

# 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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January 15, 2017

**WITH A SERVICE OF COMMUNION WE CELEBRATE TODAY** the timeless grace of God that greets us this New Year. All disciples of Christ seeking to live in love and reconciliation with God and each other are welcome to share the bread and the cup as we pass them through the pews, whatever your church affiliation may be. Please wait until all have been served, so that we may share the bread and the cup simultaneously. There are also grapes available for any who so wish to symbolize a pledge toward baptism and discipleship. The bread we serve is gluten-free.

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 36:7-10

Singing

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

*I Love You Lord*

*HWB 197—Angels We Have Heard on High*

Offering

Gospel Reading: John 1:9-18

The Congregation Prays (bulletin insert)

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23

Message "Living on Borrowed Time"

Communion

Closing Song: *HWB 420—Heart With Loving Heart United*

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 Ken Kauffman.

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger  
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich and Harrison Gingerich

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

## **This Morning:**

Coffee Time

Sunday School for all ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

## **This Afternoon/Evening**

MYF TBA

Vespers Service at Marquis Center

6:00pm  
6:15pm

## **This Week:**

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study—Library

Wednesday 12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 9:00am

Mennonite Women

5:15pm

Yoga class

7:00pm

Christian Education Comm. Mtg.

## **Worship Schedule:**

January 22: "What makes us Christian? What keeps us Christian?"  
I Corinthians 2: 1-5

January 29: Guest Speaker: Katherine Jamison Pitts, Conference Minister for the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference.

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## **Annual Budget Meeting**

**Sunday, January 22 at 1:00pm**

**Following a Potluck Meal at noon**

A copy of the 2016 Budget Report and proposed 2017 Budget is in literature boxes today. Please review the report and bring your copy with you to the meeting.

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## **Mark your calendars for January 27-29!**

If you are interested in relaxation, inspiration and fellowship, plan to come to Zion's annual **Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp.**

Frank Howard will be speaking on the theme of "Unexpected Change", using Mathew 16:13-27 as the text. Please read that scripture before coming to the retreat. The cost of the weekend is \$40 per person or \$20 if you are a first-time attendee at the retreat. An auction will be held to offset the actual cost of the retreat, so be thinking about items that you might contribute. You are encouraged to invite your friends who do not attend Zion to come enjoy this retreat with us. *A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, along with a schedule for the weekend.* If you have any questions, please talk to Gerald and Sheryl Mast or Stan and Vonnie Oyer.

Thank you to everyone for all of the time and energy you put into giving us feedback during the reviews of both Mathew and Jana's ministry here at Zion. The congregation has affirmed both of our recommendations.

As a reminder, our recommendations were:

- 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.

—The PCRC

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Zion's Primary Sunday School Department sent \$137.39 to Raul and Megan Gomez in Honduras. Our project for this year is providing new Spanish books for the youngest children to encourage reading. Thank you to the children and adults who have contributed so far. Raul, Megan and their children send their greetings and thank yous. Let's keep it up!!

—Primary Sunday School Department.

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Congratulations to Caleb Yoder and Oksana Makarukha of Ukraine, who were married on January 1, 2017 in Brookings, Oregon. Caleb and Oksana will reside in Brookings where Caleb is a State Police Trooper. Caleb is the son of Clark and Carolyn Yoder and brother to Kiara Yoder and Kelsey Sommer.

*Thank you all for the thoughts and prayers for Eddie and I during his hospital stay and for all the cards and messages. They were very comforting for us. Also thank for all the help with Eddie's memorial service. It was beautiful! We all have a wonderful church family!*

—Lanette Willig

## A prayer for times like these

Carol Penner, December 2016

For a world where lies are accepted at face value;

**hear our prayer, God of truth.**

For a world where racism in high places is tolerated;

**hear our prayer, God of the oppressed.**

For a world where people with disabilities are mocked;

**hear our prayer, God of the disadvantaged.**

For a world where the rich hold the reins of power;

**hear our prayer, God of the poor.**

For a world where men violate women with impunity;

**hear our prayer, God of the downtrodden.**

For a world where the earth is ignored and neglected;

**hear our prayer, God of the voiceless.**

For a world where nations interfere in enemies' elections;

**hear our prayer, God of the disenfranchised.**

For a world where the church is charmed by false gods;

**hear our prayer, God of the lost.**

For a world where free speech is threatened;

**hear our prayer, God of the silenced.**

For a world where hatred is growing by leaps and bounds;

**hear our prayer, God of the vulnerable.**

For a world where dissent is dangerous and necessary,

**hear our prayer, God of those who suffer for righteousness' sake.**

**God of hope, we turn to you for vision and courage as we strive to be faithful in word and deed, Followers of Christ in times like these.**

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Those who are or who have been recently hospitalized, such as Vernon Gahler, now at Marquis Silver Gardens, in Silverton; Phyllis Adams recovering from a minor stroke; and Maynard Nofziger recovering from surgery.
- The family, friends, neighbors and community of the Kroeker family of Hubbard, OR, grieving the deaths of all five members (Keith, Erin and three children) in a house fire.
- YAMEN and all the staff and volunteers serving and growing in ministry around the world. YAMEN (Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network) is a young adult exchange and service program of both Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite World Conference. Participants spend one year in a cross-cultural assignment starting in August and ending the following July (Mennonite World Conference).

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *“Raise us to better share the divine life of him who fully humbled himself to share our humanity.”*  
Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, Anglican.

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**Nursery:**

This week: Wendy and Jaclyn Roth

Next Week: Emma Gingerich,  
Elizabeth Masingila

**1/1/2017**

Attendance: 112

Offering: \$6053

**End of 2016**

Offering: \$2000

MDS Trailer: \$4045 (\$11,145 total)

MCC: \$750

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