

# 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 27, 2015



"...AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM," said the prophet Isaiah (Is. 11:6), or in our case today, Zion's children and youth (age 2 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade), plus their teachers and leaders, as they lead us in worship, sharing and celebrating the Christmas story through "A Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S." Please sing the Christmas carols along with them when so invited.

Welcome  
Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Advent Candle Lighting  
Singing  
Offering  
"A Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S"  
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: Jana  
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman

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

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

2-4:00pm

Friday

## **This Morning:**

Coffee Time  
Sunday School for all ages  
Worship Service

## **This Afternoon/Evening:**

Open House for Kendra Keady  
No MYF

## **This Week:**

Office Closed



## **Worship Schedule:**

January 3: Epiphany Sunday. Mathew will be preaching.  
Matthew 2: 1-18.

*Pastor Mathew and Becky Swora will be out of town visiting family through Wednesday, December 30. Jana will be on vacation the afternoon of Sunday, December 27—Wednesday, December 30.*

**LIKE THE MAGI FROM THE EAST, "WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM"** bearing gifts for "the least of these," Christ's brethren, refugees displaced by conflict in the Middle East (as was Jesus). Any offerings you might wish to make to the work of Mennonite Central Committee to house, feed and help them in temporary lodging in countries closest to their former homes, we will collect and commission on Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2016. Checks can be written to Zion Mennonite Church with "MCC Syrian Refugee Work" in the memo line. There will also be a service of communion to celebrate Christ's communion and solidarity with us, and ours with each other, that same Sunday.

**WE WILL CELEBRATE AND COMMISSION ALL NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS AND LEADERS** who were elected and affirmed at our last business meeting of Zion's church council and commissions during worship on Sunday, January 10.

Serenity Coulombe will be hosting a book study at her house beginning January 15 and will meet from 9:30-11:30am. It will be every Friday for approximately 9 weeks. The book is titled "Gift From The Sea" by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

"While on vacation on Florida's Captiva Island in the early 1950s, Lindbergh wrote this essay-style work taking shells on the beach for inspiration, and reflecting on the lives of Americans, particularly American women, in the mid-twentieth century. She shares her meditations on youth and age; love and marriage; peace, solitude and contentment during her visit. Sometimes classified as inspirational literature, the book presages many of the themes in that genre of popular literature: simplicity, solitude and caring for the soul."

Please contact Serenity if you plan to join. [serenity@sterling.net](mailto:serenity@sterling.net) or 503-803-7823



You are invited to an Open House for Kendra Keady on Sunday, December 27 from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. Come and help celebrate her earning her doctorate degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Michigan.

## Dinners for 8

If you would like to participate in the January, February, and March round of Dinners for 8, please sign up during the month of December. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.

*This years Sing Your Own Messiah program was enjoyed by around 160 people on December 19. Thank You to the following: Conductor ~ Tom Gingerich; Piano ~ Randy Stegmeier, Violins: Korine Boyd, Lorine Wakefield, Matthew Swora; Bass ~ Reggie Stegmeier; Soloists: Jim Gent, Brooks Gingerich, Reggie Stegmeier, Joanna Vincent, Tegan Johnson and Travis Abelein; and planning coordinator, Kristin Oakes. Refreshments were served to around 100 people. Thank you also to all who provided snacks and treats.*

The Canby Center and Canby Grove Christian Center are partnering together this winter 2016 to provide an emergency warming shelter in the case of severe weather. It will be for anyone in need of shelter and a hot meal. Canby Grove will be the primary site with TCC utilized as a back-up. The shelter will be open from 4pm to 10am. It will be available on an as needed basis (extreme weather) with space for men, women and children.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** to help set up, clean up, serve meals, housekeeping detail and keeping a general eye on things but mostly just loving on people. Please contact Kelley if you are interested in helping or have any questions at 503-266-2920 or email at [kelley@thecanbycenter.org](mailto:kelley@thecanbycenter.org)

**INTERESTED IN A SERVICE/LEARNING TRIP TO NW MEXICO?** Or just to know more about the partnership between regional district conference churches and Mennonites in NW Mexico? Then come to an informational meeting at Portland Mennonite Church on Friday morning, 10 AM -January 8. Please let Pastor Mathew Swora know if you are interested and wish to go along.

Mark Your Calendar! Zion's Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp is coming January 22, 23, and 24. Bob Buxman will be guest speaker. Look for more information coming soon!

On Saturday, January 16, the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting at Zion Mennonite Church. Our guest speaker, Marlene Kropf, will be sharing some of her stories in a talk entitled "Full Circle: Leaving Home and Returning." There will be a light lunch at noon and then we'll hear from Marlene. Lunch is \$10/person payable at the door. Please RSVP to Gloria Nussbaum at [real2reel@teleport.com](mailto:real2reel@teleport.com) by January 8 or call her at 503-645-0616 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- The family of Edna Kenagy, of Silverton, with a personal and family history at Zion, upon her death last week, and the family of Orville Adams, as Phyllis, Toby and Chris, her brother, Steve, and sister Carol, and their families as they mourn his recent death.
- Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference and its new moderator-elect, Jack Swaim, of Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, Boise, Idaho, on the resignation of Pr. Samuel Moran, of Ministerios Restauracion, Portland, Oregon. Pray for Pastor Samuel and the church he serves, as they seek and establish connections to other congregations and conferences.
- Alicia and Joshua Garber request prayers for wisdom for themselves and other international workers at LCC University (a Christian institute of higher learning) in Lithuania as they respond to the needs of the massive influx of refugees in Europe. (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Pray for students at Mennonite colleges, universities and seminaries, as they prepare to return to campus after the holiday break. May they travel safely and return refreshed. (MEA)

A prayer to carry through the week: *“To You we look for whatever good the future holds. We are not satisfied with the world as we have found it. It is too little the Kingdom of God as yet. Grant us the privilege of a part in its regeneration.”* Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**Nursery:**

This week: Karen Tro, Luanne Berkey

Next Week: Karen Amstutz,

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 172

Offering: \$17,320.35

MCC: \$100 SYOM: \$175

**Budget Report:** A total of \$20,014.32 is needed to meet budget.

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