

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.

April 3, 2016

Prelude

Welcome, greeting and announcements

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,

but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

but we have seen him in the faces of everyone

whose love encourages us.

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

Opening Prayer

Praising God in Songs and Hymns

Light the fire again

God of wonders

Lord Lead me on

HWB 327 Great is thy Faithfulness

Offering our Gifts

Scripture reading: Revelation 1:8-19

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Story

Scripture reading: John 20:19-31

Sermon "Peace Be With You"

Responding in Faith: *STS 16 Peace before us*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending song: *HWB 407 We are People of God's Peace*

Benediction/ Blessing: Ephesians 3: 14-17

Go in the strength and the joy of the Lord!

After the service, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary for sharing and prayer. Today's Elder is Pat Hershberger.

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger
Song Leader: Karie Smucker/Seth Gingerich
Children's Story: Cynthia Hockman-Chupp

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 at Jana's

This Week:

Tuesday

6:30pm

Pastoral Leadership Team meeting

Wednesday

12:15pm

Prayer Gathering

Thursday

9:00am

Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

April 10: Guest speakers Karli Mast and Oliver Denlinger

April 17: Iris deLeon-Hartshorn speaking on the Doctrine of Discovery

Pastor Mathew Swora will be out on vacation next week, from Wednesday, April 6, through Monday, April 11.

"AS FOR ME, IT IS GOOD TO BE NEAR GOD." (Ps. 73: 28) And good to be so together, we found during Lent. You are invited to join the weekly Wednesday prayer gatherings (12: 15- 1PM) which will continue beyond Lent, in the Skylight Room between the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.

A FIESTA! A GIFT IS BEING OFFERED TO US, in gratitude for help received from Zion Mennonite Church in the recent past, of a free pozole (a delicious Mexican hominy soup) lunch after worship **NEXT SUNDAY, April 10,** in Zion's Fellowship Hall. No offering is being asked nor received for this meal; it is simply offered in honor and love of us, and our sharing of this meal will keep the honor and love flowing. More information on the gift and the giver will come on that day.

WHAT IS "THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY?" And why should I care? What does my faith have to do with care for the earth and justice for Native people? A Mennonite working group on "The Doctrine of Discovery" includes Jennifer Delanty, PNMC Moderator, and Iris de Leon-Hartshorn, Director of Transformative Peacemaking for MC USA, who will share with us about these matters on Sunday, April 17, in Sunday School and worship.

Second Sunday

April 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. Kristen Amstutz will be leading "God Hears Prayers."

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

JUBILEE FOOD PANTRY

Collection day for the food pantry will be Sunday, April 17. You may leave donated items in the barrel in the foyer. All items are appreciated, but especially canned meat, baking items, cereal, canned fruit, and canned tomatoes are needed at this time.

NEED A SMILE? A GLOBAL VIEW ON GOD'S WORK in the world helps. You can get that by checking Zion Church's website for the latest pictures from our partners in Bolivia, La Vida Feliz (The Happy Life) Senior Center in El Torno, visible at <http://zionmennoniteoregon.org/community-ministries/senior-center-el-torno-bolivia/> and by clicking on the link to the latest images and the updated report. These are the images we intended to show during worship, but were unable to, earlier in March.

Small Group Interest Form: If you have not done so, please take a moment to fill out the *Small Group Interest Form*. Copies are available on the table in the foyer. Zion's Pastoral Leadership Team encourages and supports small groups. What might your need be for a small group?

To my church family: A big thank you for the beautiful plant that Stacy Berkey delivered to me. Also to my immediate family for the love and care shown to me during my time of healing. Thank you for the cards and visits, and to Doug to made and catered an omelet to me one Sunday morning. God Bless you all.
—Mary Anna Reeder

Hockman-Chupp Kick-Off Open House Friday, April 8, 6-9pm

Who: You, your family, your friends, neighbors...all are welcome!

What:

- Conversation
- Games, if interested
- Food (finger food to share...though bringing something to eat is optional)

When: One Friday each month, from 6-9 pm, though people are free to come/go during that time frame

Where: Our house. Let us know if you need directions. As it gets nice, we may spend more time outdoors.

Why: This is a casual way to spend time with old friends and get to know new ones better.

COMING UP AT DRIFT CREEK CAMP:

Women's Retreat, April 8-10, with guest speaker Marlene Bogard, executive director of Mennonite Women USA. Information and registration details on www.driftcreek.org

Nature Camp, April 29-May 1. Guests can participate in a variety of offerings including geo-caching, nature journaling, plant and tree identification, stream study and those who are feeling adventurous can hit the road on their mountain bikes. Details and registration are available at www.driftcreek.org.

SUMMER CAMPS, June 17-July 15. Early bird discount due by April 30. Registration/information available online.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Kellan Oakes and his whole family, as he undergoes any treatment recommended this week after his recent surgery for a nodular lymphoma.
- Give thanks for the many teachers, staff and administrators who work hard to show God's love to students and provide them with encouraging learning environments (MEA).
- The 20 Mennonite Voluntary Service leaders meeting in San Francisco this week, meeting with representatives of local units around the country, and working on vision and next steps for this year (Mennonite Mission Network)
- The injured and those bereaved by the terrorist attack aimed at Christians last Easter Sunday, which also killed Muslims at an amusement park and in Lahore, Pakistan. Pray for the Christian minority of Pakistan, as well as for their persecutors, mainly among a radicalized minority of their Muslim neighbors.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"The fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you....I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it."* by Thomas Merton, 20th C. American

Nursery:

This week: Gina Hansen, Becky Swora

Next Week: Wendy Roth, Jaclyn Roth

Last Sunday

Attendance: 246

Offering: \$5887.52

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