

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 5, 2017



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

Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship: Matthew 4:1-11
Singing:

*HWB 36 God of Our Strength
Hungry*

HWB 530 What Wondrous Love is This

Confession of Sin: HWB 691
Silence

Song: *God Whose Grace Redeems Our Story* (Insert)

Declaration of Forgiveness: Romans 5:18-19; Psalm 32:1-5

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Message: "The Road to Resurrection: For the Joy Set Before Him"

Response Song

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich; Ally Coulombe
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich; Harrison Gingerich
Children's Story: Frank Howard

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

This Morning:
Coffee Time
Sunday School for all ages
Prayer Team meets (upstairs)
Worship Service

5:00-7:00pm
5:00pm

This Afternoon/Evening
Zion Community Night
MYF at Zion

Tuesday 10:00am
Wednesday 12:15pm
7:00pm
Thursday 9:00am
Friday—Saturday

This Week:
Bible Study—Library
Prayer Meeting at Zion
PLT Meeting
Quilting
PLT Retreat

Worship Schedule:

March 12: Second Sunday of Lent: John 3:1-17

March 19: Third Sunday of Lent: Pr. Victor Estrada preaches

Zion Community Night

When: Tonight! Sunday, March 5, 5-7pm

Where: At Zion

Who: You, your family, your friends, neighbors...all are welcome!

What:

- Conversation
- Games, if interested, in kitchen area
- Open Gym (likely a basketball game led by Jr. High)
- Movie, Skylight Room (bring pillows/blankets & watch a family-friendly movie)
- Coloring Posters for ALL ages of Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Food (finger food to share...though bringing something to eat is optional)

Why: This is a casual way to spend time with old friends and get to know new ones better.

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. ***"We all keep learning and growing throughout life. How can intergenerational faith practices help us grow in faith formation for all ages?"*** Come join the discussion.

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 kmsmucker@gmail.com

MDS Oregon Annual Meeting: Will be held March 18, 10am to 2 pm at Albany Mennonite Church. 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.

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. Daily morning sessions will include worship and guest speaker, Marlene Kropf. We hope you will join us! *Register online at driftcreek.org or by mail.*

Drift Creek Camp Update:

We are so sorry to have to announce yet another change, but because more schools need to recover lost snow days than originally anticipated, we have made one change to the already revised 2017 Summer Camp Schedule. Third and Fourth grade camp will begin on Wednesday, June 21 and end on Sunday, June 25. We apologize for the inconvenience of a Sunday morning pick-up, but this solution makes it possible for more kids to attend camp without missing school.

June 16-18: Parent and Me

June 21-25: Grades 3 & 4

June 25-30: High School

July 2 -7: Grades 7 & 8

July 9-14: Grades 5 & 6

See you this summer!

TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS FROM CALVARY MENNONITE CHURCH AND IGLESIA MENONITA ROCA DE SALVACION, we will worship on Sunday, March 19, and fellowship over a Fund-Raising Meal for Vida Feliz, the Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia, a ministry which our three churches share. Pr. Victor Estrada will bring the message that day, and members of Roca de Salvación will lead and provide some of the worship music.

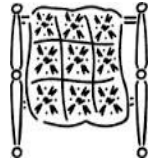


Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 23—
Thursday, July 27, 2017

45th Annual Quilting Workshop

Many, many thanks again to all who helped with Quilting Workshop! Here are the final statistics:

- 789 visitors
- 688 bowls of soup served
- \$4,636 received in donations
- \$360 received from donations for food expenses
- \$197 received from Mennonite Women offerings
- \$1,135 spent in food expenses
- \$4,472 total to send to the Vida Feliz Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia
- \$5,586 in One Fair World sales



Dear Zion Family: Thank you for the many ways you honored our parents, William and Donita Garber, with visits, cards, music, and gifts. They appreciated each one of you! Thank you for the plants you have given to us in memory of them.

—With Love, Ken and Becky for all of their family

Thank you to our church family for the cards, phone calls, and visits when Mom Stringer passed away last month. You are appreciated and loved.

—Denny and Carol Stringer

The Season of Lent



“THE ROAD TO RESURRECTION” is the Lenten theme we will follow in worship, messages, and special activities for the forty days beginning this Wednesday, March 1, and leading to Easter Sunday, April 16. Special observances will include:

- Weekly Bible readings and questions leading to the upcoming Sunday’s service for personal or family prayer and reflection
- Daily options for activity or sacrifice provided by Mennonite Mission Network
- A Sunday School hour gathering with Pastor Swora to discuss the scriptures and questions for that Sunday
- Intergenerational activities
- A focus passage for memorization: Hebrews 12: 1-3
- A Maundy Thursday (April 13) foot washing service, 7PM
- Others to be announced

SUGGESTED READINGS AND REFLECTIONS FOR LENT, WEEK 2

March 6-10

- Genesis 12: 1-4a
When and how have you ever had to exercise faith like that of Abram, Sarai and Lot?
- Psalm 121 (a song or prayer for one of the three annual pilgrimages to or from Jerusalem)
What have been some of the high and low points of your walk with God?
- Romans 4: 1-5; 13-17
In what ways might your relationship with God be like that of Abraham?
- John 3: 1-17
Jesus offered Nicodemus, a powerful and prestigious “leader of the Jews,” a second birth into a new life. What would Nicodemus gain in this new birth, and what might he lose?

IT’S ABOUT MORE THAN GIVING UP CHOCOLATE!

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

- **March 5:** Unplug. It’s a day of rest.
- **March 6:** Lent is a time to focus on God. For the next week, try to keep five of the seven evenings free so you can focus on God’s agenda instead of yours.
- **March 7:** Take a prayer walk through your neighborhood to pray for people and issues in your community.
- **March 8:** On a blank sheet of paper write the verses from Isaiah 58:6–7. Spend some time doodling or thinking about what those verses mean in your life.
- **March 9:** Next time you fill up your car with gas, say a prayer for God’s sustaining hand.
- **March 10:** Don’t eat out this weekend. Instead, put the money you saved in a “missions jar.” At the end of the month, donate the money toward Mennonite Mission Network’s ministries.
- **March 11:** Visit our new website (MennoniteMission.net) and read about Eric and Kelly Frey Martin and their ministry in Colombia. Pray for them.



Please keep in your prayers:

- Zion's members and friends who are unable to join us in worship for reasons of health, such as Luella Hostetler, Sue Roth, Jim Graber, and Vernon Gahler.
- Ken and Nancy Beachy, who are beginning a two-week term of service with SOOP in Arizona, for their service experience, those they serve, and for their travel.
- Christine Lindell Detweiler, who has begun a year-long term of service in Benin, West Africa, this past January, in the field of sustainable childhood nutrition (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Pray for participants in the Goshen College Women's World Music Choir as they return from their spring break tour, and for all who are touched by their music (Mennonite Education Network).
- Christians, their churches and ministries in India, facing opposition and resistance from the government, so that even ministries to orphans, like Compassion, are being effectively shut down; that resistance to such ministries may be relieved, or that God will use other means to accomplish his work.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ, Treasury of all good things, grant me a thorough repentance and a diligent heart to seek you."* From a Russian Orthodox litany

Nursery:

This week: Cassie Miller, Anna Park

Next Week: Cynthia & Caleb Hockman-Chupp

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 134

Offering: \$6525.04

Church Staff:

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