

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 18, 2015

World Fellowship Sunday

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship from Psalm 50:1-7

1. "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name"

Songs: HWB 351 Our Father

STJ 3 Jesus Calls Us

2. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done

3. on earth as it is in heaven"

Song: STJ 57 Your Will Be Done

Offering/Offertory

4. "Give us this our daily bread, and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors"

Children's Story: Mathew Swora

Children's Song: HWB 324 Seek Ye First

5. "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil"

Testimonies and prayers from MWC partners

Song: STJ 8 Somos Pueblo Que Camina

Sharing and Prayer

Leader: In your mercy,

People: Lord, Hear our prayer

6. "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen"

Song: STJ 48 Our Father

Benediction and Sending

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

Today's Elder is Ken Beachy.

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Wendell Amstutz
Children's Story: Mathew Swora
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
(Adult classes meet in Sanctuary for film)

9:45am

Prayer Team meets

10:45am

Worship Service

Noon

MYF Fundraiser Meal

Annual Budget Meeting

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Monday 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Wednesday 6:00pm

YA Bible Study at Gingerich Barn

7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Thursday 9:00am

Quilting

6:30pm

Elders Meeting

Friday—Sunday

Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp

Worship Schedule

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

February 1: Mathew will be preaching "Created for Intimacy"

Text: Ruth 1; Romans 12:9-10; 15

Annual Budget Meeting

**Today, immediately following
MYF Fundraiser Meal at Noon**

A copy of the 2014 Annual Budget Report, including a proposed 2015 budget, is in literature boxes today. Please bring your copy with you to the meeting.

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!

Forgive and then Forgive S'more

Today is the last day to sign up for Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp on January 23 to 25, 2015. Lynn Miller will be sharing with us about forgiveness. The cost is \$20 for first time attenders and \$40 for any repeat attenders. Auctions will be held to offset the remaining costs. Plan now for what you can bring to the auction. Also, be sure to bring a snack to share. There was a flyer in your box last week with more information. If you have any questions, talk to someone on the committee —
Christian & Kristen Amstutz, Tsid Gershom or Scott & Denise Lapp

The annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society (PNMHS) will be held **Saturday, January 31, 2015**, at 12 noon at Zion Mennonite Church. There will be a \$10/person luncheon and a special speaker. Please RSVP by calling (503) 266-6447 or by emailing pnmennonite@canby.com. *Payment in cash or check can be made at the door.* **Everyone is welcome** and PNMHS members are especially urged to attend because we will be voting on the updated by-laws and electing 2015 board members. Questions, contact Jerry Barkman at jbarkman@canby.com or 503-266-7854.

HOPE Village is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, February 12 at 12:00PM. Anyone who has volunteered at HOPE in the past year is invited to attend. An invitation with more information is posted on the bulletin board.

Bethany Chupp, a sophomore at Eastern Mennonite University is traveling with a cross-cultural team in the Middle East this semester, visiting Jordan, Turkey, Greece and Rome. Prayers are appreciated for the group of students and leaders as they study, hike, explore ancient histories and current conflicts while being immersed in the ancient/modern world of Jews, Christians and Muslims. You can follow Bethany and her postings on: avastyworld.tumblr.com

Dear Zion

Words can hardly express the spirit of generosity and support that we have experienced these past months. We are so blessed to be a part of this faith community. Thank you.

—Dave and Julie Yoder

WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

QUESTIONS ABOUT MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE:

You can find answers to the questions below online, at www.mwc-cmm.org or in books and magazines in our church library, as well as in the *Courier*, on the magazine rack. Answers will be posted on the website and in the next newsletter.

1. What is the biggest member denomination in MWC?
2. When you add up the numbers from several Mennonite denominations, which country has the most Mennonites?
3. Where is the next Mennonite World Conference assembly to be held? And when?
4. In what languages are official MWC magazines and press releases published?
5. Which of these three countries do not have officially -registered MWC member churches: Kirgizstan, Pakistan, Kazakhstan?
6. There are over 100,000 Mennonites in the country that also has the largest Muslim population in the world. Which country is that?
7. Which country in Latin America has the most Mennonites?
8. In which countries are MWC members facing significant persecution?
9. Which continent has the least Mennonites (not counting Antarctica)?
10. Where is the current world office of MWC?
11. Which MWC denomination has churches and members on both sides of a war zone between two conflicted, neighboring countries?

SEVEN SHARED CONVICTIONS OF MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE MEMBER DENOMINATIONS

By the grace of God, we seek to live and proclaim the good news of reconciliation in Jesus Christ. As part of the one body of Christ at all times and places, we hold the following to be central to our belief and practice:

1. God is known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Creator who seeks to restore fallen humanity by calling a people to be faithful in fellowship, worship, service and witness.
2. Jesus is the Son of God. Through his life and teachings, his cross and resurrection, he showed us how to be faithful disciples, redeemed the world, and offers eternal life.
3. As a church, we are a community of those whom God's Spirit calls to turn from sin, acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, receive baptism upon confession of faith, and follow Christ in life.
4. As a faith community, we accept the Bible as our authority for faith and life, interpreting it together under Holy Spirit guidance, in the light of Jesus Christ to discern God's will for our obedience.
5. The Spirit of Jesus empowers us to trust God in all areas of life so we become peacemakers who renounce violence, love our enemies, seek justice, and share our possessions with those in need.
6. We gather regularly to worship, to celebrate the Lord's Supper, and to hear the Word of God in a spirit of mutual accountability.
7. As a world-wide community of faith and life we transcend boundaries of nationality, race, class, gender and language. We seek to live in the world without conforming to the powers of evil, witnessing to God's grace by serving others, caring for creation, and inviting all people to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

In these convictions we draw inspiration from Anabaptist forebears of the 16th century, who modeled radical discipleship to Jesus Christ. We seek to walk in his name by the power of the Holy Spirit, as we confidently await Christ's return and the final fulfillment of God's kingdom.

Adopted by Mennonite World Conference

Please keep in your prayers:

- Bridging Cultures and its service to families and persons seeking to establish their legal status, and as grants and funds are sought to sustain current services and meet even more needs.
- From Mennonite Mission Network: Some people in villages that had formerly been part of the Soviet Union became Christians through the ministry of Mennonite mission workers. Pray for these committed Christians who are fearlessly sharing the good news of Jesus and translating the Bible into their own language despite persecution.

A prayer to carry through the week: *“O God, Living Truth, make me one with you in perfect love. Without you all that I read or hear or see wears me out. In you is all I will or can desire.”* From *The imitation of Christ*, by Thomas A. Kempis, 15 C. Germany

Flowers:

This week: Chris Keady

Next week:

Nursery:

This week: Serenity Coulombe, Vonnie Oyer

Next Week: Chris Keady, Carolyn Gingerich

Last Sunday

Attendance: 149

Offering: \$3,498.36

Sharing Fund: \$475

Jan 4: \$5,636.32

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Church Staff:

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