

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.

November 22, 2015

We welcome to our pulpit today Cara Ediger. Cara is a technical assistant for Multilingual Education Projects with Wycliffe Bible Translators/Summer Institute of Linguistics, living, working and traveling from Washington DC. She is a member of Portland Mennonite Church.

Gathering "The Community Gathers"

Welcome, Greetings, Announcements

Call to Worship "The Community Worships"

How beautiful upon the mountains

Are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

Who brings good news,

Who announces Salvation,

Who says to Zion, "Your God Reigns!!"

Opening Prayer

Praising God in Hymns and Songs:

HWB 521 Come Thou Fount

HWB 522 My Jesus I Love Thee

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Step by Step

Scripture: Romans 10:14-17

Offering our Gifts Prayer and Song

Prayer of the Church

Song: *Beauty for Brokenness* (see insert)

Hearing the Word

Children's Story

Scripture Matthew 9:35-38

Sermon: Peacemaking and Evangelism in Christian Missions

Responding in Faith

HWB 307 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction/Blessing "The Community Sends"

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: Pat Hershberger

Song Leader: Jana and MYF

Children's Story: Cynthia Hockman-Chupp

Prelude and Offertory: Travis Abilene

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 for all ages

10:45am

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

5:00pm

MYF at Jana's—movie night

This Week:

Wednesday 7:00pm

Bible Study—Skylight Room

Thursday

Office Closed

Friday

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Worship Schedule

November 29: First Sunday of Advent. Jeremiah 33: 14-16, "Who Would Have Thought"

December 6: Second Sunday of Advent. Malachi 3:1-4. Canby High School Cantalinas provide and lead music

Pastor Mathew and Becky Swora will be out of town on vacation from November 21 through November 28.

The Church Office will be closed on

Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27



JESUS' JOURNEY is the theme of Zion Mennonite Church's observance of the coming Advent-through-Epiphany season, beginning on Sunday, November 29, and ending on January 3, 2016. Then we will celebrate Epiphany, the revealing of Jesus to the Gentiles, followed by his family's flight to Egypt for refuge. Messages, Children's Stories and more will highlight the journey of Jesus the Refugee to us and among us, his identification with us in the world's spiritual exile. This is in connection with the world's current refugee crisis, the worst wave of human displacement since 1945. In contrast to the usual excess and busyness of the season, all are invited to simplify and forgo something this Advent/Christmas season (a meal a week? that daily cappuccino?) and give the value of it to Mennonite Central Committee's work with Syrian refugees, which will be commissioned on Epiphany Sunday, January 3.



Canby High School Cantalinas Sunday, December 6

The CHS Cantalinas will sing during the morning worship service.

Senior Tea

Thursday, December 10, 2-4pm

Seniors (aged 60+ and their spouses) are invited to Jerry and Wendy Roth's home for holiday refreshments and fellowship.

Sing Your Own Messiah

Saturday, December 19 at 7:00pm

Everyone is welcome to either sing along or just listen and enjoy. Refreshments will follow. (Please bring a prepared finger food to share with guests.)

Children's Program

Sunday, December 20

The Primary Sunday School department will share "A Capital Christmas", a short program of readings and single verses of traditional songs, during the morning service.

Parents: All rehearsing will be done during Sunday School. No costumes are used and there is no memorization of readings necessary. If your child(ren) will not be at church on December 20, please let Chris Keady know. Parts will be assigned soon.

MYF and Jr. Hi Caroling at HOPE Village

Sunday, December 20, 5:45-7:15pm

Meet at the church at 5:45pm to carpool.



Please join The Canby Center on Tuesday, December 1st at 5:30pm for a celebration of our shared work and an opportunity to meet Ray Keen, our new Executive Director. A light meal will be served at The Canby Center (681 SW 2nd Ave.) followed by a short program on the impact of the center and an opportunity to support the work. For more information or to RSVP please contact Kelley@TheCanbyCenter.org or [503.263.1125](tel:503.263.1125) by Nov. 25

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"BIENVENIDOS!" or WELCOME! say our brothers and sisters of the Mennonite Churches in the Northwest Mexican states of Sinaloa and Sonora to all who wish to come worship, fellowship, learn, work and make friends there, through their long, historic partnership with our Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference. If you are interested in such a trip, usually for a week in January or February, or simply in learning more about it, please let Pastor Mathew Swora know and he will put you in touch with others in the PNMC.

Got News? The next edition of **News for the Pews** will be coming out on December 6. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the church newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Friday, November 27.

Several weeks ago I announced at Zion the opportunity to support the Pregnancy Care Center in Canby. There was a quick response and more than \$1300 was given to the program. Thank you, Zion, for responding so generously!

~Karen Amstutz



Congratulations to Jon and Stephanie Moyer on the birth of their son, Isaac Benjamin Moyer, on November 10. He weighed 7lb 4 oz. Isaac joins big brother Levi.

Please keep in your prayers:

- All among us for whom the start of the holiday season brings extra burdens of work, family and community responsibilities, or memories and feelings of grief, loss or loneliness.
- The 54 IBA (Instituto Biblico Anabautista) volunteer tutors and pray that they continue to be important instruments for this ministry. Give thanks for all the graduates who are already involved in different ministries in their respective congregations (Mennonite Education Agency).
- Christian social workers in the prisons of Mongolia, who have received training and will soon begin ministry under the auspices of Joint Christian Services, an ecumenical partner ministry with Mennonite Mission Network.

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Keep my whole being fixed on You.”* John Henry Newman, 19th C. England

Nursery:

This week: Janel Guretzki, Lanette Willig

Next Week: Stacy Berkey, Irina Herschberger

Last Sunday

Attendance: 116

Offering: \$2198

Budget Report: There are six Sundays prior to year end. A total of \$86,258.83 is needed to meet budget.

Church Staff:

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