

# 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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November 16, 2014

Prelude  
Welcome and Greeting  
Announcements  
Call to Worship and Prayer  
Singing: *HWB 46 I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
*HWB 48 All Creatures of our God and King*  
*Shine Jesus Shine*  
*Sanctuary*  
Offering  
Child Dedication—Redmond and Bowen Ediger  
Children's Story  
Reader's Theater: Genesis 1:26-31  
Message: The Original Blessing  
Response Songs: *Hungry*  
*HWB 154 This is My Father's World*  
Sharing and Prayer  
Benediction Song

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

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich  
Song Leader: Charlie Gingerich, Seth Gingerich  
Children's Story: Cynthia Hockman-Chupp  
Prelude/Offertory: Kristin Oakes

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  
Noon Advent Planning Meeting  
**This Afternoon/Evening**  
6:00pm Congregational Conversation  
**This Week:**  
Monday 7:00pm Men's Basketball  
Wednesday 7:00pm Church Council/Elder Meeting  
Thursday 9:00am Quilting  
6:30pm Elder Meeting  
Saturday 5:00pm Bridging Cultures Thanksgiving Meal  
(Baker Prairie Middle School, Canby)

## Worship Schedule:

November 23: Mathew will be preaching "Holy Desires", the second message from MCUSA's Body and Soul resources. Genesis 2:15-18; John 17:20-23, Revelation 21:1-3

November 30: First Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching "Have Yourself....An Apocalyptic Advent". Mark 13:24-27

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There will be a **Congregational Conversation Meeting this evening at 6:00pm** to learn and discern about MCUSA's Church-wide Statement on Immigration ([http://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Immigration\\_Statement\\_2014Feb151.pdf](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Immigration_Statement_2014Feb151.pdf)), to consider what it calls us to, how we are doing, and how God may be leading us. Copies of the statement are also available on the table in the foyer. The MYF are invited and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. No child care will be available.

There will be a **Church Potluck on Sunday, November 23** at noon to coincide with our theme in worship "Holy Desires". The food and aromas can be referred to as metaphors for our desires for fellowship, intimacy, and nurture in our relationship with God and others. Please bring a potluck dish to share.

**ATTENTION PRIMETIMERS:** Save the date of Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We have a fun day planned for you. We will be going to see the carousel in Albany, and then go to Corvallis and have lunch. Then we will go to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvallis Nativity Festival. They have 700-800 (or more) nativities displayed. More details about transportation will follow later. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

ROVIN UP THE BOW, CLEAN OUT THE VALVES, AND BRING YOUR FIDDLE, TRUMPET, CLARINET OR WHATEVER, AND JOIN

### **ZION'S ADVENT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

which will perform and accompany one Christmas carol or Advent song each Sunday of Advent. To audition, show up the Sunday before, for a brief rehearsal after worship. **The first rehearsal will be Sunday, November 23.** Participation is the purpose, not perfection. Song selections for Sundays of performance are:

- November 30: Advent 1  
HWB 182 "Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee?"
- December 7: Advent 2  
HWB 178 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
- December 14: Advent 3  
HWB 211 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
- December 21: Advent 4  
HWB 212 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

B-flat instruments, *Please remember to transpose from the key in the hymnal.* If you bring a hymnal home to practice, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IT BACK!**

Got News? The next edition of *News for the Pews* will be coming out on December 7. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Tuesday, November 25.

A copy of the Mennonite Central Committee 2014 Annual Report is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. The report is also available online at MCC's website at [mcc.org/learn/about/reports](http://mcc.org/learn/about/reports)

You are invited to join HOPE Village for a special performance of the Canby High School Concert Choir on Tuesday, November 18, at 10:40am in the Community Center. An invitation is posted on the bulletin board with more information.

### **Bridging Cultures Annual Thanksgiving Feast.**

**Saturday, November 22 at 5pm**

at Baker Prairie Middle School in Canby

The featured entertainer will be Latin Songstress Jessie Marquez (<http://www.jessiemarquez.com>) The event is free and will feature tamales, turkey, pie, Mexican cake and lots of other great food. There will also be a raffle of gift baskets and plenty of opportunities to meet new friends and neighbors.

**Jubilee Food Pantry will be collecting turkeys again this year** to hand out to our pantry guests on November 25<sup>th</sup>, which is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. If you would like to help provide a turkey to a family in our community, follow the steps below:

- Step One: Contact either Serenity or Andy to sign up to provide a turkey (this is simply so we can anticipate the number of turkeys coming in and plan accordingly for storage, etc.) Serenity—503-803-7823 or [serenity@sterling.net](mailto:serenity@sterling.net)  
Andy – 503-819-5941 or [andy@sterling.net](mailto:andy@sterling.net) OR contact us via Facebook: search Jubilee Food Pantry, "like" us and send us a message
- Step Two: Purchase a bird(s)
- Step Three: Deliver the turkey during the window of time below. Since we do not have enough freezer space for 75 turkeys, we are asking that you deliver these to us the day before or the day of food pantry.

*Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
(before 3:30pm)*

Address: 2492 Baines Blvd, Hubbard, OR 97032

Thank you once again for your support of the Jubilee Food Pantry!

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- From Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for two recent events that fostered dialogue and nurtured unity among Israeli Christian Arabs and Messianic Jews. Pray for the Mission Network personnel who have ministered long-term in the Middle East breaking down barriers that divide people.

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Almighty God, our Help and Refuge, who knows that we can do nothing right without your guidance and help; direct me by your wisdom and power, that I may accomplish this task and, whatever I do according to your divine will, so that it may be beneficial to me and others, and to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.”* Eastern Orthodox Prayer.

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**Budget Report:**

A total of \$79,012.53 is needed to meet the 2014 budget.

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**Flowers:**

This week: Darlene Kauffman

Next week:

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 98

Offering: \$4,911.25

**Nursery:**

This week: Irina Herschberger, Sheryl Mast

Next Week: Stephanie Moyer, Emma Gingerich

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**Church Staff:**

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