

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.

November 23, 2014

If "God is enthroned on the praises of Israel (Ps. 22:3)" let us sing, pray and praise up a temple of worship for the Most High this morning.

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Announcements

Call to Worship and Prayer

Singing: *As We Gather*

I Will Enter His Gates

As the Deer Panteth for the Water

HWB 299 New Earth, Heavens New

HWB 86 Now Thank We All Our God

Scripture Reading: John 17:20-23

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15-18; 21-23; Revelation 21:1-3

Message: "Holy Desires"

Response Song: *HWB 356 Breathe On Me Breath of God*

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction Song: *The Lord Lift You Up*

Everyone is welcome to stay for a Church Potluck 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.

After the service, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary for sharing and prayer.

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Stan Oyer
Children's Story: Ericka Gingerich

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

Church Potluck meal

This Afternoon/Evening

5:45pm

Jr. Hi at Church

5:45pm

MYF Meet at Church to Carpool for "Your Life in 10 Minutes"

This Week:

Monday 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Wednesday 6:00pm

YA Bible Study at Gingerich Barn

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)

Friday

Office Closed

Worship Schedule:

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

December 7: Second Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the bulletin for November 30 will be printed on Wednesday, November 26. Please submit announcements to the Church Office prior to 9:00am Wednesday. The Office will be closed Thursday and Friday. Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no verbal announcements during Advent. If you have an announcement, please submit it to the Church Office by Thursday to be included in that week's bulletin. Written announcements will be projected on the video screen during Prelude.

During Advent through Epiphany Sunday, please take advantage of the Prelude time to mingle around to greet one another and welcome any guests or visitors among us. Extend a warm "God Bless You" or "May the Peace of Christ be with you," or perhaps, given the season, even "A Blessed Christmas."

ATTENTION PRIMETIMERS: Save the date of Monday, December 8th. 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 20th Annual Corvallis Nativity Festival. They have 700-800 (or more) nativities displayed. More details about transportation will follow later. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. **Please sign up by November 30th.**

ZION'S ADVENT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The first rehearsal will be TODAY, immediately following the service.

Anyone is welcome to join. Brief rehearsals will take place each Sunday in preparation for the following week's performance.

Song selections are:

- November 30: Advent I
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"

If you take a hymnal home to practice, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IT BACK!**

Dear Zion Church Family:

Thank you so much for all the expressions of love you showed to my mom during her illness and death—the cards, the calls, the flowers, the visits, and the beautiful flower arrangement brought to her service. Thank you to all who provided cookies and punch at the service, and thank you to those who gave of themselves in ways I am not aware of.

—Cindy Woodbury (Twila Kropf's daughter)

Jubilee Food Pantry will be collecting turkeys again this year to hand out to our pantry guests on November 25th, 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
Andy – 503-819-5941 or 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 24th or Tuesday, November 25th
(before 3:30pm)***

Address: 2492 Baines Blvd, Hubbard, OR 97032

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

Marcus Smucker Memorial Gathering - Friends and family will gather on **Saturday, December 6**, to remember and give thanks for the life and ministry of Marcus Smucker. The service will be held at 3:30 pm at Portland Mennonite Church (1312 SE 35th Avenue, Portland, OR 97213). A reception with light refreshments will follow. Marcus was pastor of Portland Mennonite Church from 1963 to 1979. He went on to teach at what was then Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He served in many other capacities - counselor, consultant, coach - in many settings throughout the Mennonite Church. For more information, call the PMC office (503-234-0559).

Please keep in your prayers:

- The new Mennonite Church in Sidi, Burkina Faso, the first church of its main ethnic group, which is being threatened with violence by leaders of the traditional tribal religion.
- Our members, friends and family who will be traveling for the holidays this week, for safety and health, as well as for peace when the holidays can generate stress as well as joy, and bring up painful memories and losses, as well as love and anticipation.

A prayer to carry through the week: *“O God our Father, make us willing to do thy will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ. Amen”* by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Budget Report:

A total of \$75,979.28 is needed to meet the 2014 budget.

Flowers:

This week: Jana Gingerich

Next week: Advent Visuals

Last Sunday

Attendance: 172

Offering: \$2,983.25

Nursery:

This week: Stephanie Moyer, Emma Gingerich

Next Week: Luke and Kelsie Sommer

Church Staff:

Lead Pastor: Mathew Swora, zionpastor_ms@canby.com

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Elders: Ken Beachy, David Gingerich, Karen Kropf, Lynn Miller, Julie Yoder

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