

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 25, 2016

WE WELCOME TODAY STANLEY GREEN, Executive Director for Mennonite Mission Network, MC USA's agency of Christian witness, service and mission in the U.S. and worldwide. Stanley will share both during the Christian Education hour to a joint gathering of our classes, as well as bringing the message during our worship service.

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs:

10,000 Reasons, Bless the Lord

Hallelujah

HWB 46 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

STJ 3 Jesus Calls Us Here

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Children's Story

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17.

Message: "The Hospitality of Friends"

Response Song: *STJ 109 There is More Love Somewhere*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song—Doxology

Benediction

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

Worship Leader: Mathew Swora
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich
Children's Story: Stanley Green

9:00am

9:30am

9:45am

10:45am

4:00-5:30pm

6:30pm

Tuesday

10:00am

Wednesday

6:00am

12:15pm

Thursday

9:00am

Worship Schedule:

October 2: World Communion Sunday. Mathew will be preaching "As Christ Has Received You" Romans 15:5-9a

October 9: Ray Keene of The Canby Center will preach during the worship service and share during the Sunday School hour.

A CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION will take place this evening at 6:30 PM, 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?

With a service of communion, we will celebrate our union with the worldwide church next Sunday, October 2, for World Communion Sunday. Please come prepared for this celebration by reviewing and praying this week, in whatever ways we know best, about our relationships and growth in "reconciliation with God and others" (from Zion's Vision Statement). Remember and rejoice also that we come at the invitation of the One who has "greatly longed to share the Passover" with us (Luke 22:15) and who makes us, together with people from all over the world, "fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household (Eph. 2: 19)."

The pastoral review survey for both Jana and Mathew is now available.

The purpose of a congregational/pastoral review is to affirm and strengthen our pastors and the congregation in their relationship and ministry. When done thoughtfully, prayerfully, and well, evaluations are an important facet of developing a healthy congregation, a congregation in which individuals in community discover and learn the rich and textured life that God desires for his family. Evaluations honor our role as stewards of God's gifts and can help us focus on the purpose for which God calls his people. Conversations that are gracious, candid—and ongoing!—these are expressions of a community that is growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

Members and attendees of Zion Mennonite Church who are high school age and older are invited to complete this survey. We encourage *all* to participate and to complete the survey online by October 9th. Paper copies are available in the foyer for those who cannot fill out the survey online.

Please see a PCRC (Pastoral Congregation Relations Committee) member if you have questions: Dennis Russell, Kristin Oakes, Andy Coulombe, Kara Kropf or Joe Parker. You can also contact us at zionpcrc@googlegroups.com.

Thank you for your participation! It is an important and sacred responsibility.

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 TODAY.*** More details, including a date, will follow. Contact Loren Miller or Lynn Miller with questions or for restaurant suggestions.

Zion's Pastoral Leadership Team has recommended that our pastors attend a Deep Faith Seminar at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary October 6-8, 2016. In addition to pastors Mathew and Jana, attending, Karen Tro and Kara Kropf have agreed to attend. The Seminar will gather Anabaptist pastors, teachers, and lay leaders to reimagine what faith formation ministry looks like in this century through theology, relationship and practice. Participants will develop an understanding of the Christian faith in life and practice for all ages.



My Coins Count Collection Every Sunday thru Oct. 2

So far, nearly \$900 has been collected! Just a little more is needed for the peoples match! If \$1000 or more is raised, three people will each match with \$1000. That's over \$4000 we can offer to MCC for their efforts in reaching refugees around the world.

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.

Where in the World Did I Come From?

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society is hosting a free family and genealogy seminar entitled "Where in the World Did I Come From?". The program will be directed by Jerry Barkman who has given significant time to research his own family history. It will be on Saturday, October 15, 2:30 - 4:30pm at the Ivan and Pearl Kropf Heritage Center. For more information, visit pnmhs.org/whats-new

DON'T MISS IT!

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief Saturday, October 8

The auction is still looking for small groups and/or Sunday School classes that are willing to work together to donate items. Please ask Cynthia if you have questions.

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 x 10½ 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

Please keep in your prayers:

- Those of Zion's members and friends who are home bound, due to illness, such as Willie Garber, Judy Hall, Luella Hostetler, Jim Gaber and Sue Roth, or who have been hospitalized recently, such as Floyd Lapp
- The staff, teachers and students of The Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia, which is going through a time of transition (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Students, faculty and staff at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, in Harrisburg, VA., as they begin this year's Spiritual Life week, including David Gingerich, a student, and Ericka Gingerich, on staff (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week:

"O my God teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you...for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, or find you unless you show yourself to me." by St. Anselm of Centerbury, 12th C. England

Nursery:

This week: Vonnie Oyer, Stephanie Moyer

Next Week: Sheryl Gingerich, Sheryl Mast

Last Sunday

Attendance: 152

Offering: \$5095

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