

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.

January 11, 2015

Welcome

Call to Worship: Lamentations 1:3-6; Isaiah 52:7-10

Songs:

HWB 120 Holy, holy, holy

Days of Elijah

Your love is amazing

As the deer

Pastoral Prayer

Offering/Offertory

Moment in Missions: We Welcome Cara Ediger of Portland, as she shares briefly in a mission report about her vision of working jointly with Mennonite Mission Network and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-12

Message: "Starting Afresh"

Response Song: *HWB 183 On Jordan's banks*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 176 Comfort comfort oh my people*

Benediction

NEXT SUNDAY (January 18) IS WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, when we will join thousands of partner congregations in Mennonite World Conference in celebrating God's kingdom-building work. A supplemental offering will be taken for MWC.

*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: Tom Brenneman
Song Leader: Karie Smucker,
Seth Gingerich
Prelude: Kristin Oakes, 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/Jr. Hi

5:15pm

MYF (meet to carpool) Your Life in 10 Minutes

This Week:

Monday 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Wednesday 7:00pm

Christian Education Commission Mtg

7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Thursday 9:00am

Quilting

Friday 2:00pm

Joel Neuschwander Memorial Service

Saturday 2:00pm

Martha Yoder Memorial Service

Worship Schedule

January 18: Mathew will be preaching "The Kingdom Prayer"

Text: Matthew 6:7-15, for Mennonite World Conference Sunday.

January 25: Tim Leshar, Executive Director of The Canby Center will be sharing.

On January 18, during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:30am, the Immigration class invites you to attend the showing of a film called "The Stranger." Afterward there will be 10-15 minutes for questions and discussion. All are invited to join in the sanctuary for this documentary by the Evangelical Immigration Table. "The Stranger" profiles three immigrant stories and includes interviews with local and national Christian leaders. To watch a trailer for the film, go to: www.thestrangerfilm.org/

PLEASE FIND IN YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES A LETTER FROM THE ELDERS AND PASTORS to you about their recent initial discussions about concerns, questions and responses to homosexuality, in advance of possible future congregational conversations and discernment, and about counsel sought and received in this process from leadership of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference.

Second Sunday
TONIGHT, 5:00-6:30pm

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.

Jr. Hi will meet separately from 5:30-6:30pm

Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 18
immediately following

MYF Fundraiser Meal at Noon

Menu: Cheddar Chowder, relish tray, garlic French bread, and Chocolate Cherry Cake with ice cream

Forgive and then Forgive S'more

Make your plans to join us for Zion's Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp on January 23 to 25, 2015. Lynn Miller will be sharing with us about forgiveness. You can't beat the cost - \$20 for first time attenders and \$40 for any repeat attenders. Auctions will be held to offset the remaining costs. See the flyer in your literature box for more information and sign up by January 18th. If you have any questions, talk to someone on the committee — Christian & Kristen Amstutz, Tsid Gershom or Scott & Denise Lapp

Zion's "Sharing Fund" needs to be replenished. This Sharing Fund is used for Everence grants available to our congregation, up to \$2500 per year. Zion's Sharing Fund helps by providing funds to assist in times of crisis or emergencies. Zion's gift is then matched with Sharing Funds from Everence. To give to Zion's Sharing Fund, make checks payable to Zion Mennonite Church with "Sharing Fund" in the memo line. Thank you!

A Celebration of Life for Joel Neuschwander will be held at Zion on Friday, January 16 at 2:00pm.



A memorial service for Martha Yoder will be held at Zion, on Saturday, January 17 at 2:00pm. Please come and share memories of Martha, either spoken into the mic, or written and placed into a basket for the family to read later. Any gifts or contributions may be made to the Zion Mennonite music library.

Western Mennonite School

Please be in prayer for the Polivka family who experienced a house fire over Christmas break and lost most of their possessions. Dwight Polivka teaches Bible at WMS and has two children currently attending the school. If you feel called to make a financial contribution to help this family begin rebuilding their lives please send gifts to 9045 Wallace RD NW Salem OR 97304. If you have questions email dorai@westernmennoniteschool.org or call at 503.363.2000.

Register now for PA 2015: Already making summer plans? Plan to attend Pennsylvania (PA) 2015, the 16th Assembly of Mennonite World Conference which will be held July 21-26, 2015 in Harrisburg, PA. Where else can you worship and fellowship with thousands of Anabaptist Christians in an international gathering? Come get inspired by the music of Zimbabwean and Kenyan choirs. Learn about the global Church by visiting the Global Church Village. Play or watch the Anabaptist World Cup soccer tournament. Get to know others through Friendship Groups. Take part in a service opportunity. See all that PA 2015 has to offer at <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/pennsylvania-2015>. Let the Church Office know if you have interest in attending.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Brian and Noelia Fox, who work with the youth and young adults of the United Communities Anabaptist Church in Spain, especially as they prepare for “Origen”, the annual youth conference to be held next month (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Zion Church’s upcoming adult retreat at Drift Creek Camp, that it might be of great blessing for all who participate and share.
- For whomever God is calling to join and lead the ministry and learning community that is Zion’s Worship Commission, that he or she will hear and embrace the call to join the party.
- Chris and Rebeca Strong and family serving in Bolivia. *A newsletter from the Strongs is posted on the missions bulletin board in the foyer.*

A prayer to carry through the week: *“My Teacher, I wish to see again.”* By Bartimaeus, in Mark 10:51

Flowers:

This week: Louise Gingerich

Next week: Chris Keady

Nursery:

This week: Dorothy Brenneman, Kara Kropf

Next Week: Serenity Coulombe, Vonnie Oyer

Last Sunday

Attendance:

Offering: \$

Church Staff:

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