

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.

February 7, 2016

Welcome
Announcements
Call to Worship
Songs
Offering
Children's Story
Affirmation of Faith: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-16
HWB 853 (2 Corinthians 5: 17-21)
Message: "Reconciliation With God and Others"
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 Lynn Miller.

Worship Leader: Kiara Yoder
Song Leader: Karie Smucker & Seth 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.

This Morning:
9:00am Coffee Time
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
10:45am Worship Service
This Afternoon/Evening:
3:30pm MYF Super Bowl Party at Jana's
This Week:
Wednesday 12:15pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday 9:00am Quilting
7:00pm Christian Education Commission Mtg

Worship Schedule:

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
February 21: *Second Sunday of Lent:* Luke 9: 28-43, "From the Mountaintop Into the Valley"

Please come and hear a presentation by Nathan Yoder, Executive Director of MCC West Coast in the sanctuary next Sunday, February 14. It will be starting at 9:30 a.m. All adult and MYF classes will be attending.

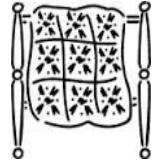
WITH A SERVICE OF COMMUNION WE WILL MARK THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT next Sunday, February 14. Please prepare as you best know how for this celebration of God's communion with us, in Christ, and of our communion with God and each other, through Christ, as symbolized in the bread and the cup, and their sharing.

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! If you would like to contribute to the cost of food, *please make checks payable Zion Mennonite Women.*

Second Sunday February 14, 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. Stan and Vonnie Oyer will be leading "Jesus Meets Zaccheaus." Invite your friends to come too!

Jr. Hi will meet separately at 5:30 pm.

We are considering taking some of the church pews out of the hallway. If anyone has interest in the pews, please contact Gene Gascho or the church office.

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.

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.

Lutheran Social Services Financial Counseling (in partnership with Everence) offers confidential, non-judgmental financial counseling to anyone in the community that 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. Call 877-809-0039 for more information. For Spanish language counselors call 800-388-2227.

Sermon Outline

February 7

“Reconciliation With God and Others”

1. Why did Paul write these words about reconciliation?
2. Why do we need reconciliation?
3. What should not be confused with reconciliation?
4. What is reconciliation?

Please keep in your prayers:

- Zion's upcoming Quilting Workshop, and all who will witness and serve visitors and participants through ministries of hospitality, artistic creativity and administration.
- Protection and strength for the Mennonite Brethren church and entire community in La Esperanza, Colombia, where a violent confrontation between soldiers and guerillas last April resulted in deaths and trauma; pray that the church may be a witness to its neighbors amid the climate of fear and suspicion (Mennonite World Conference)
- Bill and Carol Frisbie, as they lead workshops for Christian leaders in Central and West Africa, for wisdom, health, strength and the further empowerment of those whom they serve (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry through the week: *"I desire to love You, and to make you loved."* St. Therese of Lisieux, 1Bill 9th. C. France

Nursery:

This week: Vonnie Oyer,
Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly
Next Week: Chris Keady, Carolyn Gingerich

Last Sunday

Attendance: 149
Offering: \$6,563.77

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