

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.

January 3, 2016



Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; your light has come.

People: God's glory has risen upon us.

Leader: Even if darkness should cover the earth,
deep darkness cover the peoples,

**People: Nations shall come to your light, kings to
the brightness of your dawn.**

Leader: Nothing can hide God's glorious light.

**All: Let us look to God and be radiant. Let us
reflect the brightness of this dawning.**

Advent Candle Lighting Litany

Songs

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Children's Story

Offering

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 13-18

Message

Offering for MCC Syrian Refugee Work

Service of Communion

Response Song

Benediction

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

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Louise Gingerich

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:

6:00pm

MYF meets at Jana's on Meridian Rd.

This Week:

Thursday

9:00am

Quilting

Jr. High and MYF 3-month schedules are in parents boxes today!

Worship Schedule:

January 10: I Corinthians 12: 1-11; *"Different Gifts for the Common Good"*

January 17: I Corinthians 12: 12-31, *"No Division In The Body"* for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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, will be collected today. **Checks can be written to Zion Mennonite Church with "MCC Syrian Refugee Work" in the memo line.**

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 next Sunday, January 10.

Adult Sunday School classes beginning in January are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office and at the entrance to the sanctuary. Continuing classes include: *Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings; The Psalms;* and *Prayer Team*. New class offerings will be: *Real Life Real Families; Love Wins by Rob Bell;* the MYF class *Decide for Peace*-a bible study and reflection on Conscientious Objection ; and beginning January 31st, *Second Mile: Creation Care*.

Second Sunday

January 10, 5:00-6:30pm

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 will meet separately at 5:30.**



Zion's Annual Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp January 22, 23, and 24

Get ready for a great time to relax and fellowship together at our annual Adult Retreat. The cost is \$20 per person for first time attenders and \$40 per person otherwise. Bob Buxman will be speaking at our worship services. To attend, please sign up on the sheet which is located in the foyer or email Karie Smucker at kmsmucker@gmail.com and we'll add you to the list. In addition, the auction will be a little different this year. Some items will be put in a silent auction which will occur throughout the day on Saturday and others will be auctioned off in the evening. Any questions can be directed to Seth and Eliza Gingerich, Kiara Yoder, or Karie Smucker. We hope to see you all at DCC!

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 or 503-803-7823

Dough Raised for Refugees

Thanks to your generous support for Rolls for Refugees, we raised \$1390 for 3 charities working directly with refugees and IDP's (Internally Displaced Persons) in Syria, Iraq and the region. We donated time and materials, so 100% of your donation went to MCC (\$440); The Refuge Initiative (\$450); and PreEmptive Love Coalition (\$500). Because of Zion and those of the faith community in Wilsonville, 6 Syrian families will have a roof over their heads this winter, or 23 Iraqi families will have food for a month, or 47 other desperate families will have blankets to keep them warm. Thank you for your cheerful and giving hearts! Please keep these brothers and sisters in your prayers.

—Sheryl Russell

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.

On Saturday, January 16, the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting at Zion. 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 by January 8 or call her at 503-645-0616 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

Please keep in your prayers:

- John Garber as he awaits medical testing and rescheduled heart surgery.
- The family of Ken and Kimberly Kropf. Kimberly's mother, Evangeline Eschelmann passed away on December 16.
- Garry Wittig and several other missionary colleagues have been let go by a new administration at the International School in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where they teach and minister. Pray that God will open up new ministries for them, and will help him and Martine Audéoud's family through this time of transition (Mennonite Mission Network).
- The Conference Communication Council of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference (our regional district conference of MCUSA) which will meet next Saturday, January 9, in Salem, Oregon.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Grant me now, dear Lord, to love you as fervently as I once loved sin itself."* St. Basil, 4th C. Turkey

Nursery:

This week: Karen Amstutz

Next Week: Nancy Beachy, Kristin Oakes

Last Sunday

Attendance: 184

Offering: \$15,119.06

Church Staff:

Mathew Swora, Lead Pastor: zionpastor_ms@canby.com

Jana Gingerich, Associate/Youth Pastor: zionyouth@canby.com

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Elders: Karen Amstutz, Ken Beachy, Pat Hershberger,

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January 3, 2016
Welcoming & Becoming

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,



1. How Mary and Joseph welcomed...
2. How Mary and Joseph became...
3. Will we.....
 - a. Welcome.....?
 - b. Welcome....?
 - c. Become.....?