

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 4, 2015

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship—

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship. Incarnate God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the awe that comes from remembering your saving mystery.

All: In a little child, God is revealed to us.

Leader: The mystery, kept hidden in ages past, has been made known.

People: We, who were once outsiders, now share in the inheritance.

Leader: All of us, part of the same body, sharing the same promise,

People: Through the gospel of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Leader: Throwing light on the inner workings of this mystery was God's plan from all eternity.

People: God's gift of grace is a gift to be received by all.

All: In thankfulness we treasure the immeasurable riches of Christ.

Songs:

HWB 463 Let All Mortal Flesh Be Silent

HWB 215 What Child is This

HWB 197 Angels We Have Heard on High

Offering

Children's Time

Song: *HWB 401 This Little Light of Mine*

Confessional Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: Reader's Theater— "Crossing the Lines"

Response Hymn

Sharing and Prayer

Service of Communion

Closing Hymn

Sending

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: Jana Gingerich

Song Leader: Lois Yoder

Children's Story: Ken Kauffman

Prelude: Kristin Oakes

Offertory: Lois Yoder

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

6:00-7:30pm

MYF at Gingerich Barn

This Week:

Monday 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Wednesday 6:00pm

YA Bible Study at Gingerich Barn

7:00pm

Church Council Meeting

7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Thursday 9:00am

Mennonite Women

6:30pm

Elder's Meeting

Worship Schedule

January 11: Mathew will be preaching "Starting Afresh."

Text: Mark 1:4-11.

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

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

Zion will be hosting the PNMC Conference Communications Council meeting on Saturday, January 10. Pastors and delegates from PNMC churches will be meeting to gather information, share ideas, express concerns, and strengthen communication. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance during the course of conversations. Your prayers are also appreciated for those traveling to attend. This meeting was scheduled and planned for last January and abruptly cancelled because of last year's snow storm.

Please remember in your prayers Carolyn Neuschwander and family. Joel passed away on December 26. A memorial service will be held at Zion at 2:00pm on Friday, January 16.

A memorial service for Martha Yoder will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, January 17, also here at Zion. Continue to remember the Yoder family in prayer.

If you are visiting, we invite you to complete a Welcome card and drop it in the offering basket.

The Adult Sunday School class studying the book "Reconcile" by John Paul Lederach will meet for the first time today, January 4, in Room #18 in the basement. Pat Hershberger and Ken Beachy will be co-teachers.

There has been some interest in a Sermon Discussion class that would discuss the sermon from the prior Sunday. If you would enjoy attending that class, please meet in Skylight Room #1. Class leadership will be shared by class members. This class begins today as well, and will be discussing the sermon by Jennifer Gingerich (December 28).

Other classes will continue to meet in their usual locations.

The Psalms: Ken Kauffman (Library)

Acts of Worship: Lynn Miller (Skylight #2)

Prayer Team: Upstairs #5, second room to the left

The Marriage Class has ended as of December 28.

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/

Second Sunday

January 11, 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

Please keep in your prayers:

- From Mennonite Mission Network: Nate and Taryn Dirks live out their faith in Botswana through weekly prison ministry, Bible Studies with African Initiated Churches, and community development projects. Pray that they and those with whom they work, study, and worship may daily become more like Jesus.
- Students returning to school, completing classes and semesters, or taking up new ones.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Take away from me all that may not enter Thy realm."* By Abraham Joshua Heschel

Budget Report:

Praise and thanksgiving—we have met the 2014 budget, (plus a little more)! The annual budget meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18 to review 2014 finances and approve a new 2015 budget. Please keep the Facilities and Finance Commission in your prayers as they make preparations.

Flowers:

This week: Advent Visuals

Next week:

Last Sunday

Attendance: 154

Offering: \$24,743.66

Nursery:

This week: Nancy Beachy, Kristin Oakes

Next Week: Dorothy Brenneman, Kara Kropf

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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