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.

December 4, 2016



WE WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY THE CANTALINAS of Canby High School, led by Brooks Gingerich. Two of Zion's students, Harrison Gingerich and Tristan Oakes, are part of this choir.

Welcome and Greeting Call to Worship

Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 72: 1-7 Advent Candle Lighting

STS 3 Come, Light of the World

Songs of Praise and Worship:

HWB 172 O Come O Come Immanuel

HWB 180 The Angel Gabriel

Offering

Confession and Assurance

Children's Story Time

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:9-11

Canby High School Cantalinas Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Meditation: "Straight From The Horse's Mouth"

Cantalinas

Sending Song: STJ 76 The Lord Bless You

Benediction: Romans 15:12-13

This Morning:

9:00am Coffee Time

9:30am Sunday School for all ages 9:45am Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

10:45am Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

5:30pm MYF meet at Zion to carpool for

"Your Life in 10 Minutes"

This Week:

Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 9:00am Quilting

5:15pm Yoga class

Worship Schedule:

<u>December 11:</u> Third Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching "I, John, a Prophet", Matthew 11:2-11

<u>December 18:</u> Mathew will be preaching "From the Files of Dr. Schringck: Joseph, the Carpenter". Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday morning Prayer Team meets in the upstairs classroom during the Sunday School hour each Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join or to bring prayer requests. Contact Sheryl Mast for more information.

There will be no verbal announcements during the worship services of Advent. Please submit your announcements to the church office by Thursday of each week to be included in the bulletin.

A very special thank you is extended to Nathan and Brittany Nofziger, Kayla Ballinger, and Megan McFarland for sharing their talented gifts in creating our Advent visuals and decorations this year!

A BIG Thank You to my family and my church family for all their prayers, meals, gift card, cards and flowers. I am so blessed. I'll always remember this kindness. Thank you very much. May God bless you all! ~Marlene Harris

David and Betty Garen request a change of membership to Portland Mennonite Church, as it is much closer to where they live and is where they currently attend. The Pastoral Leadership team welcomes any questions or responses you may have. **YOGA CLASS:** Thursdays, beginning December 8, from 5:15-6:15pm in the Gym. Anyone interested is welcome to join. Contact Ken Beachy for more information.

Hockman-Chupp Open House Friday, December 9, 7-9pm

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

- Christmas Movie Marathon (we'll have several to choose from for kids of all ages)
- Conversation
- Games, if interested
- Food (finger food to share...though bringing something to eat is optional)

Where: Our house. Let us know if you need directions.

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



This Christmas Season, Sheryl Russell will once again be taking orders for delicious homemade cinnamon rolls to raise money for Syrian and Iraqi refugees living in the Middle **REFUGEES** Syrian and Iraqi refugees living in the Middle East. Price is \$11 per pan of four large rolls with cream cheese butter frosting. An order sheet can be found on the bulletin board in

the fover. To order online, please send Sheryl an email at rollsforrefugees@gmail.com or visit her website at RollsForRefugees.com. Pay when you pick up. Pickup date is Sunday, December 18 or by appointment. The deadline for

placing an order is Monday, December 12. Funds raised will be donated to Mennonite Central Committee, The Refugee Initiative, and PreEmptive Love Coalition, three amazing nongovernment organizations working on the ground in the region. For more information about the lifesaving work these groups and others are doing



and to see how you can become involved, please visit Sheryl's website or contact Sheryl at 503-550-1976 or email rollsforrefugees@gmail.com. Merry Christmas!



Advent and **Christmas Calendar**

MYF and Jr. Hi Caroling at Hope Village Sunday, December 11, 5:30-7:00pm

Meet at the church at 5:00pm for the Second Sunday meal. We will then carpool to Hope Village at 5:30. Adults and families are invited to join the group as well.

> Annual Senior Christmas Tea Friday, December 16, 2-4pm

Seniors (aged 60+and their spouses) are invited to Gerald and Sheryl Mast's home (5555 Sconce Rd, Hubbard) for holiday refreshments and fellowship.

> Sing Your Own Messiah Sunday, December 18 at 3:30pm

Everyone is welcome to either sing along or just listen and enjoy. Refreshments will follow. (Please bring a prepared finger food to share with guests.)

> **Christmas Eve Service** Saturday, December 24 at 6:00pm

Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church hopes you will join us for our annual service on Christmas Eve. There is a change in location this year; the service will be held at the Hope Village Community Center. It's a great opportunity to hear the Christmas story and sing some of your favorite carols. If you have questions, please contact Karie Smucker at 503-459-3181 or kmsmucker@gmail.com.

Zion's Christmas Service Sunday, December 25, 10:45am

There will be no Sunday School classes. A special Christmas service will be held at regular worship time. Children are invited to request their favorite Christmas carol.

> Daily Advent-Epiphany Bible readings and devotional thoughts are available at www.goshen.edu/devotions.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Maynard Nofziger, whose surgery had to be postponed until January.
- Zion Mennonite Church's members, friends and family who are kept home by health concerns, such as Jim Graber, Willie Garber, Eddie Willig, Luella Hostetler, Sue Roth, Judy Hall, and others.
- Bethel College students as they take final exams this week, and prepare for travel home, and for their travels this next week. (Mennonite Education Agency)
- Praise God for Nancy Frey's recovery from dengue fever, and pray for the relief and recovery of others in Burkina Faso, where she serves, during the recent outbreak of that disease. (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry through the week:

"I am your servant, Lord; may your word to me be fulfilled." Mary, in Luke 1:38

Budget Report: \$77,433.05 is needed by year end to meet our 2016 Budget.

Nursery: Last Sunday This week: Vonnie Oyer, Irina Herschberger Attendance: 148 Next Week: Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly, Gina Hansen Offering: \$3,482.51

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