

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.

September 11, 2016

Prelude
Greetings and Welcome
Announcements
Drift Creek Camp feature
Offering
Songs
Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 18: 1-8
Call to Worship
New Testament Scripture and Theme: John 21: 1-14
Message: God's Hospitality to Us
Response Song
Dedication/Commissioning of Sunday School leaders
Sharing and Prayer
DCC slide program
Dismissal prayer and grace for meal
Sending Song

Immediately Following the Service, Everyone is invited:

15th Annual Chicken BBQ
Fundraiser for Drift Creek Camp
Menu: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,
Relish Tray, Bread, and Chocolate Cake and Ice Cream
—AND—
Third Annual Vintage Car Show
Check out the cars in the parking lot!

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: Ken Kauffman
Song Leader: Charlie & Seth Gingerich
Children's Story:

This Morning:
9:00am Coffee Time
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
9:45am Prayer Team meets (upstairs)
10:45am Worship Service
Noon Chicken BBQ fundraiser meal
This Afternoon/Evening
5:00pm Second Sunday, Jr. Hi
6:00pm MYF meets at Jared Oyer's house
This Week:
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study (Library)
7:00pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday 6:00am Men's Bible Study at Gerald Mast's
12:15pm Prayer meeting
Thursday 9:00am Quilting
Worship Schedule:
September 18: Mathew will be preaching "Humanity Hosting God"
Genesis 18:1-14
September 25: Guest speaker Stanley Green, Executive Director
of Mennonite Mission Network

Pastor Jana will be on vacation through Saturday, September 17.

"...PLANTING THE SEEDS OF GOD'S REIGN THROUGH HOSPITALITY..." is not only a phrase in our church's vision statement, nor is it just about setting tables for guests, as wonderful as that is. Because of the world's homeless and refugee crises, heightened political, ethnic and religious hostilities, and in light of developing mission and ministry opportunities for us, our next Congregational Conversation (September 25, 6:30 PM), visual art in our sanctuary, and the messages of Zion's worship services these next few weeks will explore the full biblical theme and value of hospitality:

- September 11: God's Hospitality to Us
- September 18 (Gen. 18: 1-15) Our Hospitality Toward God
- September 25: Stanley Green speaks during the Christian Education hour and during worship; Congregational Conversation, 6:30pm that evening
- October 2 (World Communion Sunday; Romans 15: 5-9a) The Church As Our Hospitality To Each Other
- October 9 Ray Keene, Executive Director of The Canby Center

**Second Sunday
TODAY, 5:00-6:30pm**

We're kicking off a new year! 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. The theme this year is *Children Are Blessed*. Bring your friends too!

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

Tuesday morning Bible study will begin again on September 13 meeting for 13 weeks, ending on December 6 and taking a break until January. This group is open to everyone and commitment is for that period of time. We will study the gospel of Mark with inductive Bible study method, your notebook and insights, and praying for each other. Pat Hershberger is facilitating; contact her for more information.



Celebrate Carolyn Gingerich's Retirement. Open house with refreshments by the fireside, Saturday, September 24 at 4pm at Jeremy and Jennifer Gingerich's House/Yard, 29944 S. Meridian Road, Hubbard. See invitation on bulletin board.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON? FIND OUT ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, when Stanley Green, Executive Director of Mennonite Mission Network, our denomination's mission and service organization, will be with us both to preach during worship, and during a joint Christian Education hour class when he will catch us up on developments, opportunities and trends in global Mennonite mission work and partnerships.

MARK SEPTEMBER 25 ON YOUR CALENDARS FOR ANOTHER CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION, at 6:30 PM, this time on the theme in our vision statement and in the Bible, *Hospitality: "Receiving One Another as God In Christ Has Received You"* (Rom. 15:7), in light of intensified hostility today in religion, race and politics, and when more than 60 million people worldwide are displaced, including the homeless among us. This conversation will include testimonies of hospitality already practiced among us, and consider options for moving ahead.



**My Coins Count
Collection Every Sunday!**

School has started again, and it's a great time for all of us to remember children around the world who won't be attending the same school this year because they have been displaced from their homes due to conflict in their country. Funds collected through My Coins Count will support MCC refugee projects. Bring your coins to church each Sunday. On October 8 at the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, we'll see how all our coins count together. Let's help remind refugees that people around the world are thinking about them and welcome them.

**Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief
Saturday, October 8**

Children's Area Coordinator needed. Duties involved include finding 2-3 volunteers to supervise the area on Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., helping to set up on Friday and tear down the area after the sale, and planning one or two craft activities. Activities already arranged include hay bale maze, face painting, a rice pool for toddlers, and bag toss games. If interested, contact Linda Pauls at jlad_pauls@msn.com or 503-623-6041.

The auction is also looking for small groups and/or Sunday School classes that are willing to work together to donate items. Please see the MCC Sale Newsletter (in your mailbox) for more information and ask Cynthia if you have questions. Thank you!

It's still not too late to pick up extra school kit items. Place your donations in bags in the foyer.

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8½ x10½ in. and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Mennonite Disaster Service: Volunteers are needed through October 15 in Kamiah, ID. The work includes the construction of one new house and finishing work on two houses currently under construction. Contact Clyde Hockman for further information 503-263-1210 or chockman@canby.com.

The Gifts Discernment Committee requests that you prayerfully consider persons for the Board of Elders. Please submit your suggestions for consideration as soon as possible, *but no later than the end of the worship service on September 18th.*

Forms are located on the table in the foyer. Please complete paper forms and place them in the marked box. Forms were also sent by email. If you prefer, you can complete the form electronically and email it back to Jodi in the church office. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Gifts Discernment Committee: Jeremy Gingerich, Luanne Berkey, Sheila Kauffman, Callan Berkey.

We are looking for someone to be our congregational correspondent to Mennonite World Review. Margaret Shetler has carried this for a number of years and asks to be relieved of this responsibility. About every two months she submits a short column to MWR of happenings about Zion's congregational life. Pat Hershberger has the description and expectations for this assignment. The church library receives this biweekly newspaper and you may also read it online at <http://mennoworld.org/>

Got News? The next edition of **News for the Pews** will be out on October 2. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the church newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Friday, September 23.

Women of all ages are invited to the **2016 Fall Quilt and Scrapbook Retreat at Drift Creek Camp, October 20-23.** The weekend is a great opportunity to dedicate time to work on projects of your choosing. Drift Creek provides the accommodations along with table space, delicious meals, an endless supply of coffee and conversations among friends old and new....all in the midst of God's magnificent creation. We hope you will join us! Visit www.driftcreek.org for details.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Zion Mennonite Church's new Christian Education classes and our new and ongoing Christian Education teachers this fall
- Our ESL (English-as-a-Second Language) classes, either those led by Zion's members and friends, often on Zion's facilities, or those of our partners with Bridging Cultures Canby, that they might show and share the love that flows from God, and bring honor to God, and life, joy and growth to both students and teachers
- Mary Raber, who is teaching new fall courses in Ukraine, that she will be able to strengthen the faith of her students and share her faith in spite of recent laws there tightening restrictions on religious expression (MMN)
- New Bethel College (KS) students, adjusting to a new life in a new community, including the search for a church home, and for the congregations that will welcome them (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week:

"...because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts." From The Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

Nursery:

This week: Cassie Miller, Elizabeth Masingila
Next Week: Luanne Berkey, Nancy Beachy

Last Sunday

Attendance: —
Offering: \$

Church Staff:

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