

# 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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September 28, 2014

Prelude  
Welcome and Greeting  
Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Singing  
New Testament Scripture: A Time for Joy. John 20:19 and 20  
Singing  
Pastoral Prayer  
Old Testament Scripture: Discovering the Book. Nehemiah 8:1-11  
Children's Story  
Message: Joy, "The Serious Business of Heaven"  
Response Song  
Sharing and Prayer  
Benediction

*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: Ken Kauffman  
Song Leader: Jani VanPelt  
Children's Story: Pam Miller  
Prelude: Karen Tro  
Offertory: Caleb Chupp

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

**This Afternoon/Evening**  
5:45-7:15pm Jr. Hi at Church  
6:00-7:30pm MYF at Brandon Chupp's

**This Week:**  
Monday 7:00pm Men's Basketball  
Wednesday 7:00pm Men's Basketball  
Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women

## Worship Schedule:

October 5: Mathew will be preaching. Matthew 16:13-19  
October 12: Guest Speaker Jim Harper, Bible Class teacher at Western Mennonite School  
October 19: Jana will be preaching.

*Mathew will be on vacation October 6 through October 20.*

*The bulletin for Sunday, October 5 will be printed on Thursday, October 2. Please have bulletin announcements to the Church Office by 9:00am Thursday morning.*

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**NEXT SUNDAY (October 5), A SERVICE OF COMMUNION WILL BE PART OF OUR CELEBRATION OF *WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY*,** with Christians all over the world. Please prepare, as you are able and are led, for sharing this sign of our union with Christ, each other and the global church.

There will be a **MYF PARENT MEETING** on Sunday, October 5 at 5:00pm in the Skylight Room with Jana. We will be discussing our plans to attend the Mennonite Youth Convention next summer, June 30-July 5, 2015. It will be held in Kansas City, Mo.

**Mennonite Women will be collecting “baby shower” items for Pregnancy Care Centers.** Any size disposable diapers, diaper wipes, clothes sized newborn—12 mo., and receiving blankets are especially needed. Cash donations will also be accepted. Items may be left in the church foyer or delivered to the next Mennonite Women meeting on Thursday, October 2. If you have any questions, contact Chris Keady.

**The Jubilee Food Pantry is once again partnering with the Medical Teams International (MTI) dental van.** The dental van provides free dental care for patients in need of dental procedures who economically are not able to obtain care. The van will be in Zion’s parking lot on Friday, October 10. Interviews for those in need will take place at Jubilee Food Pantry on Tuesday, September 30 from 4-7:00pm. No appointment is necessary. If you need dental care or you know of someone who does, please see the flyers on the bulletin board for more information or call Andy Coulombe at 503.819.5941

Portland Mennonite Church is bringing Ted Swartz of **Ted & Co.** to the Northwest for a **special performance of *Listening for Grace***, a new play about relationships, sexuality, and the church. The show will take place on **Friday, October 24 and 7:00pm at Portland Mennonite Church.** Learn more about the play at [listeningforgrace.com](http://listeningforgrace.com). Admission is free; an offering will be accepted to help support the work of Ted & Co.

Lebanon Mennonite Church is hosting a *Trauma and the Journey Toward Healing and Hope* seminar on Saturday, October 25, from 9am-3pm. Cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. This event is sponsored and supported by PNMC. Please let the church office know if you are interested in attending.

*Thank you to all of those who put in many extra hours volunteering their time and energy to repair and refinish the church roof. Your commitment to Zion does not go unnoticed! Thank you, Richard Kropf, Gene Gascho, Steve Hershberger, Tom Brenneman, Lynn Miller, John Gingerich, Denny Stringer, and Marlene Harris.*  
—Zion Trustees

*Thank you so much for all your cards, calls of encouragement, and Carolyn’s sweet visit after the loss of our brother.*  
—Adrian and Kay Fisher

**FROM CHUY ARELLANO AVILA:** “,,,its been about a year since you sent me off. I am so very thankful for your uplifting prayers, letters, and even being able to have seen a few of you through privileged visitations....I would sum up this year as an establishment of my faith...I learned a lot this years as the Spirit of Truth guided me.” You can read the whole of Chuy’s letter reflecting on his first year at Shutter Creek Correctional Facility, posted by his other letters on the bulletin board in the foyer.

### **MCC Penny Power Only TWO Sundays left!**

We are on the homeward stretch. We have raised \$905.11.  
We only need \$94.89 to reach the matching funds goal!  
Don’t forget your change!

**Mennonite World Conference’s Assembly “Pennsylvania 2015”** will take place July 21-26, 2015 in Harrisburg, PA. Information is available at [www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015registration](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015registration), and promotional materials are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you might consider attending, please contact the church office so that we can put those interested in touch with each other to coordinate travel and other arrangements. Another MWC Assembly likely won’t happen in the United States for another 30 years! Follow the facebook page at [facebook.com/MennoniteWorldConference](https://facebook.com/MennoniteWorldConference)

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Chris and Rebeca Strong and family serving in Bolivia.
- Chuy Arellano Avila, giving God thanks for his spiritual growth, conduct, character, and ministry while in prison, and for God to bless, sustain and use him during the time that remains on his sentence.
- Christian Peacemaker Teams and other faith-based peacemakers and community development agencies working in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Grant me now, dear Lord, to love you as fervently as I once loved sin itself.”* St. Basil, 4th C.

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**Flowers:**

This week: Luella Hostetler

Next week:

**Nursery:**

This week: Jennifer and Emma Gingerich

Next Week: Louise Gingerich, Nancy Beachy

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 160

Offering: \$5,883.25

DCC: \$100

Maranatha Ministries:

\$200

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