

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.

May 10, 2015



Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Congregational scripture reading

Singing:

Not be Shaken

Lord light the fire again

Your love is amazing

They'll know we are Christians by our love

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17

Sermon: "No Greater Love"

Response Song: *HWB 307 Will you let me be your servant*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 430 God be with you till we meet again*

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

Worship Leader: Kiara Yoder
Song Leader: Karie Smucker, Seth Gingerich
Children's Story: Jana Gingerich

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

This Morning:

9:00am

9:30am

9:45am

10:45am

Coffee Time

Sunday School Classes for all ages

Prayer Team meets

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

MYF at Gingerich Barn

This Week:

Monday 7:00pm

Wednesday 6:00pm

7:00pm

Thursday 9:00am

7:30pm

Men's Basketball

YA Bible Study

Men's Basketball

Quilting

Hesston Bel Canto Singers

(over night home stays)

Worship Schedule

May 17: Mathew will be preaching from Acts 1:1-11 and Ephesians 1:15-23 for Ascension Sunday.

May 24: Mathew will be preaching from John 16:12-15 for Pentecost Sunday.

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will perform their program "Asylum: worth, beauty, and refuge" on Thursday evening, May 14 at 7:30pm. Karli Mast and Havela Lehman are both touring with the choir. We are happy to welcome them "home". Please come, and invite friends and family for this special evening of music.

Thank you to everyone who offered to host the choir for overnight home stays. You will be receiving an email with instructions and the names of the students you will host early in the week.

Bridging Cultures Fundraiser Meal Sunday, May 17 at noon

Make plans to stay for a delicious lunch of pollo con crema (creamed chicken).

On Saturday, May 16, the first of Bridging Culture's Saturdays in the Park events will take place at 11:00am in Canby's Locust Street Park, with hotdogs and hamburgers. Everyone is invited!

SOUP'S ON: Wednesday, May 20 at noon
Come for a delicious lunch of
Clam Chowder, bread, and carrot cake

This will be the last gathering of Zion's 11-year ministry of Soup's On. Thank you to all those who have demonstrated the power of God's love through the gift of food and fellowship.

Western Mennonite School Thank you to all those that prayed, donated items, volunteered, and showed up to bid on auction day! We are once again blown away by the many ways God is blessing Western, especially through the generosity of His people. While money continues to come in, the auction has grossed around \$120,000. More information will be coming out in the next In-Touch newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection of MCC relief kits. A total of 47 kits were collected and \$467 received in donations. With the purchase of \$341.10 for soap, \$125.90 was sent to MCC to help cover shipping costs.

A thank you letter was received from Centro Vida Feliz (the El Torno Senior Center). In part, it says: *"This letter is simply to say gracias! Thank you for giving part of your lives to make it possible for our project, Vida Feliz, to continue serving the Community."* A copy of the full letter, including expressions from team members at the Center, is posted on the Missions bulletin board in the foyer.

Thank you for your prayers and the many expressions of love and support we received from our Zion family on the recent passing of my mom. They were deeply appreciated and helped us through a very difficult time.

—Love, Sheryl and Dennis Russell

I would like to thank everyone who was able to come to my baby shower last Friday night and for the women who made a beautiful baby blanket on behalf of the congregation. I very much appreciate it.

—Anna Vinogradova

Kansas City 2015, A Call to Prayer
Sunday, May 17, 4:00-6:00pm (meal to follow)
at Zion

PNMC is sponsoring and Zion is hosting an afternoon of prayer open to all attenders of PNMC churches, with the focus being the MCUSA convention happening later this summer. There will be structured times of corporate intercession and worship as well as open spaces for personal prayer and reflection. The afternoon will conclude with a fellowship meal. Meghan Good, pastor at Albany Mennonite Church, will be the facilitator.

LET YOUR GARDEN GROW...

Onion starts are available on the sharing table.
Vegetable and flower seeds are also still available.
If you haven't yet picked up some, get them today.



WMS Parents and Students: It's time to complete your Zion Mennonite Education Fund grant forms. If you would like to apply for a student aid grant for Western Mennonite School for the 2015-16 school year, please email or stop by the church office for a form. Forms must be submitted by May 31.

Got News? The next edition of *News for the Pews* will be coming out on June 7. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Friday, May 22.

SOMEONE IS JOINING US IN MINISTRY THIS SUMMER:

Halle Steingass, a Goshen College student, will do a ten-week ministry inquiry internship with us, starting in June, getting experience and oversight with Zion's many different programs and partners. We can support her as she serves us, with prayer, friendship, hosting for meals and recreation, and more. A car has been found for her to borrow, and lodging through July and August, but lodging is still needed for June. Please let Pastor Mathew Swora know if you can help in those or other ways.

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“As the Father has loved me....As I have loved you”

John 15:9-17

1. Love is...

2. Love is...

3. Love is...

4. Love is...

Willie and Donita Garber's new address at Marquis Hope Village is 1589 S. Ivy Street, #101, Canby, OR 97013. Their phone number is 503-266-1246

Please keep in your prayers:

- Floyd Lapp who will be having back surgery on Monday. Pray for guidance for the hands of the doctors and for pain relief and strength for a quick recovery.
- Joel Kauffman, husband of Nancy Kauffman, MCUSA Denominational Minister, who is in the hospital after a collapse and a head injury.
- For delegates, denominational leaders and others preparing for this summer's MCUSA Delegate Convention in Kansas City, MO., that all will be granted joy and that "peaceable, considerate, gentle and merciful wisdom from heaven" for all their worship, work, fellowship and discernment
- Mennonite World Conference is calling for prayer on behalf of the people of Nepal, in the aftermath of the earthquake that devastated the country on April 25. Pray also for the government, relief workers and aid ministries, and check out the MCC website for information on their responses, and how to aid them.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you."*
Psalm 73:25

Nursery:

This week: Irina Herschberger, Claudia Lapp

Next Week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila

Last Sunday

Attendance: 153

Offering: \$8,887.25

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