

# 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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May 1, 2016

Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship : Revelation 22:1-5  
Prayer  
Singing  
Offering  
Children's Story  
Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-24  
Message: "Reconciliation With God and Creation"  
Response Song  
Sharing and Prayer  
Sending Song  
Benediction

**TO "GO FLY A KITE" IS A WAY OF CELEBRATING ASCENSION SUNDAY** in the Bahamas, the day when Christ ascended to "the throne at the right hand of the Father in heaven (The Apostles' Creed)." Our thank you's to Gina Hansen, our Children's Sunday School teachers, and the children in their classes, for the beautiful kites on the windows and walls of our sanctuary, to celebrate Ascension and Pentecost Sundays, these next few weeks (May 8 and 15).

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*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: Stan Oyer  
Children's Story: Mathew Swora

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 for all ages  
10:45am Worship Service  
**This Afternoon/Evening:**  
6:00pm MYF at Jana's  
**This Week:**  
Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting  
Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women  
Saturday WMS Benefit Auction—Salem  
**Worship Schedule:**  
May 8: Ascension Sunday. Mathew will be preaching Acts 1:1-11  
May 15: Pentecost Sunday. Mathew will be preaching Acts 2:1-21; 33-34

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"...THE WHOLE CREATION WAITS...." (Rom. 8: 19) for what? Explore this and related themes in a **Christian Education class on Creation Care to be led by Pastor Mathew Swora, which begins TODAY**, in a classroom downstairs, and will go for the following 6-8 weeks. It will use Mennonite Creation Care Network resources and the recent papal encyclical, *Laudato Si*, which can be found online ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html#\\_ftnref152](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html#_ftnref152)). This is a repeat (of sorts) of the Creation Care class that was offered earlier this year.

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**ON PENTECOST SUNDAY (MAY 15) WE WILL CELEBRATE "THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE"** (Eph. 4:3) with a service of communion, sharing from our partners in Bridging Cultures Canby, and a fundraising meal after the service.

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*The MYF raised \$1067 last Sunday at their fundraiser meal. A big thank you to MYFer's and parents who helped with the meal. Thank you also to Luanne Berkey and Sheryl Mast who organized the meal. And especially thank you, Zion, for your support!*



*A bridal shower for Karli Mast will be held Saturday, June 4th at 3pm at the home of Luanne Berkey, 8215 S. Sconce Rd Canby (in case of rain we will meet in the church basement). Karli and Oliver are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. If purchasing from their registry, please bring a card with a picture and/or description of what you*

*purchased. Gifts purchased through the registry will be shipped directly to Pennsylvania where Karli and Oliver will be moving following their wedding in July.*



Canby High School Alumni Choir and  
Canby High School Concert Choir

**TODAY, Sunday, May 1 at 3:00pm with CHS Mixed Choir**

At the Canby High School Performing Arts Center

Tickets are \$6 each and available at the door. Proceeds benefit the Canby High School Music Department

Salem Mennonite Church invites you to an "old fashioned" Hymn Sing on Sunday, May 22 at 6:00pm at SMC. Join in worship through singing and reconnecting through fellowship. Refreshments will be provided.

**Mennonite Men Breakfast  
Saturday, May 14, 7:00am  
Fellowship Hall**

### **Mennonite Central Committee Relief Kits**

MCC has announced an urgent need for relief kits for people in countries like Syria, Ukraine, and Honduras. Can we help them replenish the stock, with each Zion household bringing contents for one complete kit?

#### **Kit Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)**

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)\*
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count *thin* maxi)

\*If you cannot find the laundry soap, we will purchase this separately. Don't have time to shop? Checks can be made out to Zion Mennonite Church with "MCC Relief Kits" in the subject line. We'll use the money for soap and/or shipping costs.

***Kits will be collected through Sunday, May 8.  
Please place all items in a box or large bag and  
leave in the sanctuary foyer.***

### **WMS ACUTION | MAY 7**

Our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Auction is quickly approaching! You are invited to come join us at the Oregon State Fairgrounds 8am-2pm on Saturday, May 7th for a time of fun, fellowship, eating, and bidding for a great cause!

Ways you can get involved: Pray, invite a friend, visit our website and take a peek preview of what to expect, bake some pies for the Pioneer Pantry, sign up for the Pioneer Run, donate items, and pray some more! We are anticipating another great year at the WMS Auction and hope you consider joining us on this special day!

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Our young people dealing with illness or injury, such as Jaclyn Roth (mitochondrial disorder) and Jayce Roth (hand injury)
- The people of Japan affected by recent earthquakes, which killed several dozen people and displaced tens of thousands from their homes, for Japan Mennonite Fellowship and the Brethren in Christ churches in Japan which will give aid to the affected region (Mennonite World Conference)
- Sister Care ministry of Mennonite Women, and their partnership with Mennonite Mission Network, in particular, for Noelie Bananzaro, Claire Traoré and Nancy Frey, of Burkina Faso, as they share with other churches and women what they learned at a recent Sister Care conference in Kenya (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Bluffton University students who are spending their May cross-cultural experiences in places such as Kentucky, Bangladesh, Arizona, Chicago and Iceland (Mennonite Education Agency)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *“Holy Spirit, Giver of life, impart to us thoughts higher than our own thoughts, and prayers better than our own prayers, and powers beyond our own powers, that we may spend and be spent in the ways of love and goodness....”* Eric Milner-White and G.W. Briggs, 20th C. England

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**Nursery:**

This week: Sheryl Mast, Gloria Gingerich  
Next Week: Carolyn Gingerich, Becky Swora

**Last Sunday**

Attendance:136  
Offering: \$3,555.42  
MCC kits: \$300

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**Church Staff:**

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