

# 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.

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February 8, 2015

Welcome and Greeting  
Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Prayer  
Songs

*HWB 12 Come, let us all unite to sing*  
*HWB 559 O Thou in whose presence*  
*STJ 44 The Love of God*

Offering  
Children's Story  
Pastoral Prayer  
Scripture Reading: Song of Solomon 5:2-8; 8:6-7  
Message: "Honoring the Gift of Love"  
Response Song: *STJ 109 There is More Love Somewhere*  
Sharing and Prayer  
Benediction Song: *HWB 433 Go my children*

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

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich  
Song Leader: Louise Gingerich  
Children's Story: Ericka Gingerich  
Prelude:

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**

5:00-6:30pm Second Sunday/Jr. Hi  
MYF—Your Life in 10 Minutes

## **This Week:**

Monday	7:00pm	Men's Basketball
Wednesday	7:00pm	Christian Education Comm. Mtg.
	7:00pm	Men's Basketball
Thursday	9:00am	Quilting

## **Worship Schedule**

February 15: Transfiguration Sunday. Mathew will be preaching "No Name Tags in Heaven" Text: Mark 9:2-9

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

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## **Second Sunday**

### **TONIGHT, 5:00-6:30pm**

Everyone is welcome for a light meal at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by group time and activity for kids in K-5th grade. Serenity Coulombe will be leading a lesson about peace with each other. **Jr. Hi will meet separately for activities from 5:30-6:30pm**

MYF will meet at the church this evening from 5:30-6:30pm for "Your Life in 10 minutes". Our storyteller will be meeting with us in a classroom at the church.

## **TO Jr. High and MYF:**

### **Snow Tubing OR Ice Skating on Monday, February 16!**

**PLAN A:** Please let Jana know if you plan to go snow tubing at Ski Bowl on Monday, February 16 - Cost is \$20 per person; Bring a sack lunch and drink. We will leave the church at 9am and return around 3pm. Jana needs a head count to prepare enough transportation.

**PLAN B:** If there is not enough SNOW on that day, we will be going Ice Skating at Sherwood Ice Arena: 1:00-4:30pm; Cost is \$10 per person.

## WMS NEWS

**Praise God** Western Mennonite School held a special baptism service during chapel last week in which 7 students professed faith in front of their peers. It was a beautiful moment as students, parents, and faculty had the opportunity to celebrate these 7 individual's desire to let the student body know who they believed in and why they wanted to be baptized.

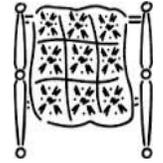
**Employment Opportunity** Western Mennonite School is in need of a Food Services Evening Cook on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. If interested or you know anyone that might be interested, please call the school at 503.363.2000.

**Benefit Concert | Feb. 14** Come enjoy a beautiful evening of music at Western Mennonite School as the WMS A cappella choir looks to raise funds for the annual MSC Choral Festival which will be held in Goshen, Indiana this year. Make it a date night, group outing, or a relaxing evening for yourself while making it possible for a great group of young musicians to experience singing with other Mennonite school choirs from around the country! Tickets are \$10. *See Trevor Oyer to purchase tickets.*

### 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](mailto:canbyalumnichoir@gmail.com) and note your voice part. This information is needed to select music. Spread the word to former Choir students!

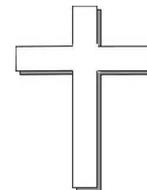
## **43rd Annual Quilting Workshop February 19, 20, and 21**



- ◆ Volunteer Sign-ups are posted on the bulletin board. Many hands are needed. Sign up early to get your favorite spot!
- ◆ Quilting Workshop Expenses: If you wish to make a contribution to food expenses of approximately \$1200, please make your check payable to Zion Mennonite Church with "QW" in the memo line, and put it in the offering basket.
- ◆ Quilt registration forms are available on the table in the foyer. All quilts must be delivered to the church by Sunday, February 15.

Make plans to attend the 2015 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat at Drift Creek Camp April 10-12. This year's featured speaker will be Jennifer L. Gingerich. More information is available at [driftcreek.org](http://driftcreek.org) and a poster is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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.



**"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 that tells about its source and meaning to you, to be shared with the congregation. You may bring it any Sunday of Lent, beginning on Sunday, February 22.

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“Honoring the Gift of Love”

Song of Solomon 5:2-8; 8:6-7; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

1. In it's time, what did the Song of Solomon challenge?
2. Historically, what has the Song of Solomon challenged?
3. What does it challenge today?
4. What does Song of Solomon affirm and bless?

*We would like to extend our thanks to the congregation for your continued support to our family. We are thankful that through your support we can continue our work here at Stansberry. We are still in shock that we were robbed from most of our electrical conveniences like computers and cameras, but we thank those of you who have been praying for us and supporting us through your encouraging words. So far we have not recovered any of the things that were stolen nor do we have an idea of who did this criminal act on us. But we are grateful that we are safe, we are loved, and we hope that whoever did this may one day receive peace and forgiveness in their heart. Thank you Zion family for your support.*

*—God bless you, Chris and Rebeca Strong*

*Thank you for the beautiful orchid plant that Julie delivered to our home. Your visits, phone calls, cards, hugs, and kind words of sympathy are much appreciated. It was truly a blessing to have you share in Joel's celebration of life service. We are grateful for the wonderful desserts Shirley Martin and her kitchen crew prepared. Our family extends a warm, loving thank you to all.*

*—Love from the family of Joel Neuschwander*

*Carolyn, Ramon, Katy, Curtis, and Farrah Neuschwander  
Tracy, Rick, Kaylauna, and Talon Churchill*

*I want to thank you first of all for all the prayers that have been given on my behalf for my surgery and recovery. I have been so blessed by all the cards, calls and words of encouragement and the beautiful Orchid. The meals have been wonderful (Gerald and Kayla, thank you too. ) and were such a great help. Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet, for showing me how truly blessed I am to be a party of His body along side all of you.*

*—Sheryl Mast*

*Lloyd and I would like to thank our church family for all the care that was shown toward us during Lloyd's three surgeries. Thank you for the beautiful Carmelia plant and the Amazon gift card. Our church family means a lot to us.*

*—Lloyd and Shirley Martin*

*We're so grateful for your loving acts of service to our family regarding Mom's funeral. It was all lovely.*

*—Joy Yoder for Vera Garber's family*

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**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.
- Richard and Karen Kropf, who are doing volunteer work this month in Kykotsmovi, AZ., at the Hopi Indian school.
- Anne Garber Kampaore, Mennonite worker in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, who is preparing workshops to train African linguists and Bible translators in both Brazzaville, Congo, and in Kinshasha, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in March.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"High and Holy God, give me this day a word of truth to silence the lies that would devour my soul, and kind encouragements to strengthen me when I fall."* Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th C. France

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**Flowers:**

This week:

Next week:

**Nursery:**

This week: Vonnie Oyer, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly

Next Week: Gloria Gingerich, Dustin Miller

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 167

Offering: \$10,485.16

QW: \$50.00

**Church Staff:**

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