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.

February 19, 2017

Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship Songs: HWB 12 Come, let us all unite to sing STJ 49 Rain Down Micah 6:8 Create In Me A Clean Heart O God Children's Story Scripture: Matthew 5: 38-48 Drama Message: "Heaven's Honor Code" **Pastoral Praver** Response Song: STJ I'm pressing on the upward way Offering Sharing and Prayer Sending Song: HWB 421 Bless'd be the tie that binds Benediction

> Worship Leader: Karie Smucker Song Leader: Stan Oyer Children's Story: Mathew Swora

This Morning: 9:00am Coffee Time Sunday School for all ages 9:30am Prayer Team meets (upstairs) 9:45am Worship Service 10:45am This Afternoon/Evening 5:30pm MYF at Jana's This Week: 10:00am Bible Study—Library Tuesdav Quilting Workshop Set-up Wednesdav 9:00am 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion 1:00pm PLT meeting Worship Commission Meeting 6:00pm Thursday-Saturday Quilting Workshop

Worship Schedule:

<u>February 26:</u> Transfiguration Sunday. Matthew 17: 1-9 <u>March 5:</u> First Sunday of Lent: Hebrews 12: 1-3

NEEDED: Children's Story Time Tellers

Our worship service includes a time for a children's story each Sunday. We enjoy hearing from a variety of people throughout the year. Would you consider sharing one Sunday morning? You are welcome to read a book, tell a personal story, or develop a short devotion. Pastors are also willing to give you suggestions or materials related to the worship theme. Likewise, if you are thinking about sharing with the children, you are welcome to run ideas and suggestions by the pastors. If you have other questions, or would like to sign-up for an upcoming worship service, please talk to Jana.

Join us on Sunday evening, March 12, at 5:30 pm (Second Sunday time) for a conversation and sharing about the Deep Faith Conference that Pastors Mathew and Jana, Kara Kropf and Karen Tro attended last October. *"Faith formation is a family affair; What practices can we enhance and cultivate in congregational life for deeper faith formation for all?"* Come join the discussion. **Church Literature Request Form:** Zion pays for various literature publications and makes them available to the congregation. You are asked to complete a request form and return it to the church office, indicating which publications you would like to continue or start receiving. <u>Please return the form by February 26</u>. Zion's renewal of *The Mennonite* comes due soon. If you are especially interested in receiving a subscription, complete the form as soon as possible. Copies are available on the table in the foyer.

MDS Oregon Annual Meeting: Will be held March 18, 10am to 2 pm at Albany Mennonite Church, 3405 Kizer Ave NE, Albany, OR. Guest speakers include Brett Troyer, MDS Binational Project Coodinator from Lititz, PA; Karen Parmelee, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, GeoHazards Aware Coodinator, Salem, OR; and discussion of the Oregon MDS Tool Trailer project as we plan how to carry out the project. Lunch will be provided by the MDS Oregon Unit and an offering will be taken to support the Oregon Unit's mission. All persons interested in MDS are encouraged to attend. To plan for lunch, please RSVP to Clyde Hockman (chockman@canby.com or 503-263-1210) by March 12, 2017.

Bridging Cultures is having a fundraiser dinner on Saturday, March 11 at Zion. They also will still be having their annual Zion fundraiser lunch in May. Anyone who is interested in attending the March event, please contact Karie Smucker for more details. (503) 459-3181 or <u>kmsmucker@gmail.com</u>

The 2017 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat is April 21-23 at

Drift Creek Camp. *Springtime for the Soul*, will focus on the integration of spiritual practice into daily living. Guests will enjoy a relaxing, nourishing meals, hiking, knitting, time for rest & quiet or crafts & creativity. There will be a discussion on Barbara Brown Taylor's, <u>An Altar in the World: A Geography on Faith</u>, as well as yoga with Linda Dalke. Daily morning sessions will include worship and guest speaker, **Marlene Kropf**. An Oregon native, Marlene, and her husband Stanley, live in Port Townsend, WA and connect with the Portland Mennonite congregation. Marlene is retired from teaching at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN and from serving as Minister of Worship for Mennonite Church USA. She is a spiritual director, writer, retreat and pilgrimage leader. We hope you will join us! *Register online at driftcreek.org or by mail*.

45th Annual Quilting Workshop February 23, 24, and 25



- Set-up will begin at 9:00am on Wednesday, February 22. Many volunteers are needed!
- Quilting Workshop Expenses: If you wish to make a contribution to food expenses of approximately \$1200, please make your check payable to Zion Mennonite Church with "QW" in the memo line, and put it in the offering basket.

Thanks so much for the wonderful Valentines care package! I came home to find it after 9 hours of class— so it was much needed and appreciated. Thank you for your support. I'm feeling the Oregon love!

--Bethany Chupp

People of Zion, your kindness is a blessing. The prayers, cards, flowers and love lift my soul. My cup runneth over. God bless you each one.

-Phyllis Adams

Thank you for the beautiful hanging basket. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern for me when I broke my leg. —Dorothy Hansen

The Primary Sunday School offering is being collected for Raul and Megan Gomez in Honduras to help establish a library for beginning readers at the orphanage where they work. Last year, Zion was able to support the Gomez's with \$119.13. Anyone can contribute. Contact Stacy Berkey or Karen Kropf for more information.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Those in our congregation who are homebound, suffering from illness, or recovering from surgery or injury, such as Richard Kropf, Dorothy Hansen, Vernon Gahler, Sue Roth, and others.
- The people of East Africa, in nations such as Ethiopia, Eritrea, Diibouti, Kenya, Sudan and South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania, who are experiencing the effects of a drought, making food more scarce and expensive.
- Renewal 2027, a 10 year process of reflection and celebration, following the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, continuing through the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Anabaptist movement in 1525. The first event was held this week in Augsburg, Germany (Mennonite World Conference)
- Janie and Neal Blough, working from Paris, France, to support and grow Anabaptist ministries in French-speaking countries on three continents, Europe, Africa and North America. (MMN)
- Goshen College students and staff as they write devotionals for Lenten season reading and prayers (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week: "Oh Lord...without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue.." from the Book of Common Prayer, Angelican.

Nursery:

Last Sunday:

This week: Kara and Daphne Kropf Next Week: Vonnie Over, Kristin Amstutz Attendance: 146 Offering: \$4,775.25 Gomez Family: \$25.20

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