

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 7, 2014

"Oh, That You Would Reveal Your Peace"



Prelude
Opening with welcome words and prayer
Call to Worship (*adapted from Isaiah 40*)
Hymns and Carols:
 HWB 178 Come thou long-expected Jesus
(Please listen as the ensemble plays the hymn once, then join to sing both verses)
 HWB 191 O little town of Bethlehem (Children's Choice)
Canby High School Catalina Choir
Children's Story Time
Advent Candle Lighting
Gifts and Offerings
Offertory
Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Sermon: "Hasten the Day"
Response Song: *HWB 580 My Life Flows On*
Pastoral Prayer
Sending Song: *STJ 76 The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

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

Worship Leader: Karie Smucker
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

5:45pm Jr. Hi at Church
6:00pm MYF Gingerich Barn

This Week:

Monday	7:00pm	Primetimers Holiday Trip
Tuesday	7:00pm	Men's Basketball
Wednesday	6:00pm	Church Council Meeting
	7:00pm	YA Bible Study at Gingerich Barn
Thursday	9:00am	Men's Basketball
	6:30pm	Quilting
		Elder's Meeting

Worship Schedule:

December 14: Third Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching "Scary Mary" Luke 1:46-55
December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching "Let It Be" Luke 1:26-38

ZION'S ADVENT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Brief rehearsal will take place immediately following the worship service. Song selection for next week is *HWB 211 "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"*

Second Sunday

December 14, 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. Brienne 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.

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 attendee, 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.

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.



Primetimers Holiday Trip Monday, December 8

All seniors are invited to join the trip to Corvallis to visit the 20th Annual Corvallis Nativity Festival, where 700-800 (or more) nativities are on display. There will be a stop in Albany to see the carousel and then lunch in Corvallis.

MYF and Jr. Hi Caroling at HOPE Village Sunday, December 14, 6-7:30pm

Meet at the church at 5:00 for the Second Sunday meal and to carpool

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 singing Christmas carols. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Please bring prepared finger foods to share.



Thank you to Gene and Judy Gascho and Donna Ollis for the beautiful Christmas decorations and Advent visuals throughout the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Thank you Zion for supporting us this year. Thank you for supporting our ministry here at Stansberry. We have had a good year working with the youth and helping guide them as they make decisions in their lives for what they want to do and who they want to become. Chris has also finished remodeling the youth's rooms and their bathrooms. Thank you Zion for supporting us with this project by sending us help from: David and Ericka, Tsid, Callan and Brianne. We are thankful for being here and being a part of this family. There is much more to be done and many more ways to support Stansberry, which is why we have decided to stay another year working here. We look forward to sharing more information and pictures with you in a couple of weeks from now. God bless you and peace be with you.

—With love, Rebeca Strong and family

Thank You my church family for the gift card to Al's. As I waited for my concussion to heal, I noticed two dead plants in pots that when replaced, will remind me daily of the love, prayers and support of my Zion family.

—Chris Keady

Lost and Found: A number of items have been collected throughout the year. Please check to see if any of these are yours: two pair of sunglasses, an earring, a set of keys, and several different jackets and sweaters. Also, an amount of cash was found in the parking lot in early October and returned to the church office. If you think this may be yours, please let the office know.

Looking for a thoughtful Christmas gift? Zion Cookbooks are available for \$10 each. Stop by the office and pick one up!

Attention book readers! The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society Library has a collection of 2600+ books and pamphlets authored by Mennonites and about Mennonite issues, theology and history. You may search the collection online using this link <<http://www.pnmhs.org/library/catalog/>> and visit the Library Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9am-3pm, or request a book by email <pnmhs.volunteer@gmail.com> to be placed in your box here at church. We also have an extensive collection of family genealogy books available for your use onsite.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Students among us, in our families and communities, that they might know God's peace and grow in fruitfulness during this very busy, stressful time, coming to the end of their terms and a time for tests and final projects.
- Those in our congregation who are experiencing health issues or are homebound, thinking especially Delbert Kropf, Martha Yoder, Willie and Donita Garber, Vera Garber, Eddie Willig, Maynard and Mildred Nofziger, and Jim Graber.
- From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the transition government in Burkina Faso after October demonstrations forced Blaise Compaoré to relinquish presidential power. Anne Garber Kompaoré requests that the Lord will lead to a wide consensus for a person full of integrity and wisdom and courage to lead the country to elections.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Let my soul, like Mary, be thine earthly sanctuary."* From the hymn "God is Here Among Us", by Gerhard Tersteegen, 18th C. Germany

Budget Report:

A total of \$67,823.16 is needed to meet the 2014 budget.
There are four Sundays until year end.

Flowers:

This week: Advent Visuals

Next week: Advent Visuals

Last Sunday

Attendance: 168

Offering: \$5,835.12

Nursery:

This week: Wendy Roth, Jaclyn Roth

Next Week: Stephanie Roth, Pam Miller

Church Staff:

Lead Pastor: Mathew Swora, zionpastor_ms@canby.com

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

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

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