

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 9, 2017

Palm Sunday **The Road to Resurrection**

Welcome

Children's Palm Processional: *HWB 237 All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Drama: "Like No Messiah We've Been Expecting"

Gospel Reading: Mathew 21:1-11

Singing:

HWB 106 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

HWB 319 Jesus Shall reign

Theme Song: God, Whose Grace Redeems Our Story

Confession of Sin: Philippians 2:1-8

Prayer

Words of Assurance: Isaiah 50:8-9a; Romans 8:1

Affirmation of Faith: 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.

Children's Story

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:45-48

Message: "Who Occupies the Temple?" Rev. Alex Awad

Response Song

Sharing and Prayer

Announcements

Sending Song: *HWB 427 You Shall Go Out With Joy*

Benediction

Worship Leader: Mathew Swora
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman
Children's Time: Brie Ediger

This Morning:

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School for all ages

9:45am

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

10:45am

Worship Service

Noon

Potluck Meal

This Afternoon/Evening

5:00pm

Second Sunday/Jr. Hi

5:30-6:30pm

MYF at Jana's

This Week:

Wednesday 12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Tuesday 10:00am

No Bible Study; will meet again the 18th

Thursday 9:00am

Quilting

7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Worship Schedule:

April 16: Easter Sunday. Mathew will be preaching "How Do I Know?" John 20: 1-18

April 23: Jana will be preaching "Keep Your Fork", I Peter 1:3-9

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT TODAY REV. ALEX AWAD, former Dean of Students of Bethlehem Bible College, former pastor of an international church in East Jerusalem, director of the Shepherds Society, formerly as Methodist missionaries, along with his wife, Brenda. Rev. Awad was also on the Advisory Board of the Mennonite Central Committee in Israel/Palestine and Jordan. Rev. Awad will also share with combined Sunday School classes at 9:30AM today, during our potluck lunch, and again during an informal conversational time during Second Sunday events this evening.

REV. AWAD'S MINISTRY HELPS SYRIAN REFUGEES, through the Shepherd Society of Bethlehem Bible College (<http://www.shepherd-society.org/>). If you wish to contribute to that work today, there will be an offering basket as we enter the Fellowship Hall for lunch into which you may put cash or a check made out to Bethlehem Bible College, with "Shepherd Society" on the memo line. You will receive a letter back from Rev. Awad for tax purposes.

Second Sunday

Today, 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. You are invited to a service of footwashing, worship, and reflection.



Good Friday Services

Our friends of numerous Canby churches invite us to observe Good Friday together, this coming **Friday, April 14**, in a service of worship, confession, and communion, at Canby Alliance Church, 900 N. Juniper Ave., Canby at 5PM and again at 7PM.

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.

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 5

April 10—14

- John 12: 1-11
The perfumed oil that Mary pours on Jesus is the only anointing that Jesus receives as “The Anointed One” (or Messiah in Hebrew) to inaugurate his kingship in John’s Gospel.
How does Mary’s action contrast with that of the chief priests, (verse 10) who were supposed to anoint a new Israelite king? If Jesus were physically visible at your dinner table, what might you do to demonstrate Mary’s kind of devotion and celebration?
- John 13: 1-17
Washing a guest’s feet was the duty of the host’s slave or hired servant, not of the host. *What was Jesus teaching his disciples by doing this? Why did they need that lesson, especially then and there? What are some ways you might show similar hospitality and humility today?*
- John 13: 31-38 (Maundy Thursday)
How does the “new commandment” (verse 34) differ from, even exceed, the older versions, “Love your neighbor as yourself” and “Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them?” Where, when and how have you seen such love in action lately?
- John 19: 1-42 (Good Friday)
The Gospels relate few of the physical details of Christ’s crucifixion, but are quite detailed about the emotional, relational and social betrayals, cruelties and callousness that Jesus suffered, and the miscarriages of justice against him. What are the emotional, relational, social and legal cruelties that Jesus suffered? The first readers of the Gospels knew they could experience much of the same: Who today faces similar brutality innocently, or for the sake of God and good? What would you pray for them? Or do for them?

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

- **Monday, April 10:** Don’t buy coffee this week. Instead, put the money you saved into your “missions jar.” Read about how our workers in Nepal use their coffee shop to promote peace through ethical business practices (mennonitemission.net)
- **Tuesday, April 11:** Bike or carpool to work. Put the money you would have used on gas money into your “missions jar.”
- **Wednesday, April 12:** Handwrite a letter to a missionary whom your congregation supports.
- **Thursday, April 13 (Maundy Thursday):** On this day, as we think of Jesus washing his disciples’ feet, think of a modern-day equivalent to humble yourself. Pull your neighbor’s weeds or clean your friend’s house.
- **Friday, April 14 (Good Friday):** Create your own stations of the cross, using 14 pictures from current events in the past year that could represent the 14 events of Jesus’ last day. How does this help you to understand the crucifixion in a new way?
- **Saturday, April 15:** Write thank-you cards to your congregation’s staff or volunteers, including janitors, Sunday school teachers, and the church administration.
- **Sunday, April 16:** Christ is Risen! Celebrate!



Please keep in your prayers:

- There will be a celebration of life memorial for Richard Berkey (Doug Berkey's Dad) Saturday, April 15th, from 2-4 pm at Calvary Mennonite Church in their fellowship building.
- Zion's Christian Education classes, teachers and students, of all ages; that the joy of learning, sharing and growing together might continue and increase.
- The families and friends of Michael Sharp (USA) and Zaida Catalan (Sweden), United Nations workers who were killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo while monitoring the sanctions regime in the Kasai Central region, and for the loved ones of the four Congolese nationals accompanying them whose status is unknown (Mennonite World Conference)
- Susan Schultz Huxman, newly-installed president of Eastern Mennonite University, for her bold vision of leadership as EMU starts a new century (Mennonite Education Agency)
- Arab Christians, Messianic Jews, and mission workers who live out love in the face of fear, hatred and violence in the Middle East, that they may receive wisdom and protection as they live out and share the counter-cultural message of the Gospel (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace..."* from the Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

Nursery:

This week: Carolyn Yoder, Gingerich
Next Week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 152
Offering: \$8,698

Church Staff:

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