

# 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 11, 2016



## Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 35:1-10

Leader: In the nighttime of sorrow, we become impatient and lose hope.

People: Our joy disappears, and our songs become silent.  
We forget the truth that God will restore all of creation.

All: Come! Walk in the way of God's heart!

Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting

STS 3 *Come, Light of the World*

## Praising

Songs of Praise and Worship:

HWB 75 *Bless'd be the God of Israel*

HWB 199 *The First Noel*

*Jesus the light of the world (insert in back of blue hymnal)*

Offering

## Confession and Assurance

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Story Time

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-11, Matthew 11:2-11

Message: "I, John, a Prophet"

## Responding

Response Song: HWB 517 *Open my eyes*

Sharing and Prayer

## Sending

Benediction

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: Cynthia Hockman-Chupp  
Song Leader: Stan Oyer  
Children's Story: Carolyn Hockman

## This Morning:

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

## This Afternoon/Evening

Jr.Hi/MYF meet at Zion to carpool to Canby Christian church for "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

## This Week:

Tuesday	6:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	12:15pm	Prayer Meeting at Zion
Thursday	9:00am	Quilting
	5:15pm	Yoga class
	6:30pm	PLT Meeting

Friday 2-4:00pm

Senior Christmas Tea at Mast's

## Worship Schedule:

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

December 25: Christmas Service. Luke 2:1-21

*Sunday morning Prayer Team meets in the upstairs classroom during the Sunday School hour each week. 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.

## From Facilities and Finance Commission:

- The church driveway will be closed on Wednesday, December 14. The large pine tree at the entrance of the driveway will be removed that day. There are a number of issues with the tree: starting to become diseased, needles constantly falling on the driveway and into the slot drain across the driveway, and buckling the driveway.
- For those who responded to the columbarium survey, as well as others who are interested in purchasing a columbarium niche, we are planning to have the columbarium installed in April, 2017. You can start reserving a niche and/or donating towards the columbarium. The cost of a niche for members is \$400. One niche will hold two small urns. Please make a notation on the check as to the number of niches and if a donation is also included, or if you are just making a donation. Donations are tax deductible, but the cost of the niche is not.

**Taking the long way home.** The Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Historical Society will be on Saturday, January 21 at noon here at Zion. Join for lunch and the fascinating story of one PAX man's adventures in the Congo and his amazing journey home told by the man who lived it, Larry Graber. Program and lunch is \$20/person payable at the door. RSVP to Gloria Nussbaum at [real2reel@teleport.com](mailto:real2reel@teleport.com) or 503-645-0616 by January 15. All ages are welcome!

**MDS Tool Trailer Project:** The Oregon Unit of MDS is asking interested Oregon Pacific NW Mennonite Conference churches to participate in raising funds to purchase an MDS tool trailer and tools. Total cost is estimated to be about \$30,000. An announcement with the details was placed in literature boxes today. If you would like to support this project, please make your check to Zion Mennonite Church (MDS Trailer Project in the memo line) and place it in the offering. Thanks for your prayerful consideration. If you have questions, please contact Clyde Hockman, Acting Secretary of the Oregon Unit (503-263-1210 or [chockman@canby.com](mailto:chockman@canby.com)).

**Apply now for an educational scholarship.** Everence wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will attend an accredited undergraduate or trade program for the 2017-2018 academic year, apply for an Everence College Scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 28. Learn more at [everence.com/college-scholarships](http://everence.com/college-scholarships).



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 East. Price is \$11 per pan of four large rolls with cream cheese butter frosting. An order sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. To order online, email Sheryl at [rollsforrefugees@gmail.com](mailto:rollsforrefugees@gmail.com) or visit her website at [RollsForRefugees.com](http://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 non-government 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 her by phone or email.

**I am looking for a few volunteers who would like to roll out and package cinnamon rolls next week. If you are interested in being involved, call me at 503-550-1976.**

Thank you and Merry Christmas!



# 'tis the SEASON

## Advent and Christmas Calendar

### 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.)

### MYF and Jr. Hi Caroling at Hope Village Sunday, December 18, 5:30pm

Meet at Zion to carpool. Adults and families are invited to join!

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.goshen.edu/devotions).*

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT.** It's time again! If you would like to participate in the January, February, and March round of Dinners for 8, please sign up during the month of December. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Floyd Lapp , who will have surgery on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Meridian Park Hospital.
- The people of Aceh Province, in Indonesia, struck by a recent and devastating earthquake; in particular, for the churches and our Mennonite World Conference partners there who have worked faithfully for a Christ-like witness and peaceful relations with their majority Muslim neighbors, and who now share with them the burdens of rebuilding and recovery.
- Alicia and Joshua Garber, who are preparing to serve with the Barcelona Mennonite Church in Spain, along with their seven year-old son Asher, as they seek to balance family life, adjusting to a new culture and ministry (MMN)
- Students at Eastern Mennonite Seminary and University, as they face final exams, projects and term papers and for many holiday-related travel. Our students there include Bethany and Brandon Chupp, and David Gingerich (MEA)
- Fay Swartzendruber requests prayers that members of the Cora "Good News" teams will be ready, willing, and able to spend time ministering in a neighboring village next month.

**A prayer to carry through the week:** : "Lord Jesus Christ, that we might be able rightly to pray to you for all things, we pray first for one: help us to love you much, increase love, and inflame it." By Soren Kierkegaard, 19<sup>th</sup> C. Denmark

**Budget Report:** \$64,741.97 is needed by year end to meet our 2016 Budget.

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**Nursery:**

This week: Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly, Gina Hansen  
Next Week: Dorothy Brenneman, Judy Gingerich

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 182  
Offering: \$12,691.08  
MDS Trailer: \$6,000.00

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