

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.

February 22, 2015



Welcome and Greeting

Announcements

Candle Lighting/Call to Worship

Singing:

HWB 237 Great is Thy Faithfulness

HWB 149 Great God of Wonders

HWB 614 In the Bulb There is a Flower

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Call to Authenticity

Call to Grace

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:9-15

Reader's Theater—Ken Beachy, Kara Kropf, Ken Kauffman,
Alta LaBare

Sermon: "From John to Jesus to Us"

Theme Song: *My Soul Cries Out* (see insert)

Sharing and Prayer

Response Song: *HWB 411 I Bind My Heart This Tide*

Call to Commitment

Benediction

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

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Charlie and Seth Gingerich
Children's Story: Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly
Prelude/Offertory: Kelsey Sommer

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 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Thursday 9:00am

Quilting

Worship Schedule

March 1: Second Sunday of Lent—Romans 4: 13-25, Mathew will be preaching "Righteousness on Credit, Not Debit"

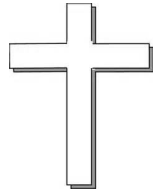
March 8: Third Sunday of Lent—I Corinthians 1:18-25. Mathew will be preaching "God's Upside Down and Inside Out Wisdom"

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, the church's traditional season of preparation for Easter. Zion Mennonite Church joins other MCUSA churches in observing this season under the theme, "Upside Down & Inside Out." If you fast or sacrifice some indulgence this season, consider joining others in turning the financial value of that into aid for Syrian war refugees, or similar ministry, through Mennonite Central Committee. Watch future bulletins for information about Palm Sunday, a Good Friday service, and other possible events and observances. If you do not already have a devotional guide or program, or wish to supplement it, you may prepare for each Lenten worship service by reading and reflecting on the four Bible passages that will be listed in each bulletin for the coming Sunday, preferably one each day. For this coming Second Sunday of Lent, the four passages are: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-24; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38. Reflections on those passages can be found on Goshen College's website, www.goshen.edu/devotions.

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

“MAY I NEVER BOAST OF ANYTHING BUT THE CROSS...” (Gal. 6:14)

For the coming season of Lent, we invite you to bring in a cross, of any size or substance, that has meant something to you, for a display in our sanctuary that will be up through Easter Sunday. Consider also bringing a short note to be shared with the congregation that tells about its source and meaning to you. *Please deliver crosses to the Church Office by Friday, February 27.* They will be on display beginning Sunday, March 1.



Zion grants \$1000 (\$500 per term) in student aid funds to college students attending Mennonite colleges participating in the matching grant program. Application forms are available in the Church Office. The deadline for notifying most colleges of participation is March 1. Please contact the church office as soon as possible and complete an application form if you will be attending college this fall.

Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children | Feb. 26, 2015 | 7:00–9:00 pm

Western Mennonite School will be hosting Maria Schauble, a certified trainer for Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children, who will be presenting an interactive workshop to teach parents how to protect their children from sexual abuse. Specific tips and techniques will be shared so parents can confidently recognize risky situations and signs of abuse, talk openly with their children, and know how to react responsibly when they suspect abuse has occurred. Workbooks will be provided for those who pre-register by 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 24th. Call 503.363.2000 or email dfritz@westernmennoniteschool.org to register.

Benefit Concert

Thank you to everyone who supported the WMS A cappella choir by attending the Benefit Concert last weekend! It was a fantastic evening of music and fellowship with over \$2,000 generously given to help send the choir to Goshen, Indiana for their upcoming MSC Festival.

Please keep in your prayers:

- The Strong family serving in Bolivia
- Pray that those among us whom God may be prompting will hear the call to lead our Worship Commission or to represent Zion as a delegate to the biennial MCUSA delegate convention this summer in Kansas City, MO.
- From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig, serving in Ivory Coast, West Africa, as they teach Christian peace-making and help people face and overcome trauma in the aftermath of the recent civil war there.
- Chuy Arellano who was moved to Mill Creek Correctional Facility, His Address is: Jesus Arellano Avila SID 19632340, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*
Psalm 139:23-24

Flowers:

This week: Lenten Visuals

Next week: Lenten Visuals

Nursery:

This week: Sheryl Mast, Julie Yoder

Next Week: Karen Kropf, Elizabeth Masingila

Last Sunday

Attendance: 164

Offering: \$2,473.46

QW: \$75

Yoder Memorial \$20

Church Staff:

Lead Pastor: Mathew Swora, zionpastor_ms@canby.com

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

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