

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship, and planting the seeds for God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others.

December 21, 2014

"Oh, That You Would Reveal Your Love!"



Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

Hymns and Carols:

Advent Symphony Orchestra: *HWB 212 O, Come All Ye Faithful*
(Please listen as the ensemble plays the hymn once, then join to sing all verses)

HWB 195 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (Children's Choice)

HWB 178 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Gifts and Offerings, Prayer

Children's Story and Advent wreath lighting

Song: *STJ 44 The Love of God*

Confession and Assurance of God's Love

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: "Let It Be"

Response Song: *HWB 180 The Angel Gabriel*

Message Response and Sharing

Song: *STJ 31 He Came Down*

Sending

After the service, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary for sharing and prayer. Today's Elder is Karen Kropf.

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger
Alta LaBare
Song Leader: Louise Gingerich
Children's Story: Ken Kauffman
Prelude: Karen Tro
Offertory: Ian Oakes

If you are visiting, we invite you to complete a Welcome card and drop it in the offering basket.

This Morning:

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School Classes for all ages

9:45am

Prayer Team meets

10:45am

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

4:30pm

Christmas Vespers/Children's Program
NO MYF

This Week:

Monday 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Wednesday

Office Closed

Thursday

Office Closed—Merry Christmas!

Friday

Office Closed

Worship Schedule:

December 28: Christmas Service. Jennifer Lyn Gingerich will be preaching.

January 4: Epiphany Sunday. Mathew will be sharing "Crossing the Lines" a dramatic reading. Matthew 2:1-12 (for Epiphany)

The Church Office will be closed December 24, 25, and 26. The bulletin for December 28 will be printed on Tuesday, December 23. Please have announcements to the church office prior to that day. Jana will be on vacation December 21—January 2.

JENNIFER GINGERICH WILL BRING NEXT SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

(December 28) "Claiming Our True Identity" from Luke 2: 22-40; Galatians 4: 4-7; Psalm 148, and Isaiah 61: 10-62:3. Jennifer graduated from AMBS and has recently completed a Chaplain Residency. There will be a time for anointing and prayer in the service, following the message.

THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY

4, Epiphany Sunday. Please prepare in whatever way helps you best review, refresh and sustain your relationship with God and others.



Christmas Vespers: Children's Program and Carols TODAY at 4:30pm

The children need not arrive prior to 4:30pm. They will costume and warm up in the basement beginning at 4:30. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the Children's Program and sing Christmas Carols. You are invited to make requests for your favorite carol. Please contact Jani VanPelt (971-212-7506) who will lead the singing. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. Please bring a prepared finger food to share.

Christmas Eve Service at the Canby Pioneer Chapel: Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church hopes you will join us for our annual service on Wednesday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. It is a great opportunity to hear the Christmas story and sing some of your favorite carols. If you have questions, please contact Karie Smucker at 503-459-3181 or kmsmucker@gmail.com.

Dinners for 8

If you would like to participate in the January, February, and March round of Dinners for 8, sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board through December.

Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.



v0012b044 fotosearch.com

REMEMBER PACIFIC NORTHWEST MENNONITE CONFERENCE, our regional district conference of Mennonite Church USA, in your prayers and your giving, especially at the end of the year. Please check your church mailboxes for a letter from the Conference Moderator, Jennifer Delanty.

A Word of Appreciation--

Advent worship services are special in many ways. Music, words and story, prayers, and visuals enlarge our worship. The Worship Commission appreciates and thanks the many who have contributed. Worship leaders, song leaders and music, children's story leader, Advent candle lighting, and the beauty of decorations highlight the incarnation of God in Jesus.

The children's choice songs sung during the recent services came from suggestions given by the primary Sunday School children several weeks ago as carols they wanted to sing during this season of Advent to Epiphany. We thank them for their contributions to our worship.

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and visits that we received in the past few weeks following Ellen's death. We appreciate the love of our church family very much.

- Paul Davidhizar, Stan and Vonnie Oyer and family

As several of you have noted, the December/January/February edition of *Our Daily Bread* did not arrive. After contacting the publishing company, it was determined that the copies may have been lost in transit. They will be resending our subscription copies, which will arrive in approximately two weeks. Copies will be distributed to literature boxes at that time, or you may pick one up from the literature rack in the back of the foyer. If interested, you can access *Our Daily Bread* at odb.org. You can also request a free print subscription or sign up for a daily devotional email.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Remember and pray for all who will be traveling this Christmas/New Year season, and for those for whom the season brings up memories of recent losses and difficult transitions, as well as of good times and gatherings with loved ones.
- From Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray for Bruce Yoder, MMN worker in Burkina Faso, who suffered last month from dengue fever as a result of travels in West Africa. Ask God for complete recovery and renewed energy for Bruce, and pray for health and strength for the whole family where they live and minister.

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Grant that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.”* Christmas Day prayer, Ministry Office of Creighton University

Budget Report:

A total of \$26,940.01 (\$13,470 per Sunday) is needed to meet the 2014 budget. There are two Sundays until year end.

Flowers:

This week: Advent Visuals

Next week: Advent Visuals

Nursery:

This week: Karen Tro, Luanne Berkey

Next Week: Karen Amstutz, Megan Gomez

Last Sunday

Attendance: 183

Offering: \$30,028

MMN: \$500

MCC: \$50

Church Staff:

Lead Pastor: Mathew Swora, zionpastor_ms@canby.com

Jana Gingerich, Associate/Youth Pastor: zionyouth@canby.com

Jodi Hansen, Office Administrator: zionmc@canby.com

Elders: Ken Beachy, David Gingerich, Karen Kropf, Lynn Miller, Julie Yoder

6124 S. WHISKEY HILL RD, HUBBARD, OR 97032 † 503-651-2274

OFFICE HOURS: TUES–FRI 9 A.M. TO NOON

ZIONMENNONITEOREGON.ORG