

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.



April 2, 2017

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 130

Songs: *HWB 216 Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

HWB 136 From the depths of sin

STJ 23 Slowly turning, ever turning

Bible presentations: Stacy Berkey, Karen Kropf /w pastors

Our Response: 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.

Confession of Sin: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Declaration of Forgiveness:

Words of Jesus: *I AM the resurrection and life, I will put my Spirit within you and you shall live.*

Song: *God Whose Grace* (insert in HWB)

Scripture: Romans 8:6-11

Message: "A Life and Death Matter", Mathew Swora

Response Song: *STS 58 O God, how we have wandered*

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger

Song Leader: Louise Gingerich

Children's Time: Children's Bibles given, Stacy Berkey, Karen Kropf

This Morning:

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School for all ages

9:45am

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

10:45am

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

5:00-6:00 pm

MYF at Jana's

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study—Library

Wednesday 12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

1:30pm

PLT Meeting

Thursday 9:00am

Mennonite Women

5:15 pm

Yoga Class

Worship Schedule:

April 9: Palm Sunday. Guest Speaker Dr. Alex Awad/ Potluck

April 16: Easter Sunday

During the worship service today, the Primary Sunday School Department, will be gifting Bibles to students in 3rd—8th grades. *If you have not yet had an opportunity to mark your favorite or a meaningful verse in each bible to be gifted, please do so during Coffee Time or the beginning of the Sunday School hour. Mark each Bible and note your name.*

Next Sunday, April 9, we are to be honored with a visit from Rev. Alex Awad.

Rev. Awad is Professor Emeritus and former president of Bethlehem Bible College in the West Bank of Palestine. All adult and MYF Sunday School classes will meet in the sanctuary to hear Dr. Awad at 9:30 am. He will also be sharing a message during the Worship Service. **A potluck meal is planned at noon. Everyone is invited to stay and fellowship. Please prepare and bring extra portions for possible visitors** who will join us for lunch.

Finally, Rev. Awad will be available in the evening during the Second Sunday time for a more informal discussion with those who wish to join him.

Second Sunday

Next Sunday, April 9, 5:00-6:30pm

Everyone is welcome for a light meal at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by group time and activity for kids in K-5th grade.

Jr. Hi will meet separately at 5:30 pm.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 13 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, which will include foot-washing.



Good Friday Services

Join the community-wide Good Friday service Friday, April 14 at 5PM and again at 7PM, at Canby Alliance Church, 900 N. Juniper Avenue, Canby.

Easter Breakfast and Easter Service

Sunday, April 16

Easter breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:15am.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board; please RSVP (suggested donation of \$2.00 per person).

Menu: Little Smokies, Deviled Eggs, Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit Salad, juice and coffee/tea.

You are all invited to join the yoga class that meets every Thursday evening at 5:15pm in the church fellowship hall. It's good for the body and mind! For further information contact Ken Beachy (503-949-8741)

What's happening on the border? What's it like for some of our friends and neighbors who have fled poverty or violence, seeking refuge or asylum here? Consider joining a Borderlands Tour sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee. One is planned for May 25-29, others may occur later in 2017. Pastor Mathew Swora, and Don and Kelly Yoder will go on one such tour April 24-28. For more information, check out the MCC website, at mcc.org, or call the West Coast MCC office at 559-638-6911.

A meeting with Bob Buxman and Linda Pauls to discuss the future of the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, formerly known as the MCC Fall Festival Sale, will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 18 at the home of Stan and Vonnie Oyer. Bob and Linda are having local meetings with people from the Mennonite Churches in the valley. Please let Stan and Vonnie know if you will be attending the meeting.

The Season of Lent



“THE ROAD TO RESURRECTION”

Suggested Readings and Reflections for Lent, Week 4 March 20-24

- Isaiah 50: 4-9a: (This is one of Isaiah’s songs of The Suffering Servant, later identified in the Gospels as Jesus)
*How does Jesus fulfill the words of this prophecy?
Who else now in the world is suffering in a similar way for his/her faithfulness to God?*
- Philippians 2: 5-11
*How does the example of Christ in this passage differ from that of Adam (verse 6-7)?
How does Christ’s path to glory (verses 9-11) differ from our conventional wisdom about achieving glory?*
- Psalm 118: 1-2; 19-29: This psalm is a worship service for the return of a Hebrew king, like David, in triumph, after a battle. From verse 25 we get the word, “Hosanna,” Hebrew for “Save us!”
*When has God come through in triumph on your behalf?
For what in your life can you praise God in similar words of joy?*
- Matthew 21: 1-11
*Where do you imagine yourself being in this scene if you were present then and there?
How and why would Jesus come to Jerusalem in a way similar to that of his ancestor, King David, recorded in Psalm 118?
How is Jesus’ triumphal entry to Jerusalem different from that of David?*

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

- **Monday, April 3:** Plan one meal this week that involves only foods that are grown locally.
- **Tuesday, April 4:** This evening, light a candle and take 15 minutes of intentional time with your family or friends to talk about your day.
- **Wednesday, April 5:** Read a book about South Africa to a child (find titles at kidworldcitizen.org). Then visit www.MennoniteMission.net and learn more about the work we do there.
- **Thursday, April 6:** Plant a seed in a flower pot. Read the parable of the sower from Matthew 13:1-9
- **Friday, April 7:** Meet with someone in your community who is from another culture. Invite them over for dinner. Ask them to share their story.
- **Saturday, April 8:** Volunteer an afternoon to your local food bank.
- **Sunday, April 9:** Unplug. It’s a day of rest



Please keep in your prayers:

- Lynn and Janice Miller, serving with Mennonite Central Committee SOOP this past week and the next few weeks, in Reedley, CA.
- Jim Graber, being treated for an infection.
- Richard Kropf recovering from hip and shoulder surgery.
- Sheila Kauffman recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder, as they engage in educational ministries throughout West Africa, as they teach at an international school, and as they mentor Christian university students at the guest home where they live, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Merciful Friend, Brother and Redeemer, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.”*

St. Richard of Chichester, 13th C. England

Nursery:

This week: Jennifer and Emma Gingerich
Next Week: Carolyn Yoder, Eliza Gingerich

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 118
Offering: \$1,772
Bolivia: \$50

Church Staff:

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