

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.

February 15, 2015

A Thought to Help Prepare for Worship: In the world, praise, at its worst, is a way of seeking power over people. In worship, praise at its best, is a way of seeking union with God.

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs:

Magnify the Lord

It's a Good Thing to Give Thanks Unto the Lord

God, You Are My God

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

Offering/Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Story

Hymn:

HWB 150 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:1-8

Message: "No Name Tags in Heaven"

Prayer of Response from HWB 741

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Sending Song: *STJ 73 The Lord Lift You Up*

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

Worship Leader: David Gingerich
Song Leader: Stan Oyer
Children's Story: Pat Hershberger
Prelude/Offertory: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes

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

5:00-6:00pm

MYF cleaning church kitchen

This Week:

Monday 9:00am

MYF/Jr. Hi snow tubing at Mt. Hood or ice skating (TBA)

7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Wednesday 9:00am

Quilting Workshop Set-up

6:00pm

YA Bible Study at Gingerich Barn

Thursday 10am—3pm

Quilting Workshop

6:30pm

Elder's Meeting

Friday 10am—3pm

Quilting Workshop

Saturday 10am—3pm

Quilting Workshop

Worship Schedule

February 22: First Sunday of Lent—Mark 1:9-15 Mathew will be preaching "From John to Jesus to Us"

March 1: Second Sunday of Lent—Romans 4: 13-25, Mathew will be preaching "Righteousness on Credit, Not Debit"

A new adult Sunday school class has been formed to continue on the marriage theme, and study the book *The 5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. So far the chapters are short, easy to read and stimulate fun conversation. We would love for more couples or individuals to join us in our sharing and fellowship. Find out what truly speaks to your loved one's heart. The book is available at Target and other booksellers. Contact Anna Park if you have any questions.

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

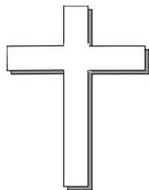
LENT, THE CHURCH'S TRADITIONAL SEASON OF PREPARATION

FOR EASTER, begins this Wednesday, February 18, with the First Sunday of Lent being next Sunday, February 22. Zion Mennonite Church will join other MCUSA churches in observing this season under the theme, "Upside Down & Inside Out." If you fast or sacrifice some indulgence this season, consider joining others in turning the financial value of that into aid for Syrian war refugees, or similar ministry, through Mennonite Central Committee. Watch future bulletins for information about Palm Sunday, a Good Friday service, and other possible events and observances. If you do not already have a devotional guide or program, or wish to supplement it, you may prepare for each Lenten worship service by reading and reflecting on the four Bible passages that will be listed in each bulletin for the coming Sunday, preferably one each day.

For this coming First Sunday of Lent, the four passages are: Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-10; I Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15. Reflections on those passages can be found on Goshen College's website, www.goshen.edu/devotions.

"MAY I NEVER BOAST OF ANYTHING BUT THE CROSS..." (Gal. 6:14)

For the coming season of Lent, we invite you to bring in a cross, of any size or substance, that has meant something to you, for a display in our sanctuary that will be up through Easter Sunday. Consider also bringing a short note to be shared with the congregation that tells about its source and meaning to you. *Please deliver crosses to the Church Office by Friday, February 27.* They will be on display beginning Sunday, March 1.



Canby Alumni Choir to Begin

For several years, Canby High School choir students have been prodding their former and current directors to organize an alumni choir. Tom Gingerich and Brooks Gingerich have decided to go for it. Each director will rehearse and conduct a portion of the program. Former CHS Concert Choir members are eligible to participate. Selections from oratorio and choral masterworks will be prepared. Weekly rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, February 10 from 7-9:00pm in the Choir Room at the Richard R. Brown Fine Arts Center, culminating in a performance on Sunday, May 3. To indicate your interest in participating or for further information, please email canbyalumnichoir@gmail.com and note your voice part. This information is needed to select music. Spread the word to former Choir students!

Got News? The next edition of *News for the Pews* will be coming out on March 1. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Tuesday, February 24.

Zion grants \$1000 (\$500 per term) in student aid funds to college students attending Mennonite colleges participating in the matching grant program. Application forms are available in the Church Office. The deadline for notifying most colleges of participation is March 1. Please contact the church office as soon as possible and complete an application form if you will be attending college this fall.



The dish clothes and towels are still missing from the kitchen. If you happened to take them home, or know who did, please have them returned to the kitchen as soon as possible. They are needed for quilting workshop!

Chuy Arellano was moved to Salem this past week.

His new address is:

Mill Creek Correctional Facility
Jesus Arellano Avila SID 19632340
2605 State Street
Salem, OR 97310

Please keep in your prayers:

- Zion's Quilting Workshop February 19-21, that it might be a blessing and a testimony to the community, and that all who lead, serve and share in it might be sustained and refreshed.
- Chuy Arellano, as he makes adjustments in his move to Mill Creek Correctional Facility in Salem.
- Our Mennonite World Conference partners in the Ekklesyar Yanu'Wa Nigeria (Brethren in Christ, Nigeria) request prayers on their behalf as they face constant threats and attacks from Boko Haram, the militant Islamist movement in northern Nigeria. More of their story and needs are posted online at www.anabaptistwitness.org,

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Lord God, whose we are and whom we serve, help us to glorify you this day, in all the thoughts of our hearts, in all the words of our lips, and in all the works of our hands, as becomes those who are your servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord."* St. Benedict, 6th C. Italy

Flowers:

This week:

Next week: Lenten Visuals

Nursery:

This week: Gloria Gingerich, Dustin Miller

Next Week: Sheryl Mast, Julie Yoder

Last Sunday

Attendance: 167

Offering: \$4,629.34

QW: \$400

Sharing Fund: \$100

Yoder Memorial \$600

Church Staff:

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