

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.

May 28, 2017



Ascension Sunday

Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Singing

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

Message: "Just Whose Ascension Is It?"

Response Song

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction

Worship Leader: Karie Smucker
Song Leader: Lois Yoder
Children's Story: Vonnie Oyer

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

This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School for all ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

MYF and Jr. Hi meet

This Week:

Tuesday

OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am

Bible Study meets in Library

Wednesday

12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

1:30pm

PLT Meeting

Thursday

9:00am

Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

June 4: Pentecost Sunday. Pat Hershberger will be sharing "Breathe, Just Breathe!", John 20:19-31

June 11: Baptisms. Jana will be preaching "Through the Deep Waters", Matthew 3:12-17

Pastor Mathew Swora will be gone this week, along with Becky, from Wednesday, May 31, until Wednesday, June 7, to their daughter's wedding in Pittsburgh, PA.

Next Sunday's observance of Pentecost will include a service of Communion, to celebrate "the fellowship of the Holy Spirit," the "Spirit of unity," through whom Jesus lives within us and among us. Please prepare as you know best, to share the bread and the cup in love and solidarity with God and others, which the bread and the cup express and reinforce.

With growth in our youth census, and changes in our world, your help is wanted this summer with drawing up a vision and program for youth ministry, to include values to embody and encourage, topics of study, learning and service activities, ways to involve the generations, and more. We're looking for those who wish to participate in prayerful brainstorming and discernment sessions, parents especially. If interested, please contact either Mathew or Jana.

The Worship Commission has agreed to purchase 100 additional "Sing the Story" songbooks for our congregational use. Each book cost \$9.99. If you can give towards this goal, please make checks payable to Zion Mennonite Church and mark "songbooks" in the memo line. Thank you so much!

Bridging Cultures invites you to
Saturday in the Park
June 3, 11:30am-1:30pm
at Locust St. Park in Canby
Everyone is welcome!

Iglesia Menonita Roca de Salvacion extends an invitation to the members of Zion to join us for a celebration service for the church's anniversary on Saturday, June 3 at 5 pm.

PARENTS: Applications are due June 11 for Zion's financial aid to Western Mennonite School. If you have a returning student or a new student to WMS, please have them complete an application form available in the Church Office. If you have any questions, contact Stan Oyer.

Love Builds Up. The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference will take place June 23-24 at Menno Mennonite Church in Ritzville, Washington. There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board, or visit pnmc.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: August 5 and 6 Singer Kim Thiessen and guitarist Darryl Neustaedter Barg will be in the NW for two MCC fund raising concerts. The August 5 concert will be in the Portland area, and the August 6 concert will be in the Lebanon area. Kurt Hildebrand, former country representative for Haiti will also be present to share. For more information, contact Barb Buxman, bbbuxman@gmail.com or 503-502-5402.

FROM WESTERN MENNONITE SCHOOL:

Thank You to all those who attended and/or prayed for Western Mennonite Schools 45th Benefit Auction! God has again shown his incredible faithfulness and favor through the generosity of His people. **Over \$157,000 was raised** to make it possible for WMS to continue equipping students for lives of faith and learning!

Please join us in praying for the following: Interview and hiring process for new Executive Director/Principal, selection of new board members, for new families to choose WMS to educate their children, for our students and faculty going on Mini-Term, and our seniors who will be graduating on June 3!

Please keep in your prayers:

- Those among us recovering from recent surgeries and hospitalizations, such as Gene Gasho and Shirley Martin
- May Christ's church be a beacon of hospitality to those in transit or landing in a new home; may we extend our arms in welcome to the strangers among us in the same spirit of love with which God welcomed us (Mennonite World Conference)
- As the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan has begun this week, pray for them, for our mission workers and for Christian churches in majority Muslim settings, and for ourselves, as friends and neighbors to Muslims, that our love might display Christ in every way (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Jim Brenneman, President for 12 years of Goshen College, and Ben Sprunger, Interim President of Hesston College, who will both finish their service to their respective colleges soon (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Grant us to ascend in heart and mind to heaven where we believe your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended, and there dwell with him ever."* Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

Nursery:

This week: Anna Park, Julie Yoder
Next Week: Vonnie Oyer, Sheryl Mast

Last Sunday:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

Church Staff:

Mathew Swora, Lead Pastor: zionpastor_ms@canby.com
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