

December Newsletter

To members of our Zion family,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones! This past Sunday's "joyful chaos" following the service brought some sobering news. After serving as Zion's organist for the past 15 years, Mary (and Roy) Senn will be leaving Zion to move closer to their daughter in the Albany area. (Mary will be with us for a few more Sunday Zoom services before she and Roy make their move). We are so grateful to Mary for all the years she has provided us with such wonderful music and brought that much more meaning to our Sunday worship services. Thank you, Mary! We wish you and Roy well in all that is ahead.

-**Please join us for worship this Sunday at 10:00 AM.** Sunday's service on the Zoom platform continues for those with internet access via computer, tablet, smart phone, or through the livestream on [Zion's Facebook page](#). Those who choose to can call in to listen from their phone. You can also continue participating in Zion's virtual Sunday 10:00 AM worship service by utilizing the Service of the Word template provided later in this newsletter. Feel free to use the **Service of the Word** at any time if you aren't able to join us in spirit at 10:00 AM on Sunday

-**To join this Sunday's service via the Zoom platform**, same log-in info as last week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84354840714?pwd=TDJGTkwvSTBER2lNb1o1Qzd6WGxDdz09> Meeting ID: 843-5484 0714, Password: 022654. Or by PHONE, 6465588656, 84354840714#, 1#, 022654# US (New York)

-The service will also be **livestreamed** at the same time, and can be found **on our YouTube channel**:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWzOtbCe2z7-bIPvxp62IA>. -You are able to watch this on the YouTube channel on Sunday at 10:00 AM or at any other point in the week.

-We were disappointed to postpone this past Sunday's scheduled In-Person worship service, but did so only after real deliberation about what was in the best interests of protecting the health and safety of our congregation. The **Task Force for Return to In-Person Worship** met on Tuesday of this week to **continue our preparations for the next scheduled In-Person service, scheduled for December 20th**. We genuinely hope the situation with the COVID-19 virus will have changed by then to enable this scheduled In-Person service to take place. We will keep you posted in the weeks ahead.

-Our **Stewardship Committee** sent letters last week to all Zion congregants asking you to thoughtfully consider your gifts of financial support, along with time and talents, to carry out Zion's mission: *We are called and empowered by God's love and the Risen Christ to joyfully welcome all, grow in faith, serve our community, and live in hope.* In that spirit, we ask that you return your pledge cards and accompanying volunteering sheet by Dec. 4th to let us know how you will support and assist us in doing God's work here at Zion. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

-As a reminder, we continue **three Zion holiday traditions**, sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee. **Food Baskets** were provided to three families for Thanksgiving. We encourage your continued contributions for the food baskets that will be given at Christmas. The **Angel Tree** benefits the Thea Bowman House. This year we are asking you to send financial contributions for the Food Baskets and Angel Tree project—please include these in your weekly/monthly offerings with an indication of the amount for these traditions. If you would prefer to provide gift cards for the Angel Tree project, we recommend they come from Walmart or Target. **Mitten Tree** donations, which will be given to residents of Johnson Park, can be dropped off at the designated bin in the downstairs coatroom at Zion. Boxes are also located in the downstairs coat room if you would like to bring food donations for local food pantries. Please respect social distancing as you drop off items to the coat room. Thank you for your generosity directed toward those having an even more difficult time this year due to pandemic-related challenges.

A Red Cross Blood Drive was hosted at Zion this past Saturday. Ten blood donations were received. Thank you to all that contributed to this important community project. The next Blood Drive at Zion is scheduled for Jan. 23rd.

During this time without a pastor, the **church council** serves temporarily as Zion's pastor (with the wonderful support of our Transition Pastor, Rev. Anita Mohr, supply ministers Jennifer DeWeerth, Janet Hoover, Pr. Eldon DeWeerth, and Deacon Patsy Glista). We will form a new council in February and are looking for four new members to join us in providing leadership for Zion, especially important during this time of transition. If you are willing to join us in this important work, we invite your expression of interest. Council members serve three-year terms. Council meets monthly (currently via Zoom) to discuss, advise, and act on church business. Each council member also serves as a liaison to one of the church's committees. If you are interested, please contact the nominating committee members: Jeanne Gymburch (jgymburch@aol.com), Kim Ritchie (kimritchieus@yahoo.com), Michele Lasher (michlsh@aol.com), or Mark Thompson (mdthompsonphd@gmail.com).

The past nine months have been difficult ones for all of us, but, for some, even more so. With all the heartache, isolation, and uncertainty, most of us still have much to be thankful for: our families, food on the table, a roof over our heads, friends, and a loving church family. We have a warm pair of gloves or mittens and hat to shield us from the cold. We often don't even give it a second thought. But this is not the case for everyone. As Rev. Jennifer's wonderful sermon this past Sunday (on Matthew 25: 34-40) reminds us, we are called to follow our leader, Jesus, who became invisible and, instead, raised the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, and imprisoned to be front and center for our attention. Matthew writes, *Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'*³⁵ *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,*³⁶ *I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?'³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* Whether you heard Rev. Jennifer deliver the sermon this past Sunday or not, her message is worth re-reading. You can find her sermon in last week's leadership letter within the Service of the Word.

As we move into these Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, let us be mindful, let us give thanks, and let us be generous with what we have. We are grateful for our Zion family, one of the many and best gifts that our loving God has bestowed on each of us. Happy Thanksgiving!

Wishing you peace and with gratitude,
Mark Thompson and Kristen Burson,
Church council co-presidents

THE 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available as of November 30th and will be located in the downstairs Coatroom. There will be more information to follow in next week's mailing. Any questions, call Gloria Cifonelli at 315.735.8077

ANNUAL REPORT: If you are responsible for a report, please submit it to the office between December 31st and January 4th. Thank you!!

1 Advent



SERVICE OF THE WORD
GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free. **Amen.**

Let us come before the living God in confession. As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation, **We open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that our sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn, #242, Verses 1 & 2 –*Mary Senn*

Vs. 1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

Vs. 2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: *1st Sunday of Advent* –*Pr. Janet Hoover*

Well, it's official-as of today, it's the most wonderful time of the year. But before we dive headlong into the tinsel and glitter, remember that today is not Christmas, but the first Sunday of Advent. A time of waiting, of preparation, of watching, of hopeful expectation. We begin this holy season by standing in the darkness and looking toward the light. Isaiah writes these words to a people who live in troubled times. The streets of Jerusalem are abuzz with rumors of war. Powerful and sinister forces seem to be closing in on them, and instead of turning to God for guidance, they allow intrigue and innuendo to move them further away from God. Political corruption and religious hypocrisy are rampant. And this morass of power struggles and greed threatens to drown the ordinary people. Merchants step over the poor as they hurry off to make another profitable deal. Widows beg in the doorways, their cries for help mingling with the chants of those selling: **Oil, wheat, barley—come and buy. Help me please—my children have no food. Fine linen, lovely jewels—come and buy. Help me.** Isaiah, called by God to speak God's word, pleads with the people to change their ways, to trust in God, to reach out to those in need, to look at themselves—really examine their attitudes and actions—and then turn back to God. Much of his message is harsh and demanding, for the need for repentance is great. But even in the midst of warning and judgment, even in the

darkness of fear and grief and heartache, he holds out to them a light of hope, for God's final word is not destruction, but wholeness and peace. Into the sounds of chaos and confusion, into a cacophony of greed and violence, comes the voice of the prophet, lonely, haunting:

Come, let's go up to the mountain of the Lord. Remember whose you are. Remember how much God loves you. Come, let us walk—together—God's path of peace. Like the sound of a flute in the midst of a brass band, Isaiah sings of hope. But, let's face it, who will hear him? Maybe if he installed speakers—BIG speakers—in his car and turned them up full blast. But to sing of trust in God in the midst of rumors of war and the frantic accumulation of goods and pleasure? Yet Isaiah kept singing his advent song— **watch, wait, hope. A new day is dawning. Listen, look, follow.** But the king and his advisers kept on talking. The rich kept on getting richer. Nobody wants to sing Advent songs.

Do you like taking the time for Advent expectation or are you happier if we move right into Joy to the World? I've noticed that this year lots of people put their tree up and started playing carols long before Thanksgiving. Maybe because we feel as if we have been living in a state of advent waiting for months already and we want the party. If I asked you to list your favorite Christmas carols, you would probably start shouting them out. But how about your favorite Advent hymns? Do we even hear the Advent song? Our ears are bombarded with sounds—angry voices trying to shout down other angry voices, cranky children and crankier parents. I want this and I want that pour out of one speaker, and out of others we hear sounds of hate-filled rhetoric, the tear-soaked voices of families telling loved ones good-bye. In the midst of the noise and confusion, the notes of watching and waiting and hope are easily drowned out. But they are not extinguished. Oh, we can't shut out the sounds of commercialism. We can't mute the explosions of violence or the cries of the suffering. We shouldn't even try, for they are part of the world we are called to live in and to serve. But we can take time to listen for the stirring of God's spirit. To look for the light of a distant candle. When we pause from the hecticness of the season or from our longing for a little hecticness, when we take time to listen for the stirring of God's Spirit, we can hear high and sweet—*Come, let us go to the mountain of our Lord. Let us look to the light of peace and love.* God speaks to us in a language of love and justice and faithfulness, of living water and green pastures, of starlight piercing the darkness, of empty tombs and new beginnings. Even when we ignore God's love, even as we speak in words of greed and vengeance, God continues to speak of gathering us up under wings of mercy, of an amazing grace that never lets go. Can we silence the confusion in our minds and hearts long enough to hear God's quiet word amid the noise of this season and this world? Is there a time in the early morning before your workday begins when you can sit for a few minutes and read a few passages of scripture? Can you spare five minutes during lunch or while you wait for an appointment to offer up a prayer? Late at night when the shades are pulled and the house is quiet, can you set aside all words and listen for God? When we take the time to wrap ourselves in stillness, what we will hear is the haunting melody of hope, a song that weaves its way through our shell of indifference and cynicism, past the fear and greed, past the despair and regrets, working grace and mercy into the deepest corners of our hearts.

What does an Advent song sound like? On May 27, 1992, a bakery in Sarajevo—one of the few that still had a supply of flour—was baking bread and distributing it to the starving, war-shattered people. At 4 pm, a long line stretched out into the street. Suddenly a shell fell directly into the middle of the line, killing 22 people. Not far away lived a 37-year old man who, before the war, had been the principal cellist of the Sarajevo Opera. But when Vedran Smailovic saw the carnage from the massacre outside his window, he could endure no more. He decided to take action, and he resolved to do the thing he could do best. He made music. Public music, brave music, music in the midst of war. Every day for 22 days at 4 pm precisely, Vedran Smailovic put on his full, formal concert attire, took up his cello, and walked out of his apartment into the midst of the battle raging around him. He placed a little campstool in the middle of the crater that the shell had made, and he played a concert. He played to the abandoned streets, to the smashed trucks and burning buildings, and to the terrified people who hid in the cellars while the bombs dropped and the bullets flew. Day after day, he made a quiet courageous stand for human dignity, for compassion, and for peace. He shook his cello in the face of bombs and death and defied them all with a celebration of love and light. Singing a song of Advent. There's a new day coming—even now the light is breaking through the gloom—when God's glory will rise above the plain of suffering and heartache and hatred. And all nations—all people—men and women, young and old—will stream toward it. They carry with them heavy burdens—prejudices and resentment, greed and selfishness, arrogance and apathy, weapons of destruction and pain. And as they climb the mountain, they cast them aside where they are transformed into tools for cultivation and growth—plows and hoes, medicine and water purifiers, textbooks and cellos. In the midst of the violence of this world, Advent invites us to hope for a different world. 'Tis the season when we don't have it yet, but we can watch and wait and hope. As the days grow shorter, we light candles to remind us of the joy, peace, and love which God holds out to us. Some of us will spend these Advent days preparing for a warm and wonderful holiday. Some of us will spend these Advent days wishing we could celebrate this season like we did last year. But remember, this season is about waiting and watching and holding on to the hope. This year Advent takes on new meaning.

This year, as the parties and shopping expeditions are stripped away, we can see with new eyes that, even in the darkest places, we live in God's arms. On this first Sunday of Advent, we are invited to engage in a hunt for hope. Here is my challenge to you. As you read the paper, listen to the news, as you go online and zoom and run the errands that still need doing, hunt for hope. Where do you see unexpected threads of grace, of goodness, of kindness, of people helping others? Cut out the article. Make a scrapbook of hope or a poster of hope. Let these days be a time to draw closer to God and be renewed with hope and love, joy and peace. In the midst of the violence of this world, the beginning of Advent invites us to hope for a different world. Advent invites us to live in hope, and not in despair, for our foundation rests on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. Violence will not have the last word. Sin will not have the last word. With his words, Isaiah defied the oppressive structures of his time to offer up a vision of a new world just waiting to be born. With his music, the cellist of Sarajevo defied death and despair to offer up a celebration of love and life. Now it is our turn. How will we respond? From the shadows, let us sing with joy and courage an Advent song. Is the world a dark and scary place? You bet. Does that lead us to despair? I hope not, for God is at work today and always, just waiting for us to open our eyes and our ears...and then, as we begin our journey on the road to hope, remember...we have a song to sing. Ann Weems writes:

This Advent let's open our eyes and see the shining promise of God's grace. In the midst of shopping sprees and wrapping packages let's ponder in our hearts the wonder of God's love. In the excitement and confusion, Let's listen for the brush of angel wings. This Advent let us draw near to the heart of God and find our kneeling places. Come, let us live in the light of God- A light which comes to our needy world in the cry of a baby-The hope of the earth. We can push back the night, for a time, with festive candles and strings of electric lights, But the only force that can truly defeat the darkness is the dawn, The coming of the sun of righteousness. In these waning days of December, In the shadow times of the soul, Sing a song of hope and joy.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

ANTHEM What Shall We Give -Shackley

Prayers of Intercession

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Listen to the cries of your people waiting patiently for your healing hand and comforting Spirit especially: those who suffer with chronic pain and all cancer patients, Pr. Mary Etta, Gail, comfort for Norm, Rusty, Edween Ham, healing for Jim, healing for Elinor, Claudia and Fran, Edie Marie, Suzee, prayers for Michael Gilleece and family, Your Neighbors clients, Theresa, and our country, that the light of Christ may shine upon them with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #257, Verses 1 & 2 -Mary Senn

Vs. 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs. 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Blessing

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



The First Sunday of Advent

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah... from you shall come forth for me who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. -Micah 5:2

Lord, we know what it's like to wait. We squirm uncomfortably with impatience and anticipation. Christmas is coming! Some relish the opportunities to celebrate and spend time with friends and family. Others may dread the painful memories that accompany the holidays. Whatever our moods from day to day-whatever our perspectives-

Lord, remind us what we truly anticipate. We prepare for the coming of the Savior, the ruler of all. Amen.

Daily Prayers for Advent

Advent Begins....

To help us prepare ourselves for the coming of the Savior, Zion's Social Ministry Committee ordered 50 copies of "Hope of Christmas Past, Present & Yet to Come: Daily Prayers for Advent."

You are welcome to stop by the church to select an Advent booklet from the display of devotional materials on the dresser by the front door. Please give Sara a call or leave a message at 315-732-4110 to let her know when you will be coming. You may also call or email Sara at office@zionluth.com to request that one be sent to you.

December Birthdays – Happy Birthday from your Zion family!

We're wishing you a wonderful day & a blessed year ahead!!

Pr. Janet Griffiths	3	Helga Morrison	17
Hannah Barrett	4	Barbara Reinshagen	17
Carolyn Dzwonkas	4	Carole Grove	22
Esy McCarthy	4	Jim Schieble	23
Kim Manino	7	Wendy Stevens	23
Sean Scarafile	7	Lisa Lucas-Myers	25
Ron Kowalczyk	8	Scott Miller	26
Karen Mannella-Daniel	8	Mae Parker	27
Mark Rettig	8	Ann McCarthy	28
Ruth LaManque	10	Norm Jeche, Jr.	29
Tammy Miller	10	Laura Hilt	30
Caleb Hunter	12	David McCarthy	30
Holly Kulawy	17	Sara Grapski	30

Given to the Glory of God

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Alice and Bill Hettinger	Food Baskets	Diana Inserra
Janet Burton	Your Neighbors	Don & Wanda Gregory
<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Laurel McCurdy	Building Fund	Don & Wanda Gregory

		October 2020 Treasurer's Report		
	Oct 2020	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 12,169.95	\$ 132,794.48	\$ 157,942.35	\$ (25,147.87)
Other Income	\$ 1,983.62	\$ 25,268.62	\$ 28,164.55	\$ (2,895.93)
Total Income	\$ 14,153.57	\$ 158,063.10	\$ 186,106.90	\$ (28,043.80)
Total Expense	\$ 10,490.93	\$ 127,819.31	\$ 214,800.23	\$ (86,980.92)
Net Income	\$ 3,662.64	\$ 30,243.79	\$ (28,693.33)	\$ 58,937.12

Thank you Letters... these are letters of thanks that Zion received from area Food Pantries thanking us for our donations to their organizations.

Dear Wendy,

We wish to thank you and the members of the Zion Lutheran Church for your generous donation of \$1,000 received on September 28th. This gift will surely benefit the mission of the Seeds of Hope Food Pantry. Seeds of Hope continues to operate as usual during the current epidemic though the operation requires diligent effort to maintain the health and safety of our volunteers and clients. We invite you and other interested members of Zion Lutheran to visit us during open hours, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30.

Dear Zion Lutheran Church Members,

On behalf of Rev. Williams-Belt, the congregation of Grace Episcopal Church and the staff of St. Margaret's Food Pantry, we thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to our Food Pantry. All our neighbors have low incomes, almost all are elderly and a large number have disabilities and handicaps. All of them are also regular monthly guests to our food pantry. This extra bag of groceries for many of them, is the only way they would be having a meal. Your support helps us brighten and touch their lives. We hope you have a wonderful rest of the year, followed by blessed holidays. Thank you again for your support and may God abundantly bless you.

FAIR TRADE ITEMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT ZION!!!



- Maybe you have missed your favorite Organic Rooibos Tea, Mind, Body and Soul coffee, Organic Natural Cashews or Organic Total Eclipse Dark Chocolate Bars...
- Perhaps you are looking for delicious gifts to give at the holidays; *food and coffee baskets are appreciated as gifts now more than ever!!*
- Or you have been thinking about making a difference in the lives of small farmers in the USA and around the world by supporting Fair Trade Ministry... To inquire about the range of products that can be ordered from Equal Exchange or to place an order, please contact Laurel McCurdy: Call/text: 315-939-9875 Email: lemccurdy@gmail.com



Please call the office if you recognize any of these Lost & Found items. Most of these items have been here since 2019 and will be donated before the first of the year if not claimed.