

# 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 26, 2017

Call to Worship and Announcements  
Songs  
Scripture: Mark 9: 1-8 (NASB)  
Song  
Children's Story  
Scripture: Mark 9: 9-29 (NASB)  
Message: "Nevertheless"  
Response Song  
Sharing and Prayer  
Offering  
Sending Song  
Blessing for the Week

Worship Leader: Tom Brenneman  
Song Leader: Charlie Gingerich  
Children's Story: Jana Gingerich

9:00am  
9:30am  
9:45am  
10:45am

**This Morning:**  
Coffee Time  
Sunday School for all ages  
Prayer Team meets (upstairs)  
Worship Service

5:30-6:30pm  
5:45-7:15pm

**This Afternoon/Evening**  
MYF at Jana's  
Jr. Hi at Church

Tuesday 10:00am  
Wednesday 12:15pm  
Thursday 9:00am

**This Week:**  
Bible Study—Library  
Prayer Meeting at Zion  
Quilting

## **Worship Schedule:**

March 5: First Sunday of Lent: Hebrews 12: 1-3

March 12: Second Sunday of Lent: John 3:1-17

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Join us on Sunday evening, March 12, at 5:30 pm (Second Sunday time) for a conversation and sharing about the Deep Faith Conference that Pastors Mathew and Jana, Kara Kropf and Karen Tro attended last October. ***"Faith formation is a family affair; What practices can we enhance and cultivate in congregational life for deeper faith formation for all?"*** Come join the discussion.

**Church Literature Request Form:** If you have not returned a request form, please do so by the end of church today. Forms are available on the table in the foyer. If you are especially interested in receiving *The Mennonite*, you must complete a form.

## **NEEDED: Children's Story Time Tellers**

Our worship service includes a time for a children's story each Sunday. We enjoy hearing from a variety of people throughout the year. Would you consider sharing one Sunday morning? You are welcome to read a book, tell a personal story, or develop a short devotion. Pastors are also willing to give you suggestions or materials related to the worship theme. Likewise, if you are thinking about sharing with the children, you are welcome to run ideas and suggestions by the pastors. If you have other questions, or would like to sign-up for an upcoming worship service, please talk to Jana.

**Bridging Cultures** is having a fundraiser dinner on Saturday, March 11 at Zion. They also will still be having their annual Zion fundraiser lunch in May. Anyone who is interested in attending the March event, please contact Karie Smucker for more details. (503) 459-3181 or [kmsmucker@gmail.com](mailto:kmsmucker@gmail.com)

**MDS Oregon Annual Meeting:** Will be held March 18, 10am to 2 pm at Albany Mennonite Church, 3405 Kizer Ave NE, Albany, OR. Guest speakers include Brett Troyer, MDS Binational Project Coordinator from Lititz, PA; Karen Parmelee, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, GeoHazards Aware Coordinator, Salem, OR; and discussion of the Oregon MDS Tool Trailer project as we plan how to carry out the project. Lunch will be provided by the MDS Oregon Unit and an offering will be taken to support the Oregon Unit's mission. All persons interested in MDS are encouraged to attend. To plan for lunch, please RSVP to Clyde Hockman ([chockman@canby.com](mailto:chockman@canby.com) or 503-263-1210) by March 12, 2017.

The **2017 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat is April 21-23** at Drift Creek Camp. *Springtime for the Soul*, will focus on the integration of spiritual practice into daily living. Guests will enjoy a relaxing, nourishing meals, hiking, knitting, time for rest & quiet or crafts & creativity. There will be a discussion on Barbara Brown Taylor's, *An Altar in the World: A Geography on Faith*, as well as yoga with Linda Dalke. Daily morning sessions will include worship and guest speaker, **Marlene Kropf**. An Oregon native, Marlene, and her husband Stanley, live in Port Townsend, WA and connect with the Portland Mennonite congregation. Marlene is retired from teaching at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN and from serving as Minister of Worship for Mennonite Church USA. She is a spiritual director, writer, retreat and pilgrimage leader. We hope you will join us! *Register online at [driftcreek.org](http://driftcreek.org) or by mail.*

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*Just wanted to write to you and say thank you so much for the Valentine's Day treats! I feel so blessed to know that my church community in Oregon is thinking about me! My hall thanks you as well because I shared some of the cookies with them.*  
—Brandon Chupp

*Thank you Zion Sunday School for sending the delightfully excessive Valentine care package! It was a very nice surprise and the delicious cookies and candy will be enjoyed for weeks to come!*  
—Sara Tro

Sermon Outline  
February 28  
"NEVERTHELESS"

What are the three "Nevertheless-es" in Mark 9: 1-29?

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- 2.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3.

How do we sojourn in the land of "Nevertheless?"

# The Season of Lent



**“THE ROAD TO RESURRECTION”** is the Lenten theme we will follow in worship, messages, and special activities for the forty days beginning this Wednesday, March 1, and leading to Easter Sunday, April 16. Special observances will include:

- An Ash Wednesday service (March 1) at 7PM at Zion MC
- Weekly Bible readings and questions leading to the upcoming Sunday’s service for personal or family prayer and reflection
- Daily options for activity or sacrifice provided by Mennonite Mission Network
- A Sunday School hour gathering with Pastor Swora to discuss the scriptures and questions for that Sunday
- Intergenerational activities
- A focus passage for memorization: Hebrews 12: 1-3
- A Maundy Thursday (April 13) foot washing service, 7PM
- Others to be announced

## SUGGESTED READINGS AND REFLECTIONS FOR LENT, WEEK 1

March 1-4 (one for each day):

- Matthew 4:1-11  
What are your most common and pressing temptations?  
How did Jesus overcome his temptations?
- Romans 5:12-19  
What are the signs, or effects, of the gift (v. 15) of Christ’s faithfulness in your life?
- Psalm 32  
When has God’s forgiveness meant the most to you?  
Who, or when, do you find it hardest to forgive?
- Hebrews 12: 1-3  
What “joy set before you” do you anticipate most?

## IT’S ABOUT MORE THAN GIVING UP CHOCOLATE!

Suggested Lenten Activities from Mennonite Mission Network:  
([mennonitemission.net/resources/faith/lent-2017](http://mennonitemission.net/resources/faith/lent-2017))

- **March 1:** Be a child again, and make a paper chain. On each link write the name of a person or of a situation, and use it to pray during Lent
- **March 2:** Unplug from social media for the day and write by hand a note of encouragement to someone
- **March 3:** See how quickly you can shower, and so identify with people in dry places like Northern Nigeria ([themennonite.org/daily-news/living-water-flows-from-mennonite-church-nigeria](http://themennonite.org/daily-news/living-water-flows-from-mennonite-church-nigeria))
- **March 4:** Before dinner, pray for the people who grew and harvested your food. If you have children, talk about and show on a map where your food comes from.



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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Joe Harris, and his nine siblings, whose father passed away this week.
- All who have volunteered for, and participated in, this week's Quilting Workshop, that, even with the energy and effort involved, all will be inspired by the beauty, creativity, skill, friendship, and food, and that God will be honored as the source of all these blessings.
- Mary Beyler, who accompanies Mennonite congregations in Japan, with teaching, preaching, leading music, serving on conferences and committees (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Senior students, adult sponsors and chaperones, of Sarasota Christian School (Sarasota, FL) as they begin their trip to Washington, D.C. this week and return on March 3, for safety, peace and discipleship education (Mennonite Education Agency)
- Pr. Fabe Traore and the Mennonite Church of Samoghohiri, Burkina Faso, request our prayers as they pursue the legal steps to acquire land for the livestock enclosure project for which we donated funds last fall.

**A prayer for the first week of Lent:** *"Make our hearts like yours."* (from Pope Francis' Lenten 2017 message, to which he adds: *"In this way, we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference."*)

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**Nursery:**

This week: Vonnie Oyer, Kristin Amstutz  
Next Week: Cassie Miller, Anna Park

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 138  
Offering: \$3,285  
QW: \$325

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**Church Staff:**

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