

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 8, 2015



Welcome and Greeting

Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship: from Psalm 19

Singing:

HWB 116 Crown Him With Many Crowns

HWB 250 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

HWB 566 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

HWB 340 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader's Theater

Call to Authenticity

Call to Grace

Sermon: "The 'Foolish Wisdom' of God"

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

Sharing and Prayer

Response Song: *HWB 521 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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: Andy Coulombe
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman
Children's Story: Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly
Prelude: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes
Offertory: Ellis Kropf

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

This Week:

Monday 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Tuesday 7:00pm

Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Thursday 9:00am

Quilting

6:30pm

Elder's Meeting

Saturday 7:00am

Mennonite Men's Breakfast

Worship Schedule

March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent. Frank Howard will be guest speaker. "What Do We Do About Sin?" Romans 1:24-2:6

March 22: Joint service with Roca de Salvacion and Calvary Mennonite churches

Pastor Mathew and Becky Swora will be out of town for a family wedding from Saturday, March 14, through Wednesday, March 11.

TODAY IS THE THIRD 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." For this coming Fourth Sunday of Lent, the four passages are: Number 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; and John 3:14-21. Reflections on those passages can be found on Goshen College's website, www.goshen.edu/devotions.

WE WILL CELEBRATE GOD'S WORK IN LA VIDA FELIZ ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22, in a joint service with our local partners in support of the Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia, Iglesia Menonita Roca de Salvación and Calvary Mennonite Church. Roca de Salvación will provide a meal after worship to raise funds for La Vida Feliz Senior Center, as well as helping lead worship. We will also commission Wendell and Karen Amstutz for ministry in their upcoming return to Bolivia.

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-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!

43rd Annual
Quilting Workshop

Thanks to everyone who helped with another year of Quilting Workshop!

Here are the final statistics for this year:

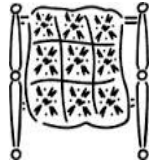
786 visitors

687 bowls of soup served

\$3,514.91 total donation to send to El Torno Senior Center

\$1,529 total food expenses, with \$1,120 contributed toward cost

\$5,158.21 One Fair World sales



The Western Mennonite School Choir will perform in concert at Zion on Saturday March 28 at 6:00pm. Mark your calendars for an evening of special music!

“WHAT LANGUAGE CAN I BORROW TO THANK THEE, DEAREST FRIEND?” Zion will offer at Good Friday Evening Service to do just that, beginning at 6PM April 3 in the Fellowship Hall, with a potluck meal, a service of communion and (optional) foot-washing, children’s story, fellowship and worship.

March , 2015
The “Foolish Wisdom” of God
I Corinthians 1:18-25

1. Why did the Corinthian Christians need to be reminded of the cross?
 - a.
 - b.
2. Why the preaching of the cross was foolish/scandalous/offensive to...
 - a.
 - b.
3. Why the cross may seem foolish/scandalous/offensive to many today:
 - a.
 - b.
4. Why the cross is “The Foolish Wisdom” of God:

As the Syrian war continues and the group calling itself the Islamic State pushes its way into parts of Iraq and Syria, families often leave their homes and seek shelter in nearby towns. When the battle moves there, they flee again to another town or temporary shelters or neighboring country, usually arriving with only their official papers and the clothes on their backs. Wherever the displaced people and refugees go, they need safety, shelter, friendship, food and water, education, and jobs. MCC works with partners in Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria to do all that we can with your gifts to meet those needs in the name of Christ.

During this Lenten season **each household** at Zion is encouraged to provide supplies for one relief kit and deliver them to church by Easter Sunday. Money donated will go for shipping costs.

MCC relief kits

Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- *4 large bars laundry soap
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count *thin maxi*)

*The bars of laundry soap will be purchased separately so don't include them with your kit.

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, toothpaste will be provided with the kits when they ship from the warehouse.

Place contents in a box or bag and place in the foyer. The kit will be re-packed in a new 5-gallon plastic pail with lid when it arrives at the MCC warehouse.



Please keep in your prayers:

- The Strong family serving in Bolivia.
- Delbert Kropf who is in hospice care at his home in Molalla.
- Janie and Neal Blough, Linda Oyer, and Brad and Brenna Steury Graber as they help youth and adults in their congregations and communities make sense of the recent violence that took place in Paris, France. May they provide a Jesus-centered perspective to the outrage and anger.
- The 200-plus Assyrian Orthodox Christians abducted by Islamic State in Syria.

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Dear Christ, I set aside right now my nervous concern for what I must do; I center my thoughts on what you are doing in me and in the world. I want to trade my anxieties for your gift of faith.”* Eugene Peterson

Flowers:

This week: Lenten Visuals

Next week: Lenten Visuals

Last Sunday

Attendance: 162

Offering: \$5,9741.58

Nursery:

This week: Cassie Miller, Anna Williams

Next Week: Kristy Hansen, Jennifer Gingerich

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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