

# 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.

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December 18, 2016



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## **Gathering**

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 35:1-10

Leader: In the nighttime of our longing, we want to welcome God with open arms.

People: Even though we yearn to see God's face, we are unsure of what God may ask of us. We forget that God holds us through our doubts.

All: Come! Walk in God's presence!

Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting

*STS 3 Come, Light of the World*

## **Praising**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Songs of Praise and Worship:

MH 566 *Once in Royal David's City*

HWB 177 *Creator of the Stars of Night*

HWB 212 *O Come, all ye faithful*

Offering

Special Music: Stan, Jason, Trevor, and Jared Oyer

## **Confession and Assurance**

### **Hearing God's Word**

Children's Story Time

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Message: "From the Files of Dr. Schringck: Joseph, the Carpenter"

## **Responding**

Response Song: HWB 215 *What Child is This*

STS 26 *Helpless and Hungry*

Sharing and Prayer

## **Sending**

Sending Song: HWB 189 *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

Benediction

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*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: Bethany Chupp  
Song Leader: Brandon Chupp  
Children's Story: Vonnie Oyer

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

3:30pm  
5:30pm

Wednesday 12:15pm  
Thursday 9:00am  
5:15pm

Friday

## **Worship Schedule:**

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

January 1: Mathew will be preaching "A Mystery Tale?"  
Matthew 2:1-12

January 8: Communion Service

*Jana will be out of the office Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 and 21 to enjoy some vacation time with family.*

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The feedback from the 2016 major pastoral review has been processed by the PCRC. Based on that feedback, we make the following recommendations for both Mathew and Jana's ministries at Zion:

- The responses received during this major review strongly affirm and appreciate Mathew's ability to connect with others, his sincerity and honesty, his commitment to Anabaptist-Mennonite theology, and his dedication to his personal spiritual growth. Based on the feedback, we recommend that Mathew continue as the lead pastor of Zion.
- The responses received during this major review strongly affirm and appreciate Jana's commitment to Zion, her servant's heart, her involvement in many varied aspects of worship, and her ability to relate to those seeking her counsel. Based on the feedback, we recommend that Jana continue as a pastor of Zion.

We have sent out an online survey to gather feedback regarding these recommendations. We welcome the opinions of all members and regular attenders. If you did not receive an e-mail with information about this online survey, you can contact us at [zionpcrc@googlegroups.com](mailto:zionpcrc@googlegroups.com) or talk to Dennis Russell, Kristin Oakes, Andy Coulombe, Kara Kropf, or Joe Parker, and we can get you the link.

Paper copies of the survey are also available in the foyer for those who cannot or prefer not to fill out the survey online. *Please submit your responses by the end of the day on Sunday, December 25th.*

Tuesday morning Bible study is on recess until January 3. Our study is the Gospel of Mark and you are welcome join at any time. Contact Pat Hershberger for more information.

**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)).

Got News? The next edition of ***News for the Pews*** will be out on January 8. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the church newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Monday, December 26.

## ROLLS for REFUGEES

Today they're rolling out the door - it's Pick-up Day!

If you ordered rolls, please pick them up in the kitchen after church. The price per pan is \$11. Cash or checks are welcome. Please make your check payable to Sheryl Russell so a small portion can be deducted for ingredients. (If you would like to make a donation directly to MCC, PreEmptive Love Coalition or The Refuge Initiative for \$10/pan, you can write a second check or leave cash for the ingredient portion, so your donation to the charity would be tax deductible.)

These three amazing organizations we are supporting with this project are working on the ground in Syria, Iraq and the region. For more information about the lifesaving work these groups and others are doing and to see how you can become involved, please see our website: [www.rollsforrefugees.com](http://www.rollsforrefugees.com)



## 'tis the SEASON

### Advent and Christmas Calendar

#### Sing Your Own Messiah TODAY 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 TODAY at 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. Hear the Christmas story from Zion's children in a special video production.

*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.

*Thank you very much for the Christmas plant. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.*  
—Mabel Powel

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Congratulations to Seth and Eliza Gingerich on the birth of their twin sons, Owen Arthur and Wyatt Edward, on Friday, December 16.
- That God may guide us to “bear one another’s burdens and share one another’s joys, especially with any for whom the holiday season is marked by loneliness and loss, or being housebound by chronic illness
- Mennonite missionaries who live and work among Muslim immigrants in France request prayers for those who attend a community meal and Bible study, that they might experience God’s love and care for them (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Tutors and students who meet in 38 IBA (Instituto Biblico Anabautista, or Anabaptist Bible Institute) centers to study, learn and grow together toward greater fruitfulness in ministry, that the Hispanic churches they serve may also grow with them (Mennonite Education Agency)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** “ Give us grace to heed the warnings of the prophets, and to love the delights they foresaw, that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer” (adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, Anglican)

**Budget Report:** \$55,183.27 is needed by year end to meet our 2016 Budget.

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**Nursery:**

This week: Dorothy Brenneman, Judy Gingerich  
Next Week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila

**Last Sunday**

Attendance: 136  
Offering: \$9,558.70  
MDS Trailer: \$200  
Columbarium: \$200

Church Staff:

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