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.

<u>May 3, 2015</u>

Prelude Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship Singing: HWB 100 Praise Him. Praise Him HWB 546 Guide My Feet STJ 96 I'm Pressing On the Upward Way HWB 341 Jesus Loves Me This I Know Offering/offertory Child Dedication: Amalia Mae Miller Congregational Response: HWB 791 Children's Story Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8 Message: "Hold On To Jesus"—Jana Gingerich **Pastoral Prayer** Response Song: "You Are The Vine" Sharing and Prayer Blessing Sending Song: HWB 425 Come, Come Ye Saints This Morning:

Witness and Service Comm. Mtg 8:00am 9:00am Coffee Time Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:30am **Prayer Team meets** 9:45am Worship Service 10:45am This Afternoon/Evening 2:00pm Baby Shower for Cassie and Amalia Miller This Week: 7:00pm Monday Men's Basketball Wednesday 7:00pm Men's Basketball Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women Saturday 7:00am Mennonite Men Breakfast **Worship Schedule** May 10: Mathew will be preaching "No Greater Love" John 15:9-17

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This morning, all adult and MYF Sunday School classes are invited to the sanctuary to hear Raul and Megan Gomez share about their family's year-long experiences serving with NPH Honduras.

"CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM THE LORD," and today we celebrate the gift of Amalia Mae Miller to her family and to our church family with a service of dedication for her, her parents, Steve and Cassie Miller, and ourselves as a church, to her life and growth in Christ.

Zion's MYF raised \$1,500.44 at last Sunday's fundraiser meal. Thank you for your support to the youth as they prepare to attend the Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City, Mo. June 30-July 5.

Thank you Zion family for your prayers, emails, cards and flowers during Mom's illness and passing. We are so thankful for our church family and the support we receive. —Doug Berkey Family

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: Mathew Swora Song Leader: Stan Oyer Children's Story: Ken Beachy

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

The Canby High School Alumni Choir, directed by Brooks and Tom Gingrich, **will perform today**, **Sunday**, **May 3**, in the Richard R. Brown Fine Arts Center at 3:30 pm. Several Zion attenders are singing in the alumni choir. Canby High School mixed choir and concert choir will also be performing. Tickets are \$6.

Mennonite Men Breakfast Saturday, May 9, 7:00am Fellowship Hall

Meet for breakfast and inspiration and to hear about the Jubilee Food Pantry and discuss future men's ministry options.

A fundraiser meal benefiting Bridging Cultures will be held on Sunday, May 17 at noon. Make plans to stay for a delicious lunch and to hear updates of Bridging Cultures' ministries.

SOUP'S ON: Wednesday, May 20 at noon Come for a delicious lunch of Clam Chowder, bread, and carrot cake Bring a guest and enjoy lunch and fellowship!

WMS Parents and Students: It's time to complete your Zion Mennonite Education Fund grant forms. If you would like to apply for a student aid grant for Western Mennonite School for the 2015-16 school year, please email or stop by the church office for a form. Forms must be submitted by May 31. The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, with conductor Bradley Kauffman, are bringing their May tour program to the Northwest. They will perform a diverse repertoire in the program "Asylum: worth, beauty, and refuge", inspired by the college's 2014 common read *Escape from Camp 14*, a *New York Times* best seller by Blaine Harden. **The Singers will perform at Zion on Thursday, May 14 at 7:30pm.**

Zion also has the opportunity to host the Singers for an overnight stay on Thursday, May 14. 24 students and 3 adult chaperones need homes. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please indicate how many students you could house and if you'd prefer male or female. Host families will provide transportation to and from the church and breakfast and packed sack lunch for Friday, May 15.

Please consider helping the staff at Drift Creek prepare for the arrival of summer guests. The 2015 Work Weekend begins Friday, May 15 and ends Saturday afternoon, May 16. Bring a sack lunch for Friday and DCC will provide meals the remainder of the weekend. Please register at <u>www.driftcreek.org/programs/work-</u><u>weekend/</u>. Projects include deep cleaning the lodge and cabins, replacing outside stairways, trail maintenance and more. Your support is appreciated! *The MYF will be attending Work Weekend and offering their support to DCC by helping with projects*.

Salem Mennonite Church is hosting a valley wide hymn sing on May 31th at 6 pm. All are invited. Hymn requests will be encouraged. If you are willing to help lead singing, please contact Trudy McKinnell at <u>jimtrudy@comcast.net</u>. There will be a fellowship time afterwards, you are invited to bring finger foods to share.

IF YOU PLANT IT, IT WILL GROW.....

Vegetable and flower seeds are still available. Please pick some up from the Fellowship Hall foyer. Onion starts will be available May 10. If you have any questions, contact Warde Hershberger



Please keep in your prayers:

- All among us who are ill, home-bound or in hospice care.
- Chuy Arellano at Mill Creek Correctional Facility.
- Mennonite World Conference requests continued prayers for the Global Assembly this summer, and the 1,000 + people from 44 countries needing visas to enter the USA. Give thanks for the many who have obtained them, and for the many still working through the often arduous and complicated process.
- Mennonite Mission Network reports that all its workers in Nepal are safe after the massive earthquake. Please pray for the people who lost everything, including loved ones, the government, relief workers and their relief and reconstruction efforts.

A prayer to carry through the week: "God, let my thoughts turn toward you. With you is light; you forget me never. With you is help, with you is patience. I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me." By Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945.

Nursery:

Last Sunday

This week: Jennifer Beachy, Pam Miller Next Week: Irina Hershberger, Claudia Lapp

Attendance: 155 Offering: \$4,181.04

Church Staff:

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