

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.

March 1, 2015



Welcome and Greeting

Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship: Psalm 22:22-14

Singing:

HWB 41 Come Thou Almighty King

HWB 14 Come We That Love the Lord

Amazing Grace—Grace like Rain

Another Hallelujah

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Reader's Theater

Call to Authenticity

Call to Grace

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Sermon: "Grace As A Gift, Not Reward"

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

Sharing and Prayer

Response Song: *HWB 151 Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord*

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 David Gingerich.

Worship Leader: Kiara Yoder
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich & MYF
Children's Story: Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly
Prelude/Offertory: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes

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

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

Mennonite Men

Worship Schedule

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

March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent. Frank Howard will be guest speaker.

Jana will be attending Mennonite Health Assembly in Cincinnati Ohio, March 5-7 and then visiting her mother in Goshen, March 8-10.

TODAY IS THE FIRST SECOND 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 Third Sunday of Lent, the four passages are: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22. Reflections on those passages can be found on Goshen College's website, www.goshen.edu/devotions.

A very special thank you goes to Doug Gingerich, Ken Kauffman, and Jana Gingerich for the Lenten visuals in the sanctuary, as well as everyone who shared a cross.

**Second Sunday
March 8, 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-5th grade, led this month by the MYF.

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

**Mennonite Men Breakfast
Saturday, March 14, 7:00am
Fellowship Hall**

**SOUP'S ON: Wednesday, March 18 at noon
Come for a delicious lunch of
Chicken Noodle Soup, bread, and
Citrus Supreme Pound Cake
Bring a guest and enjoy lunch and fellowship!**

Dear Members of Zion Mennonite Church

Thank you for your contribution to Maranatha Ministries in Mexico. Your church has been an integral part of our work in Mexico. You have made it possible for us to continue to operate Maranatha Ministries in LaPaz and to bolster and equip the Cora church in Nayarit, and those of other mountain villages. We are glad that the Camp is restored to its pre-hurricane Odile condition and amazed that the Lord is so able to provide. He has been good to keep the camp available to the local church groups and to help those that suffered damages in 2014. Again, thank you!

In His grace and love, Kathy Byers, Secretary

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"Grace as a Gift, Not Reward"
Mark 8:27-39, Romans 4:13-25

What is the Romans 4 understanding of "righteousness?"

In what ways is "righteousness" like credit?

What does it matter?

What are our responses?

Please keep in your prayers:

- Bethany Chupp studying abroad.
- Hundreds of people in Zimbabwe, India, Colombia, Indonesia and many other countries applying and interviewing for their US visas so they can participate in PA2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference. Pray that the visa process will go smoothly for them, so that PA2015 can be a truly global Anabaptist gathering!
- The Assyrian Orthodox Christians of Syria who have been abducted by Islamist militants, and for their witness and their families.

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Almighty God, You pour out the Spirit of Grace and Supplication on all who desire it. Deliver me when I pray to You from a cold heart and a wondering mind so that with steadfast heart and kindled affections I might worship You in Spirit and in Truth through Jesus Christ. Amen.”* Archbishop Cranmer, 16th C. England

Flowers:

This week: Lenten Visuals

Next week: Lenten Visuals

Last Sunday

Attendance: 140

Offering: \$2,428.51

Nursery:

This week: Karen Kropf, Elizabeth Masingila

Next Week: Cassie Miller, Anna Williams

Church Staff:

Lead Pastor: Mathew Swora, zionpastor_ms@canby.com

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