

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 31, 2016

Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship
Singing

HWB 121 Holy God we praise thy name
HWB 76 Praise, I will praise you Lord
Your Love is Amazing
Lord of Creation

Offering
Children's Story
New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Message: "But the Greatest of These..."
Response Song: STJ 16 Peace Before Us (see insert)
Sharing and Prayer
Sending Song: HWB 119 Praise God from whom all
Benediction

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: Andy & Serenity Coulombe
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich & MYF
Children's Story: Anna Park
Prelude/Offertory: Travis Abelian

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:
5:45pm Jr. Hi at Church
6:00pm Congregational Conversation (MYF included)

This Week:
Wednesday 1:30pm Elder's Meeting at Jana's
Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

February 7: Mathew will be preaching "The Ministry of Reconciliation" 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
February 14: February 14, *First Sunday of Lent*: Nate Yoder, Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee, West Coast, shares in Sunday School and brings the message during worship

A NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS begins TODAY, during the Christian Education hour, using a Mennonite Media Second Mile "change process" (not just a curriculum), entitled, *CREATION CARE*, for 10-12 weeks. It will meet in Room 4, in the second floor of the church building. In this class, we will explore Biblical resources and perspectives on our place in God's Creation, as God's creations ourselves. In addition to the Mennonite resource, class participants can get a head start by ordering or finding online copies of *Laudate Si*, (http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html), the recent statement of Pope Francis on Creation and our place as stewards in it.

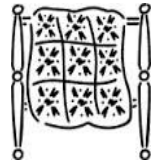
ALL ADULTS AND MYF ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND A CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION THIS EVENING at 6 PM, in the Fellowship Hall to hear your thoughts and responses to the letter from the Pastoral Leadership Team, put in church mailboxes on Sunday, January 10, about human sexuality and the church's life and mission, in light of our diversity of beliefs and experiences. Additional copies of the letter are on the table in the foyer. Childcare is not provided.

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, the 40-day season of preparation for Easter. For worship we will follow our denominational resource, *Living Ink*, which focuses on the spiritual virtue of surrender, letting God, the Divine Author, write his story in our lives. Other Lent offerings include:

- An Ash Wednesday service, from 12:15 to 1PM on February 10
- Wednesday services of prayer during Lent, from 12:15 to 1PM
- A service of communion on February 14, the first Sunday of Lent
- A Maundy Thursday evening service on March 24

Watch future bulletins for possible updates and additions to Zion's 2016 Lenten ministries and activities.

44th Annual Quilting Workshop February 18, 19, and 20



Volunteer Sign-ups are posted on the bulletin board. Many hands are needed. Sign up early to get your favorite spot!

For many years at Zion, we have started Bible School on the last Sunday of July. This starting day has sometimes been in conflict with the MCC bike ride which is held during the first full week of August. It will again be a conflict next summer when Bible School is scheduled to begin on July 31. Zion typically has 7 - 10 persons who are either riders or support persons for the bike ride. The Christian Education Commission is considering changing the annual starting day for Bible School to the fourth Sunday of July which would mean the dates for next summer's VBS would be July 24 - 29. We are inviting your input if you have concerns or questions about this possible change. The commission plans to make a decision at the next meeting on February 11. Please contact Stan Oyer (503-651-2345 or oyer@canby.com) with any input that you would like to share with the commission.

On February 4, 2016, at 6:00pm, at Trost Elementary School, Bridging Cultures is hosting a Taller de Immigration re Raids of Immigrants happening all over the country. Also we will have information for immigrants to be prepared in case they become victims of these raids. Speakers for the evening will be Fernando and Susana Gio. If you know anyone who can benefit from this immigration night, please feel free to pass the word. Volunteers are needed to greet people as they arrive, help with sign-ins, and help with babysitting. Please contact Jannette Villarreal at 818-324-6192 if you can help, or talk with Wendell Amstutz.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR AT 91 SCHOOL for a wonderful opportunity for service and friendship, tutoring grade school students in need of help twice a week for at least a 6-week commitment. If interested, contact Pastor Mathew Swora and he will put you in touch with a volunteer coordinator/learning specialist at 91 School.

WMS NEWS:

Visitors Day

February 10 | 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Students in grades 5 through 11 and their parents are invited to spend a day on Western's campus sitting in on classes, speaking with administrators, and touring the campus. Register online at www.WesternMennoniteSchool.org or call Rich Martin at 503.363.2000

Western Mennonite School Benefit Concert

February 13 | 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

The WMS A Cappella Choir will be hosting their Annual Benefit Concert in the WMS Chapel to raise funds to attend the Mennonite Schools Council Music Festival which will be held in Kalona, IA this year. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased from Jared Oyer. Children 7 and younger can attend at no cost.

Budget Counseling:

Lutheran Social Services Financial Counseling (in partnership with Everence) offers confidential, non-judgmental financial counseling to anyone in the community who faces financial struggle, or would like to know a little more about financial wellness. At no cost, LSSFC will take a comprehensive look at a person's budget, debts, and income and then provide personalized recommendations and options to help individuals and families move toward their financial goals.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Zion's members and attendees who are currently unable to join us for worship for reasons of health and mobility, such as Jim Graber, Luella Hostetler, Willie and Donita Garber, Sue Roth, among others.
- The Anabaptist churches and the people of Burundi, an African country experiencing corruption, rioting and ethnic violence. Pray for God's peace to calm the hearts of the people, and for the leaders to lead the country in peace (Mennonite World Conference).
- The Brussels Mennonite Center, in Brussels, Belgium, which offers mediation training, a peace resource library, and materials on biblical peacemaking (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Grant that we might love what you command, and desire what you promise, so that through the rapid changes of this life, our hearts might be fixed where true joys are to be found."*

Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

Nursery:

This week: Luke and Kelsie Sommer

Next Week: Chris Keady, Carolyn Gingerich

Last Sunday

Attendance: 87

Offering: \$680

Church Staff:

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