

12/19 email to congregation

Wednesday 12/20 Advent 3 Service at Noon and 6:30p

12/20/23 5:15p Dinner Menu: Texas Black Bean Soup and Loaded Baked Potato

No Midweek Kids on December 20th.

Confirmation meets December 20th from 6-6:30pm. Then worship with your family from 6:30-7:15pm.

No adult or children's education hour classes December 24 or 31. Classes resume January 7.

Thank you to all of our Children's Ministry volunteers and helpers for getting the kids ready to share the Christmas message last Sunday. If you missed it or want to share with family/friends, catch up on our livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/live/C0S2SwwCVyE?si=Lx0P4F9fkXQYHEBh>

Inclement Weather / Cancelation Reminder: Zion follows Kalamazoo Public Schools for canceling events. Additionally, we put the closing notice on radio: WKZO 590 & TV WWMT Ch. 3

Congregational Meeting Update: Regarding the special meeting of the congregation on December 10 and the five proposals that members were asked to consider, 92% voted to approve all of the proposals. The board wishes to thank everyone who asked questions prior to and during the meeting. We appreciate those who were able to dedicate the time to attend and participate in these important decisions as well as everyone who prayed for the Holy Spirit to lead us toward the best outcome for Zion.

Bylaws have been updated and paperwork will be filed with the Michigan District and Synod, making official to them Pastor Tim's role as Assistant Pastor. The staff and board will now begin the application process to bring Jack Engelder and Savannah Schmitz here to serve their vicarage/internship. Your continued prayers for our success in that endeavor are both encouraged and much appreciated. As soon as updates are available, we will share that out to the congregation.

We have just updated our livestream software and equipment and are in need of volunteers to run it! **We are trying to form a team of people to provide streaming for the service each week.** This is an important ministry that reaches many, including our homebound. We will provide the training! If you are interested, please let Aaron or the office know!

Save the Date: Chili Cook-off, Sunday, January 21 at 11:30am!

Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! December is Cooking Oil month. Donations can be placed in the gray tubs outside the office.

Thank you for your continued financial support. Any additional, regular support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you also for your prayers and the many other ways you are involved in and support our ministry!

To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:

<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

ADVENT and FAMILY ADVENT BOOKLETS are now available at the Sanctuary entrance.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS

ADVENT – Wednesday Dec 20 Noon & 6:30

**Christmas Eve: 10:00a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent 4:00p.m. Family Worship Service
8:00p.m. Candlelight / Communion Service**

Christmas Day: 10:00a.m. Worship

New Year's Eve: 10:00a.m. Worship

Weekly meditations continue to be posted Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook

WKZO radio ministry / Sundays 9:30am / WKZO

Pastor Brelje Tuesday 10:00am, Proverbs

Pastor Mike Wednesday 6:15 Bible Study Class

Pastor Tim Men's Study, Saturdays 8am Jonah (Saturday bible study will resume Jan 6th)

Pastor Tim Sunday 9:15am, Gospel of Mark (in Gathering Area)

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

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For pastoral assistance:

Pastor Mike 419-203-6770 / Pastor Couch 598-8167 / Aaron 271-2848

If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address or phone number, or email address, please call the church office and let us know!

Prayers: Helen Reinkensmeyer for the recent death of her brother.