

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 18, 2016

Gathering "The Community Gathers"

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship "The Community Worships"

Prayer

Praising God in Hymns and Songs:

HWB 6 Here In This Place

HWB 87 Great Is the Lord

This Is My Commandment That You Love One Another

They'll Know We Are Christians By our Love

Offering Our Gifts

Prayer

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-10

Prayer of the People

HWB 406 In Christ There Is No East or West

Hearing the Word

Children's Story

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-14

Sermon: "Hosting Our Homeless God"

Responding in Faith

Response Song

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction "The Community Sends"

Isaiah 25:6 The LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, and refined aged wine.

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: Pat Hershberger
Song Leader: Stan Oyer
Children's Story: Dennis Russell
Offertory: Cynthia & Caleb Hockman-Chupp

9:00am
9:30am
9:45am
10:45am

6:00pm
6:15pm

Tuesday 10:00am
Wednesday 6:00am
12:15pm
Thursday 9:00am
1:30pm
6:00pm

Worship Schedule:

September 25: Guest speaker Stanley Green, Executive Director of Mennonite Mission Network

October 2: World Communion Sunday. Mathew will be preaching "The Church As Our Hospitality to Each Other" Romans 15:5-9a

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. The questions which we will discuss are:

1. What does the word "hospitality" mean to you?
2. What do you find most satisfying, or most difficult, about giving or receiving hospitality?
3. What do you see as the most pressing need for hospitality in the Zion community in the near future?

This Morning:

Coffee Time
Sunday School for all ages
Prayer Team meets (upstairs)
Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

MYF meets at Gingerich Barn
Vespers at Marquis Center, Hope Village

This Week:

Bible Study (Library)
Men's Bible Study at Gerald Mast's
Prayer meeting
Quilting
PLT meeting at Jana's
Worship Commission meeting

The Gifts Discernment Committee requests that you prayerfully consider persons for the Board of Elders. Please submit your suggestions for consideration ***by the end of the worship service TODAY.*** Forms are located on the table in the foyer. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Gifts Discernment Committee: Jeremy Gingerich, Luanne Berkey, Sheila Kauffman, Callan Berkey.



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.

Senior Outing: We are planning a morning tour with our neighbor, the Ulven Co. We will tour the facilities and conclude with lunch at a local restaurant. We need to know how many are interested in participating. *Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board by next Sunday.* More details, including a date, will follow. Contact Loren Miller or Lynn Miller with questions or for restaurant suggestions.

The Christian Education Commission and Church Council has recently reviewed and revised *Zion's Child Protection Guidelines*, first adopted in 2005. Paper copies of the guidelines, adopted by Church Council at the September 13, 2016 meeting are available in the church office. An electronic copy was sent by email earlier this week. All persons working with children and youth are expected to review and understand these guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Oyer.

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.

JUBILEE FOOD PANTRY

Collection day for the food pantry will be Sunday, October 4. 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.

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief Saturday, October 8

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.

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:

- The upcoming Mennonite Central Committee Festival for World Relief in Albany, OR on October 8, and all who are working in so many ways to address human need and share God's love through it, "In The Name of Christ."
- Berci Mundedi, as of this past summer, the leader and administrator of the Kalonda Bible Institute of the Mennonite Church of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the first woman to do so (Mennonite World Conference)
- Mennonite churches and partner agencies of Spain, Italy, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and Belgium, responding to a massive influx of two million people over the last year into Europe, most without documentation; that they might witness, lead and serve in this "catastrophic opportunity" with God's resources, and for God's honor (MMN)
- September 21 being International Day of Peace, that we may promote relationships and environments of peace that give children security from violence, discrimination and other injustices, that the world may better recognize children as a blessing entrusted to us (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week:

"Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure...." From The Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

Nursery:

This week: Luanne Berkey, Nancy Beachy
Next Week: Vonnie Oyer, Stephanie Moyer

Last Sunday

Attendance: 154
Offering: \$3,693
9/4 : \$7,226

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