

# 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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December 25, 2016

## Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord! The fullness of time has come.

People: As the earth brings forth its shoots,

Leader: so God sent the Son, born into humanity,

People: to show us God's heart.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christmas Carols

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Candle Lighting

*STS 3 Come light of the world*

Confessing/Reconciling

Words of Assurance

Christmas Carols

Children's video program

Christmas Carols

Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Sending Song:

*HWB 318 Joy to the World*

Benediction



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Worship Leader: Mathew Swora  
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich  
Offertory: Ian Oakes

10:45am

**This Morning:**

Worship Service

**This Afternoon/Evening**

No Activities

**This Week:**

Wednesday 12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 9:00am

Quilting

5:15pm

Yoga class

Friday

*Office Closed*

**Worship Schedule:**

January 1: Mathew will be preaching "A Mystery Tale?"  
Matthew 2:1-12

January 8: Communion Sunday. Mathew will be preaching "Living On Borrowed Time", Matthew 2:13-23

*Pastor Mathew Swora will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday, December 28 and 29, for vacation time with family.*

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Congregation,

In order for Zion to meet all mission commitments and expenses for 2016, Zion needs \$46,809 in offering by December 31. This amount reflects the true year-to-date expenses and mission commitments in the budget, not the estimated budget.

Please be in prayer.

Kevin and Richard

The annual Budget meeting has been set for Sunday, January 22.

Mark your calendar for Zion's Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp on January 27 - 29. Frank Howard will be the speaker for the weekend. More information will be coming in January.

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT.** It's time again! If you would like to participate in the January, February, and March round of Dinners for 8, please sign up TODAY. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.

**Taking the long way home.** The Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Historical Society will be on Saturday, January 21 at noon here at Zion. Join for lunch and the fascinating story of one PAX man's adventures in the Congo and his amazing journey home told by the man who lived it, Larry Graber. Program and lunch is \$20/person payable at the door. RSVP to Gloria Nussbaum at [real2reel@teleport.com](mailto:real2reel@teleport.com) or 503-645-0616 by January 15. All ages are welcome!

**MDS Tool Trailer Project:** The Oregon Unit of MDS is asking interested Oregon Pacific NW Mennonite Conference churches to participate in raising funds to purchase an MDS tool trailer and tools. Total cost is estimated to be about \$30,000. An announcement with the details was placed in literature boxes earlier this month. If you would like to support this project, please make your check to Zion Mennonite Church (MDS Trailer Project in the memo line) and place it in the offering. Thanks for your prayerful consideration. If you have questions, please contact Clyde Hockman, Acting Secretary of the Oregon Unit (503-263-1210 or [chockman@canby.com](mailto:chockman@canby.com)).

Got News? The next edition of ***News for the Pews*** will be out on January 8. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the church newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Monday, December 26.

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

*“The memory of the righteous is a blessing (Prov. 10:7)”* Our condolences to Lanette Willig and all the family and friends of Lanette and Eddie Willig upon Eddie’s death this past Wednesday night, December 21, at Salem Memorial Hospital. We will pass on any information about how to support the family and celebrate Eddie’s life and contributions to the community to you as it comes.

- Students and family members and others who have traveled to spend time with family and friends in this community and congregation; may we ponder, as did Mary (Luke 2:51) what they bring, and may their time here be renewing and refreshing.
- Nazareth Village, a reconstructed First Century village in Nazareth, Israel, in which visitors experience life and times in the boyhood of Jesus, thus peeling away distortions of his ministry of reconciliation in this day of conflict (MMN)
- All the schools of Mennonite Education Agency, which invite you to join their community in praying that the light of Christ continues coming into this world.

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *“Bring your peace to our circumstances, Lord, and may your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Teach us to follow Jesus with goodness, righteousness, and truth.”* From Mennonite World Conference prayer resource for December, 2016

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**Nursery:**

This week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila

Next Week: Stephanie Moyer, Seth Ediger

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 152

Offering: \$7,830

MDS Trailer: \$550

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**Church Staff:**

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