

December 7 congregational email

Advent Midweek Worship Wednesday at Noon and 6:30 pm

(portions of service will be posted on Facebook as well)

Soup Suppers will be held at 5:30pm on Wednesdays in Advent

Menu: Stuffed Pepper Soup
Potato Corn Chowder

This is the Advent video link, available starting at 10am Wednesday: <https://youtu.be/sffRp8-BwIE>

*Due to the recent upturn in COVID issues the County Health Board's recommendations have changed. **Our current policy is those who are not vaccinated must wear masks. Masks for others are recommended.** Communion assistants will be masked to ease concerns of any. Thank you.*

Two special Christmas concerts at Zion!

**** Sunday, December 12 at 4:00pm / Kalamazoo Community Chorale Christmas Concert**

**** Thursday, December 16 at 6:30pm Kalamazoo Youth Jazz Orchestra Holiday Concert**

The Kalamazoo Community Chorale and Benje Daneman's Kalamazoo Music School practice here at Zion. Both groups are offering free Christmas concerts as thanks to Zion for providing this service to the Kalamazoo community. **These are wonderful opportunities to invite neighbors and friends to come along as a way of introducing them to your congregation.**

Coffee Bar in BLENDS the next 2 weeks - 12/12 & 12/19, between worship services. Our high school students will offer a coffee bar (complete with special flavored coffee featuring our own baristas! Come enjoy a cup while helping support this fundraiser for their participation next summer at the National Lutheran Youth Gathering.

Christmas

"You're Invited...to Bethlehem! On December 19th the Sunday School students invite you to come to the Undercroft and see what we've been working on! Come on down after early service, before late service, or after late service! We will also have a link to a Christmas Message video from the students the week of the 19th."

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Helping Hands project which will provide Christmas gifts for several families in our community

BAZAAR LAST CHANCE SALE... This is the last week for bazaar sales, so check out the green stickers with the great discount prices and enjoy your shopping!!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ---there is still time to donate. . .

“In Memory Of, In Honor Of , In Thanksgiving Of”

Donation slips are available on the Church Kiosk and Bulletin Board --- Due back by December 12th.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Saturday 5:30pm / Sunday 8am and 10:30 am

Classes at 9:15 am

Church Office hours: Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm; Fri 9am to Noon 382-2360

Pastoral assistance: Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848

Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

Weekly Online and Radio Ministry

Sunday 10:30 am worship live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Sunday Radio Sermon WKZO 590AM at 9:30 am

Facebook devotions (Monday and Friday)

Pastor Seeber Men’s Class / “John’s Gospel” / Saturday 8am (at Zion AND Zoom)

Pastor Seeber’s Sunday Class / 9:15 am / “The Prophets”

Pastor Seeber’s “Walking Through the Bible” class / Tuesdays on Facebook and YouTube

Pastor Brelje Class on the Liturgy / Tuesdays at 10am

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

(Numbers were unavailable as of this publishing and will be updated in next week’s email.)

Thank you for your financial support. Our members continue to be faithful in supporting our ministry and mission! 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>

***** If you have been hospitalized or are now confined to home or have a new address or phone number, please call the church or one of the pastors and let us know! *****

Thanks to those who are volunteering as ushers, greeters, communion assistants, lectors, altar ministry, sound board, and kitchen help. Please email (zion@zionkazoo.org) or call the office (382-2360) to get back on schedules or to learn how to help.

Thanks for the increased support for LOAVES AND FISHES!!! The food collection bins are located in front of the church office. December need is Cooking Oil.

Prayers: Marge Heath, Bill Mercier, Dan Chapo (Karen Stokes Chapo's husband)