

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.

January 1, 2017

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: Day has dawned! The light of Christ has come into the world.

People: We see God's radiance in creation and in our lives.

We rejoice in God's light and look for ways to share it with the world.

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

Advent Candle Lighting

STS 3—Come, Light of the World

Praising

Scripture Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Songs of Praise and Worship

Offering

Confession and Assurance

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "Carrying a Treasure, to Find a Treasure"

Responding

Response Song

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Sending Song

Benediction

9:00am

9:30am

9:45am

10:45am

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

10:00am

12:15pm

9:00am

5:15pm

7:00pm

This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School for all ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Office Closed

Bible Study—Library

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Quilting

Yoga class

Facilities and Finance meeting

Worship Schedule:

January 8: Communion Sunday. Mathew will be preaching "Living On Borrowed Time", Mathew 2:13-23

Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 3 at 10:00am, meeting in the church library. Anyone is welcome to join this study of the gospel of Mark. Contact Pat Hershberger for more information

WITH A SERVICE OF COMMUNION WE WILL CELEBRATE the timeless grace of God that greets us this new year, next Sunday, January 8, 2017. 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).

Mark your calendar for Zion's Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp on January 27 - 29. Frank Howard will be the speaker for the weekend. More information will be coming in January.

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
Bethany Chupp
Song Leader: Louise Gingerich
Children's Story: Jana Gingerich

Taking the long way home. The Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Historical Society will be on Saturday, January 21 here at Zion. Join for lunch (noon) and our program (1:15) with 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. Cost is \$20/person payable at the door. RSVP to Gloria Nussbaum at real2reel@teleport.com or 503-645-0616 by January 15. The Library/Archives will be open from 11am to noon and until 4pm following the meeting for those interested in visiting. 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 earlier this month. 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).

New Address:

Ken and Nancy Beachy
 420 Weiby Avenue
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 Ken: 503-949-8741
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Thanks to your generous support for Rolls for Refugees, we raised \$1,774 for refugees and IDP's (Internally Displaced Persons) in Syria and Iraq. 100% of your donation went to three nonprofits providing direct aid: MCC, The Refuge Initiative and PreEmptive Love Coalition. **Thank you** so much for your cheerful and giving hearts!



For more information and to see how these groups and others are waging peace in Syria and Iraq, please go to: www.rollsforrefugees.com/

Sermon Outline

January 1

Carrying a Treasure, to Find a Treasure

- I. What brought the magi to Bethlehem (besides a star)?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

- II. What does the magi's journey teach us about our journey?
 - a.
 - b.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Zion's ministries, friendships and partnerships with those recently arrived in our community, such as English as a Second Language classes, Bridging Cultures Canby, The Canby Center, and Canby Pregnancy Center.
- Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer, and their four children, who were scheduled to return to Ecuador today. However, Jerrell was diagnosed last month with melanoma. Pray for healing for Jerrell and peace for the family as they live with uncertainty (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Students, teachers and staff on Christmas break, that their time away from class and with family and friends might be refreshing, and that they may return safely to school when that time comes.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"O Renewer of life, the world joins us when the calendar moves forward and we are thankful for new beginnings for the world. Bless all that has gone behind us and all that will go before us - that we might be a blessing in your plan for the future. May our true resolution be that of more faithful prayer, quieter listening and a desire to do your will. Lift our hearts in hope and expectation, we pray. In the name of the Christ. Amen.*

Nursery:

This week: Stephanie Moyer, Seth Ediger
Next Week: Nancy Beachy, Kristin Oakes

Last Sunday

Attendance: 180
Offering: \$36,297.25
(+\$23,000 during week)
MDS Trailer: \$350
SYOM: \$166

Church Staff:

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