

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.



March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent **The Road to Resurrection**

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT TODAY PASTOR VICTOR ESTRADA of Iglesia Menonita Roca de Salvación (Rock of Salvation Mennonite Church), which shares facilities and worship site with Calvary Mennonite Church in Aurora.

Welcome
Greeting: "Bienvenido, Hermano/Heremana"
Songs: HWB *For We Are Strangers No More*
God, Whose Grace (hymnal insert)
Confession of Sin
Silence
Words of Assurance: Romans 5:8-11
Affirmation of Faith: Hebrews 12: 1-3
Offering
Children's Story
Mission Report: Vida Feliz Senior Center video
Scripture
Special Music
Message:
Response Song: *Living By Faith*
Announcements
Sending Song: STJ 64 *Somos El Cuerpo*
Benediction

Worship Leader: Mathew Swora
Song Leader: Wendell Amstutz
Children's Story: Cynthia Hockman-
Chupp

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

5:00pm
5:45pm

Tuesday 10:00am
1:30pm
7:00pm
Wednesday 12:15pm
Thursday 9:00am

Worship Schedule:

March 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent: John 9: 1-41
April 2: Fifth Sunday of Lent: Mathew will be preaching.
Romans 8:6-11 "A Life and Death Matter"

This Morning:

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

This Afternoon/Evening

MYF at Jana's
Jr. Hi at Church

This Week:

Bible Study—Library
PLT Meeting
Church Council meeting
Prayer Meeting at Zion
Quilting

TODAY AT NOON

Fundraiser Meal for Vida Feliz Senior Center

Menu: Spicy Chicken and Rice, potato, fried plantain, salad, Bolivian cheeseballs, and flan and jello
All proceeds support the Senior Center, which needs \$12,000 per year for two half-time administrative positions. There are also several quilted items and a hand-made Bolivian hammock for sale.

Did you miss last Sunday night's meeting on the Deep Faith Conference and lifelong faith formation? Your next chance to join the conversation is next Sunday morning, March 26, during the Sunday School hour. Regular classes will still meet. Location: Upstairs classroom.

Got News? The next edition of **News for the Pews** will be out on April 2. 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, March 27.

The Primary Sunday School Department, with approval from the Christian Education Commission, has purchased age appropriate bibles for each of the children enrolled in Sunday School. This is in response to the faith formation conference that several people attended last fall. The bibles, for 3rd— 8th grade students, are on a table in the hall by the gym. *We would like to welcome and encourage adults to stop by and mark in each Bible a verse or verses that you would like to pass along to them. Please also note your name next to the verse you marked.* This is one way of encouraging our youth and passing on our faith. If you have any questions, contact Stacy Berkey or Karen Kropf, Primary Sunday School superintendents.

What is going on in Israel and Palestine? Is there another viewpoint? other than the radical anti-Israeli or anti-Arab extremes which capture the headlines? To learn from the perspective and the peacemaking efforts of Middle Eastern Christians, whose ancestry dates back to the first Apostles, come hear Dr. Alex Awad, Professor and President Emeritus of Bethlehem Bible College, and partner to Mennonite mission and ministry in the Holy Land, on the weekend of April 8 and 9, here at Zion. He will share about the Palestinian Christian experience, and their perspectives on biblical themes and regional history, during a combined Sunday School class on April 9, and will preach during worship.

Vernon Gahler has moved to assisted living at Vintage Suites at Hope Village. His new address is 1589 S. Ivy St. Apt 107, Canby, OR 97013.

A very special thank you to our church family and Karen and Rich for their delightful good cheer visit with beautiful red tulips!
—Adrian and Kay Fisher

Thank you for your prayers, gift and cards after my dad's passing. I appreciate my church family very much.
—Joe Harris

Thank you, Zion Mennonite Church, for giving \$36,476.74 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2016! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission play a vital role in our global church. Thank you for doing your part.
—Marisa Smucker, Church Relations Associate
Mennonite Mission Network

JUBILEE FOOD PANTRY

Collection day for the food pantry will be Sunday, April 2. You may leave donated items in the barrel in the foyer. All items are appreciated, but especially canned meat (chicken, tuna, etc); canned tomatoes, corn, and fruit; baking supplies (flour, sugar, oil, vinegar, etc); boxed cereal, boxed macaroni and cheese; and diapers.

Also, if you are interested in providing a meal on Food Pantry Day for the Coulombe family and volunteers (8-10 people) on Tuesday, March 21, please contact Serenity.

The Coulombes and Hockman-Chupps have decided to put a camping excursion together for Zion families. We'd love to have as many of you join us as possible! The purpose is to simply enjoy one another!

The details are:

- ◇ Thursday, August 24th—Sunday, August 27th (folks can come for one, two or all three nights, or even just for the day)
- ◇ L.L. Stub Stewart State Park near Vernonia (about an hour drive). Reservations can be made online: <http://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/ll-stub-stewart-memorial-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=OR&parkId=402294>
- ◇ The Coulombe's and Hockman-Chupp's have reserved spots #33 and #34 in the "Dairy Creek West" loop and there are currently several spots still available, both full hook-up (\$31) and tent (\$21) sites.
- ◇ We would like to do a potluck on Saturday evening. If enough folks are interested the park has a meeting hall that we could rent for an extra \$75.
- ◇ There are a lot of hiking and biking trails, as well as a Frisbee golf course (and we can probably wrangle up a few horse shoes). Folks could also drive out to Cannon Beach for the day as well (it is about an hour drive).

The
Season
of
Lent



“THE ROAD TO RESURRECTION”

Suggested Readings and Reflections for Lent, Week 4

March 20-24

- I Samuel 16:1-13
What ministry, or ministries, has God called and gifted you for?
- Psalm 23
When has it ever felt like you were walking “through the valley of the shadow of death”? How has God shepherded you through it?
- Ephesians 5:8-14
What are some of the changes which the light of Christ has made in your life?
- John 9:1-41
How did the disciples’ reaction to the blind man’s disability differ from that of Jesus? When, like the (formerly) blind man, have you ever had to stand your ground against opposition for your testimony about Christ, or your values? What did that cost you? What did it benefit you?

Suggested Lenten Activities from Mennonite Mission Network: (mennonitemission.net/resources/faith/lent-2017)

- **March 20:** This week only buy groceries with containers that are recyclable.
- **March 21:** Set an alarm three times today. Each time the alarm goes off, pray for peace around our world.
- **March 22:** Light a candle and together with your family and/or friends, pray for refugees around the world.
- **March 23:** Have everyone in your house write down three things they are thankful for. Take time to share with each other.
- **March 24:** Eat rice and beans. Put extra grocery money in your “missions jar” to donate at the end of Lent.
- **March 25:** Make an effort to reach out to your neighbor today. Double the recipe for supper and take half of it to a neighbor.
- **March 26:** Unplug. It’s a day of rest.



Please keep in your prayers:

- Praise the Lord for church workers called to serve brothers and sisters around the world, and pray for them as getting visas is becoming increasingly challenging in many countries (Mennonite World Conference)
- Praise God for SOOP volunteers serving in Phoenix, AZ, including Ken and Nancy Beachy, and pray for them and their ministries, which include working in food banks and a refugee settlement center, teaching English, and light construction and remodeling (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Mallorie Knight, cousin of Rachel Kropf, whose pregnancy terminated with the death, in utero, of her baby, and who has been diagnosed with cancer, just now beginning chemotherapy
- Eastern Mennonite University's new president, Dr. Susan Schultz Huxman, as she travels regionally to meet with EMU supporters, alumni and others (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week: *"May the Strength of God guide us, the Power of God preserve us, the Wisdom of God instruct us, the Way of God direct us, the Shield of God defend us, the Angels of God guard us against the snares of the evil one. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us, Christ be all over!"* (St. Patrick, 5th C. Ireland)

Nursery:

This week: Serenity and Ally Coulombe
Next Week: Chris Keady, Phyllis Adams

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 104
Offering: \$3,323.49

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