

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.

December 14, 2014

"Oh, That You Would Reveal Your Joy"



Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship (*from Isaiah 61*)
Songs and Carols:
 HWB 211 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
(Please listen as the ensemble plays the hymn once, then join to sing vs 1-3)
 HWB 189 To Us a Child of Hope is Born (Children's Choice)
Confession
Pastoral Prayer
Words of Assurance
Song
Offering
 Offertory
Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55 *The Magnificent*
Children's Story
Message: "Scary Mary"
Response Song: *STJ 13 My Soul is Filled With Joy*
Testimony
Sharing and Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)
Sending Song
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: Karen Kropf
Song Leader: Charlie Gingerich
Children's Story: Ken Kauffman
Prelude: Kristin Oakes and Karen Tro

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

5:00pm Second Sunday
6:00-7:30pm MYF/Jr. Hi Caroling at Hope Village

This Week:

Monday	7:00pm	Men's Basketball
Wednesday	Noon	Soup's On
	7:00pm	Men's Basketball
Thursday	9:00am	Quilting

Worship Schedule:

December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching "Let It Be" Luke 1:26-38

December 28: Christmas Service. Jennifer Lyn Gingerich will be preaching "Claiming Our True Identity" Isaiah 61:62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

The Church Office will be closed December 24, 25, and 26. The bulletin for December 28 will be printed on Tuesday, December 23. Please have announcements to the church office prior to that day. Jana will be on vacation December 21—January 2.

ZION'S ADVENT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Brief rehearsal will take place immediately following the worship service. Song selection for next week is *HWB 212 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Second Sunday

TONIGHT 5:00-6:30 pm

Everyone is welcome for a light meal at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall, followed by group time and activity for kids in K-6th grade. Brianne Vredenburg and Callan Berkey will be leading a lesson called "Peace In Our World" about global community and how to work together to bring peace. **The Jr. Hi will be joining the MYF for caroling at Hope Village from 6:00-7:30pm. Carpool from the church.**

Dinners for 8

If you would like to participate in the January, February, and March round of Dinners for 8, sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board through December.



Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars now for

Zion's Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp

Dates for the retreat are January 23-25, 2015. The cost for the weekend is \$40 per person. If you are a first time attender, the cost is only \$20. We will be having both an oral and silent auction to offset the costs for the weekend. Make your plans now for what you can bring to donate to either auction. More details about the weekend will be shared soon. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, talk to any of your retreat committee – Christian & Kristen Amstutz, Tsid Gershom or Scott & Denise Lapp

WESTERN MENNONITE SCHOOL Upcoming Dates:

Alumni Celebration Day | December 18 | 9:00 a.m. Join us as we honor two alumni and one individual from the WMS community. Faculty and staff voted to recognize nominees in three categories: Young Leader, Lifetime Achievement, and Distinguished Service. Come celebrate alumni and friends who are making an impact in their communities!

Choir Performances

Middle School Winter Concert | December 16 | 7:00 p.m.
Choirs at the Capitol | December 17 | 12:00 p.m.
High School Christmas Concert | December 18 | 7:00 p.m.

Jubilee Food Pantry will be collecting hams on Monday evening, December 15 and Tuesday, December 16th until 3:30pm. This is something special for many to help celebrate Christmas with their families. If you would like to donate, please contact Serenity Coulombe, 503-803-7823



Christmas Soup's On Wednesday, December 17 at noon

Enjoy Turkey Wild Rice soup, bread, and date bars. All donations will be given to Bridging Cultures for their summer programs in Canby. There will also be a collection of canned food for Jubilee Food Pantry. Jubilee's most needed items include dry rice, beans, boxed cereal, baking items, canned meat (tuna/chicken), canned fruits and vegetables. Please come and bring a guest!

Sing Your Own Messiah Saturday, December 20 at 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome to either sing along or just listen and enjoy. Refreshments will follow. (Please bring a prepared finger food to share with guests.)

Christmas Vespers: Children's Program and Carols Sunday, December 21 at 4:30pm

The children will be singing and sharing letters written to Mary, Joseph, and others. Following the short program, everyone is welcome to join in sing Christmas carols. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Please bring prepared finger foods to share.

Christmas Eve Service at the Canby Pioneer Chapel: Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church hopes you will join us for our annual service on Wednesday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. It is a great opportunity to hear the Christmas story and sing some of your favorite carols. If you have questions, please contact Karie Smucker at 503-459-3181 or kmsmucker@gmail.com.

Please keep in your prayers:

- The Oyer family and Paul Davidhizar after the death of Ellen, whose memorial service was yesterday. Remember also the Yoder family. Martha Yoder's memorial service will be held Saturday, January 17 at 2:00pm at Zion.
- From Mennonite World Conference: Pray for MWC partner church, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, which is at the front lines of terrorism and kidnapping by Boko Haram, the jihadi Islamist organization in northeastern Nigeria. Samuel Dali, the President of our partner church there, warns of the possibility of 'genocide' of Christians in northern Nigeria. He reports that 8 pastors and 3,038 members have been killed, 80 kidnapped and 96,000 displaced over this last year.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word."* Luke 1:38 NASV

Budget Report:

A total of \$57,468.01 (\$19,156 per Sunday) is needed to meet the 2014 budget. There are three Sundays until year end.

Flowers:

This week: Advent Visuals

Next week: Advent Visuals

Nursery:

This week: Stephanie Roth, Pam Miller

Next Week: Karen Tro, Luanne Berkey

Last Sunday

Attendance: 216

Offering: \$10,293.15

Cookbooks: \$50

History Book: \$12

Church Staff:

Lead Pastor: Mathew Swora, zionpastor_ms@canby.com

Jana Gingerich, Associate/Youth Pastor: zionyouth@canby.com

Jodi Hansen, Office Administrator: zionmc@canby.com

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

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