR..... David Perry  
ORGANIST AND CHOIR ACCOMPANIST ..... Marjorie Myrold  
LAY READER..... Matt Myrick  
LAY LEADER ..... Deb Glennen/Cynthia Shabb  
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR..... Connie Sherwood  
CHURCH SECRETARY ..... Gail Sherwood

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 7TH 2025 Sunday Worship – 76 Sunday School - 25 Online - 36

### FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 6,021.77
NARTHEX.....	\$ 515.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 0.00

#### NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN .....	\$ 21,562.26
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT .....	\$ 42,292.31
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE .....	\$ 1,064.00

### 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 DEC 14<sup>TH</sup> – DEC 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025

### LIFT IN PRAYER

The Carlson Family  
Cleo Rowe and Family  
Peter Blay  
Christianson Family  
Wally and Carol Mytych  
Aileen Sandwick & Family  
The Welsh Family  
Our Shut-ins

### JOYS

Christmas Market and those  
that are volunteering their time  
Sunday Music  
Praise Band and Choir  
Love Feast  
Building Update Projects

### BIRTHDAYS

12/16 Jerry Loiland  
12/18 John Shabb