

# 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.

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April 12, 2015

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Singing:

*HWB 2 In Thy Holy Place We Bow*

*HWB 145 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

*HWB 407 We are People of God's Peace*

Offering/Offertory

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Philemon verses 8-21

Message: "From the Files of Herr Doctor Sigmund Schringck: Philemon"

Response Song: *HWB 307 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Sharing and Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 420 Heart With Loving Heart united*

Benediction

*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: Dennis Russell  
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman  
Children's Story: Ken Beachy  
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:**

Coffee Time

Sunday School Classes for all ages

Prayer Team meets

Worship Service

## **This Afternoon/Evening**

Second Sunday/Jr. Hi

MYF at Gingerich Barn

## **This Week:**

Men's Basketball

Christian Education Comm. Mtg

YA Bible Study

Men's Basketball

Quilting

Elder's Meeting

9:00am  
9:30am  
9:45am  
10:45am

5:00pm  
6:00pm

Monday 7:00pm  
Tuesday 7:30pm  
Wednesday 6:00pm  
7:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am  
6:30pm

## **Worship Schedule**

April 19: Mathew will be preaching "Eternity In Our Hearts", John 3:1-3

April 26: Mathew will be preaching "Good Shepherding for Good Shepherds" John 10:11-18

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**Sunday evening, April 19, at 6PM there will be a Congregational Conversation** on sexuality. More information about the focus and the format can be found in your literature box today. Childcare will be provided, as well as refreshments for a time of fellowship afterward.

**Want to know more about Zion Mennonite Church and Mennonite faith?** A new faith and membership exploration class of five to six weeks' length during the Sunday Christian Education hour will begin soon, given enough interest. Please let Pastor Mathew Swora if you are interested.

*A Note of Thanks! I recently participated in Mennonite Health Assembly in Cincinnati, Ohio. I was inspired by leaders' stories, experiences and practices. Thank you, Zion, for this opportunity of personal growth and continued learning in my role as pastor.*

—Jana

## Second Sunday TONIGHT, 5:00-6:30pm

This is the last Second Sunday until the fall! We are wrapping up our theme "Kids can make peace" with a lesson and activities about serving others. Everyone is welcome for a light meal at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by group time and activity for the kids.

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

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### JUBILEE FOOD PANTRY

Collection day for the food pantry will be Sunday, April 19. You may leave donated items in the barrel in the foyer. All items are appreciated.

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## Dinners for 8

If you would like to participate in the May, June, and July Dinners for 8, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up during the month of April. Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.



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Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society is celebrating 30 years of faithfulness in raising funds for MCC through the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief. A reception will be held Sunday, April 19 at 2:30pm at Lebanon Mennonite Church (2100 S. Second St, Lebanon, OR). For more information call 503-266-6447 or visit the PNMHS website at [www.pnmhs.org](http://www.pnmhs.org)

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Together with the quilt show funds and the fundraiser meal with Rock of Salvation and Calvary Mennonite, a total of \$10,439.00 was raised for the Senior Center "Vida Feliz", El Torno, Bolivia. *Sulma writes from Bolivia, "Thank you Calvary, Rock of Salvation and Zion churches and others who helped in the great work. All of us the elderly and supporting team for Happy Life Center extend our most sincere thanks for so much love and effort you gave in order to give quality of life to our grandpa's and grand-ma's. May God reward all of you with good health, joy, peace, prosperity and most of all happiness."* We will be spending 3 months serving part time at the Senior Center, April-June. You are invited to visit us there. Thank you all for your support.

—Wendell and Karen Amstutz

## DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB...?

Volunteers are needed to help with the church garden. There's lots of preparing, planting, weeding, watering, and gathering to be done throughout the summer. Maybe a Sunday School class would consider taking this as a project. If you have interest in helping with the garden, talk with Warde Hershberger or Gene Gascho.



### Learn about Meserete Kristos College

Carl Hanson and Tilalun Beyene, recently returned after spending 2 months at Meserete Kristos College in Ethiopia and are visiting churches on the West Coast to share information and welcome opportunities for support. Meserete Kristos College trains church leaders serving over 700 churches in Ethiopia, the largest Anabaptist conference in the world. **You are invited to Salem Mennonite Church on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00p.m., to learn more about this rapidly growing Anabaptist presence.**

The April Semi-Annual Member's Meeting is schedule for Sunday, April 26, following an MYF Fundraiser meal at noon. Several leadership positions will be on the affirmation ballot, including:

Primary Sunday School Superintendents (one year term):

*Vonnie Oyer and Ericka Gingerich*

Adult Sunday School Superintendents (one year term): *vacant*

Second Sunday Leader (two year term, working one year with

Brianne Vredenberg, current leader, and leading one year): *vacant*

Jr. High Leaders (one year term): *Joel and Irina Hershberger*

Library Committee (three year term): *vacant*

Music Coordinator (one year term): *vacant*

Music Committee (one year term): *Karen Tro, Karie Smucker*

Worship Commission Chairperson (three year term): *vacant*

The Gift Discernment Committee asks for your prayers as they continue to seek God's guidance in choosing persons to fill these vacant positions. If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact a member of the Gifts Discernment Committee: Sheila Kauffman, Jeremy Gingerich, Steve Phillips, or Callan Berkey

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Doug and Luanne Berkey, and their family, on the death this week of Doug's mother, Alice Berkey.
- For the Christians of Syria, some 200 of whom were abducted in February, and whose condition or location remain unknown
- Anne Garber-Kampaore, Mennonite worker in Burkina Faso, requests prayers for that country in the wake of recurrent unrest and reaction by some leaders who were deposed in last year's rioting, but who still hold powerful connections in government and the military.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"O Lord my God, teach my heart this day where and how to see you, where and how to find you. Teach me to seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, or find you, unless you show yourself to me."* By St. Anselm, 11C. England

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**Flowers:**

This week:

Next week:

**Nursery:**

This week: Stacy Berkey, Jennifer Beachy

Next Week: Ericka Gingerich, Lanett Willig

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 273

Offering: \$10,643.83

MCC Kits: \$127

Facility Use: \$200

Easter Breakfast: \$265

**Church Staff:**

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