

# 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 6, 2015



**WE WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY THE CANTALINAS** of Canby High School, led by Brooks Gingerich. Two of Zion Church's high school students, Harrison Gingerich and Ian Oakes, are part of this choir.

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship: Malachi 3: 1-4

Songs

*HWB 172 O Come O Come Emmanuel*

*HWB 211 Lo, How a Rose*

Candle Lighting and Prayer (see insert)

Children's Story

Canby High School Cantalinas

Offering/Offertory

Song: *HWB 190 "Twas In the Moon of Wintertime"*

Canby High School Cantalinas

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction

*After the service, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary for sharing and*

Worship Leader: Mathew Swora  
Song Leader: Jana and Brooks Gingerich  
Children's Story: Mathew Swora

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

5:00pm

Tuesday 7:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am  
2-4:00pm

**This Morning:**  
Coffee Time  
Sunday School for all ages  
Worship Service

**This Afternoon/Evening**  
MYF/Jr. Hi visit live nativity (meet to carpool)

**This Week:**  
Church Council meeting  
Quilting  
Senior Tea

## Worship Schedule

December 13: Third Sunday of Advent, "Who Will Make Us Secure?" Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

**MYF and Jr Hi** will meet at church at 5:00pm tonight to carpool to Gladstone to experience "Follow The Star", a live outdoor nativity event. Dress warm and bring umbrellas if it's forecasted to rain. We will stop at Dairy Queen in Canby afterward for refreshments and arrive back to Zion around 7:30pm.

## Second Sunday December 13, 5:00-6:30pm

Stephanie Roth will be sharing "Jesus eats with Levi". Everyone is welcome for a light meal at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by group time and activity for kids in K-5th grade. Invite your friends to come too! **Jr. Hi does not meet.**



### 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.

### 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](mailto:kmsmucker@gmail.com).

The Gift 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](mailto:wphershberger@gmail.com) or to Jodi in the church office.

### 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.

## ROLLS for REFUGEES

This Christmas Season, mother/daughter bakers Sheryl Russell and Brittany Turco will be baking Homemade Frosted Cinnamon Rolls to raise money for Syrian and Iraqi refugees living in the Middle East. Price is \$10 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, which should be up and running today: [RollsForRefugees.com](http://RollsForRefugees.com). Orders placed by Monday will be delivered at Zion the following Sunday. Funds raised will be donated to faith groups, The Refuge Initiative and also PreEmptive Love Coalition, two amazing NGO's working on the ground in the region. For more information about the lifesaving work these groups and others are doing, please see our website. You may also contact Sheryl in person or via her email: [sherylrussell@gmail.com](mailto:sherylrussell@gmail.com)



## 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 worshiping 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.



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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- For the special, seasonal ministries of worship and hospitality of Zion Mennonite Church, such as Sing Your Own Messiah, the Children's Christmas program (December 20) and more, that by them we might honor and celebrate God and bless each other.
- For all for whom the holiday season brings not only joy and reunions with friends and family, but also memories and feelings of loss, isolation and grief.
- Refuge and asylum seekers around the world and in this country, coming from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, Somalia, Central America, Nigeria, and other zones of persecution and conflict, and for agencies working to help them, such as MCC, Lutheran World Service, US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Church World Services, World Vision, Doctors Without Borders, and others.
- Pray for college students as they prepare this week for final exams and travel home for the holidays.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Make me what You would have me; I bargain for nothing; I make no terms; I seek no previous information of where You are taking me; I will be what You will make me, and all that You will make me."* John Henry Newman, 19th C. England

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**Nursery:**

This week: Stephanie Moyer, Emma Gingerich  
Next Week: Wendy Roth, Jaclyn Roth

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 159  
Offering: \$9159

**Budget Report:** There are four Sundays prior to year end.  
A total of \$71,766.52 is needed to meet budget.

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