

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 29, 2015

Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship: from Psalm 25: 1-10

Leader: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in You I trust. Do not let me be ashamed; Do not let my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed; Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

People: Make me know Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

Leader: Remember, O Lord, Your compassion and Your loving kindnesses, For they have been from of old.

All: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; According to Your lovingkindness remember me, for our goodness' sake, O Lord.

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in justice, and He teaches the humble His way.

All: All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Singing:

HWB 184 Hark! The Glad Sound

HWB 176 Comfort, Comfort O My People

Hope is a Candle (see insert)

Candle Lighting Litany (see insert)

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-18

Message: "Who Would Have Thought?"

Response Song: HWB 172 O come, O come Immanuel

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: HWB 178 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



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

6:00pm

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

This Morning:

Coffee Time
Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

MYF at Jana's

This Week:

Bible Study—Skylight Room
Mennonite Women
Elders Meeting

Worship Schedule

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

December 13: Third Sunday of Advent. Zeophaniah 3:14-20

We extend a very special thank you to Ken Kauffman, Brittany Nofziger, and Jana Gingerich for sharing their artistic talents with us in preparing the sanctuary for Advent with the beautiful and meaningful visuals.

We are compiling a congregational (Zion) history list of persons who have served in alternative military service. CPS, 1-W, and all who served in Voluntary Service with Mennonite Organizations, MCC, Mission Board, COM, and Mission Network. A supplemental list is also requested for those who have served with other service organizations. All we need is name and year(s) of service and organization. Please send to Pat at wphershberger@gmail.com or to Jodi in the church office.

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: Karie Smucker
Song Leader: Julie Yoder
Children's Story: Tom Brenneman

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



**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.

Candle Lighting Litany

You, whose almighty power shines forth in a dark stable,
Whose grandeur and glory we see in helpless infancy,
Have long journeyed to us,
Through our prayers and your promises to your people in exile.
With shepherds we worship at the altar of your humility,
Where you share our need and our fragility.
What tribute can we bring, but what you brought to us?
Hearts and voices worshipping with the angels,
Hearth and hands ready and open,
Tender toward all seeking shelter
In our waystations of refuge
Where we await your return,
To make heaven and earth one,
As you became One with us.



Please keep in your prayers:

- Those of Zion's community who are shut in for reasons of health and medical treatment in this holiday season, such as Mildred Schoor, Sue Roth, Jim Graber, Willie and Donita Garber, Luella Hostetler, as she recovers from hip surgery, and others.
- Give thanks for the Thanksgiving weekend and time spent with loved ones. Pray for safe travel for students and their families returning to school or home today (MEA)
- The Mennonites of Sidi, Burkina Faso, who have faced persecution and hostility for not making sacrifices to the spirits believed to be in the farmland, that they will be able to harvest their crops without resistance, and that their conduct and words will reflect Jesus to their neighbors (Mennonite Mission Network)
- All those who live with fear, loss and grief from recent waves of terrorism in Paris, France, Beirut, Lebanon, Kabul, Afghanistan, Baghdad, Iraq, and elsewhere.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"....give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility."* Advent prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

Nursery:

This week: Stacy Berkey, Taylor Berkey

Next Week: Stephanie Moyer, Emma Gingerich

Last Sunday

Attendance: 122

Offering: \$2,333.31

Budget Report: There are six Sundays prior to year end.
A total of \$83,925.52 is needed to meet budget.

Church Staff:

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