

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.

December 13, 2015



Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship
Songs
Candle Lighting and Prayer
Offering/Offertory
Children's Story
Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Message
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13
Response Song
Sharing and Prayer
Sending Song
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: Kiara Yoder
Song Leader: Tom Gingerich
Children's Story: Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly

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 Second Sunday
5:45pm MYF—Your Life in 10 minutes (meet at church to carpool)
This Week:
Thursday 9:00am Quilting
Saturday 7:00pm Sing Your Own Messiah

Worship Schedule:

December 20: Children's Christmas Program,
"A Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S"

December 27: Jana will be preaching "Gloria in excelsis Deo"
Luke 2:1-14

The Gifts Discernment Committee is seeking additional responses to our **time and talents survey**. If you have not completed the survey, there will be printed forms to complete on the table in the foyer. You may also complete the form online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/iFEjgL94s9>.

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.

Thank you to Wendy Roth for opening her beautiful home to our Prime Timers group for the annual Senior Christmas Tea held this past Wednesday. Over 40 seniors enjoyed food and fellowship. Thank you, also, to all those who helped prepare and serve the wonderful festive treats!



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.

MYF and Jr. Hi Caroling at HOPE Village

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

Meet at the church at 5:45pm to carpool. Adults and families are invited to join the group as well.

Christmas Eve Service at Canby Pioneer Chapel

Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church hopes you will join us for our annual service on Thursday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. It is great opportunity to hear the Christmas story and sing some of your favorite carols. The Pioneer Chapel is located at 486 NW 3rd Ave in Canby. If you have questions, please contact Karie Smucker at 503-459-3181 or kmsmucker@gmail.com.



Western Mennonite School

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 10 | Grandparents Day

Dec. 14 | High School Choirs at the Capitol -- 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 15 | Middle School Christmas Concert -- 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 17 | High School Christmas Concert -- 7:00 p.m.

They're still rolling out of the oven....

ROLLS *for* **REFUGEES**

This Christmas Season, mother/daughter bakers Sheryl Russell and Brittany Turco are baking Homemade Frosted Cinnamon Rolls to raise money for Syrian and Iraqi refugees living in the Middle East. Price is \$10 minimum donation per pan (4 large rolls). An order sheet can be found on the bulletin board at the back of the church. To order online, please see our website: RollsForRefugees.com. Orders placed by this Monday will be delivered at Zion on Sunday, Dec 20th.

Funds raised will be donated to faith groups, MCC, The Refuge Initiative, and also PreEmptive Love Coalition, amazing NGO's working on the ground in the region to provide food, shelter, medical care and love to a displaced and persecuted people - half of whom are children. For more information about the lifesaving work these groups and others are doing, please see our website, above. You may also contact Sheryl in person or via her email: sherylrussell@gmail.com



Please keep in your prayers:

- Our Christmas season ministries of witness, worship and hospitality, especially next Saturday's Sing Your Own Messiah, and next Sunday morning's Children's Christmas Program.
- All the college students and those in service and ministry assignments among us who will be traveling and spending time at home during the Christmas/New Year season.
- Give thanks and pray for the families who will host international students at our Mennonite seminaries, colleges, universities and high schools during the Christmas season break. May their hospitality be enriching both for guests and hosts (Mennonite Education Agency)
- French Mennonites in Paris, France, pray "that Muslims in France will know that Christians love them," They also request prayers for the 10 young adults recently baptized there, for their relationships with people of other religious communities, and for jobs, as unemployment in France is 30% (Mennonite Mission Network).

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Grant us, O Lord, to love not only those who love us, but those who hate us or injure us, that we may imitate You..."* John Henry Newman, 19th C. England

Nursery:

This week: Wendy Roth, Jaclyn Roth
Next Week: Kristin Amstutz, Nancy Beachy

Last Sunday

Attendance: 179
Offering: \$24,435

Budget Report: There are three Sundays prior to year end.
A total of \$50,331.52 is needed to meet budget.

Church Staff:

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