

# 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.

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August 27, 2017

Prelude and Gathering  
Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship: We Come  
Hymns and songs:  
    *HWB 102 To God be the glory*  
    *STJ 1 We Sing to you, O God*  
    *STJ 99 You walk along our shoreline*  
Old Testament and Gospel Reading: Numbers 21:6-9; John 3:13-17  
Pastoral Prayer  
*HWB 566 In the cross of Christ I glory*  
Offering  
Children's Story  
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:13-17; Galatians 6:14  
Message: "The Unbroken Cross"  
Response song: *MH 167 When I survey*  
Sharing and Prayer  
*HWB 407 We are people of God's peace*  
Sending Benediction

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger  
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman  
Children's Story: Mathew Swora

8:45am  
9:30am

**This Morning:**  
Coffee Time  
Worship Service  
**This Afternoon/Evening**  
No Activities

**This Week:**

Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion  
Thursday 9am-2:30pm Quilting

**Worship Schedule:**

September 3: Congregational sharing  
September 10: Mathew will be preaching for Christian Education Sunday. Psalm 119: 33-40

*Pastor Mathew Swora will be out on vacation this coming week, from Thursday, August 31, through Wednesday, September 6.*



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**We will honor and celebrate our labors** on Sunday, September 3 for a special Labor Day service. We would like to share pictures of you, in ways you labor, either at work, on your jobsite, or in your homes. Would you please send a photo to the church office ([zionmc@canby.com](mailto:zionmc@canby.com)) so we can put together a slide show? Include the name of your position, company, or a brief explanation of what you are doing in the photo. If you don't have a digital copy, bring an original picture into the church office and we will make a copy for you. Also, there will be several from our congregation sharing about how God "labors" through them in their everyday jobs. How does faith impact your work?

## Drift Creek Camp Family Retreat

You are invited to come to Drift Creek Camp for a Zion family camp weekend from September 29 - October 1. All ages are welcome! The weather at Drift Creek in late September is usually very nice, so we anticipate many activities being held outside. The Zion family retreat will be held at the same time as the Mennonite Men's retreat. Mennonite Men will be staying in the cabins, while Zion will be staying in the lodge. Steve Thomas (coordinator of Mennonite Men USA) will be the speaker on Sunday morning. The cost is \$83 per adult (12 and up), \$47 per kid (4-11) and free for kids 3 and under. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or you can sign up online via a Google form email link from Zion. Invite your friends and family!

**Mennonite Men's retreat.** Men, here's an opportunity to do something special with your son, grandson, nephew or mentee. While men will be present who won't bring a young man, this retreat will engage boys (ages 10+) in activities. The retreat will focus on *Making Peace with Conflict at Drift Creek Camp on September 29—October 1*. Men and boys will engage in fun, interactive exercises while learning how to transform interpersonal conflicts. This will be led by Steve Thomas, U.S. Coordinator for Mennonite Men. Steve has worked with conflict for over 30 years as a Mennonite pastor, martial arts instructor, peace educator and adjunct professor at Goshen College. For more information, see the retreat flyer posted on the bulletin board or at [mennonitemen.org/joinmen](http://mennonitemen.org/joinmen)



## MCC—My Coins Count

Collection every Sunday  
September 3—October 8

School is starting again soon, and it's a great time for all of us to remember children around the world who won't be attending the same school this year because they have been displaced from their homes because of conflict in their country. Funds collected this year through My Coins Count will support MCC refugee projects. On October 14 at the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, we'll see how all our coins count together.

## It's BBQ Time

**16th Annual Chicken BBQ**  
Fundraiser for Drift Creek Camp  
**Sunday, September 10 at Noon**

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,  
Vegetable and Pickle Plate, French Bread, and  
Cake with Berries and Ice Cream

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## Fourth Annual Vintage Car Show

A show is being planned again for this year. Bring your vintage car, show ready or not!

It's getting to be MCC 'Fall Festival' time and many volunteers are needed for a successful sale. This appeal is for volunteers to assist with the quilts part of the sale. Volunteers are needed both for setup on Friday and for assistance with the many tasks on Saturday, sale day. For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Anita Lindberg at 503-930-1455 or at [palindberg@gmail.com](mailto:palindberg@gmail.com).

**Hymn Sing at Portland Mennonite Church:** Portland Mennonite Church is hosting a hymnsing with Ken Nafziger and Marlene Kropf on September 30 at 7:00pm. Ken recently retired from Eastern Mennonite University as a Professor of Music. He was also the Music Editor of 'Hymnal: A Worship Book.' Marlene is a retired Professor of Spiritual Formation at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), among many other things. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Portland Mennonite Church (503-234-0559).

# Adult Christian Education Classes

## Beginning Sunday, September 10

Please indicate which class you would like to attend and return to Loren Miller, Adult Sunday School Superintendent or to the Church Office, no later than Sunday, September 3.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Covenant with God**    Teacher: Lynn Miller, Skylight Rm 2  
This study of Scriptures from an Anabaptist perspective begins with “Signs of God’s Covenant”, then “Called into Covenant with God” from various Old Testament passages. The final four Sundays explore “An Everlasting Covenant” from Old and New Testament.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Proverbs**    Teacher: Ken Kauffman, Library  
This continuing class is currently studying Proverbs. Ecclesiastes may follow. They welcome persons of all ages and all points of view.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Prayer Team**    Leader: Sheryl Mast, Upstairs Classroom  
We spend time praying for church leadership, worship service, committees, church members, church events and specific prayer requests. Anyone is welcome to join at anytime.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Racial Justice**    Leaders: Kevin and Cynthia Hockman-Chupp  
Skylight Rm 1  
In this class we will examine racial identity and privilege, asking, "How might Christians listen and be changed by the stories of those on the racialized margins?" Although we will do a book study, the title is pending. (Likely title: *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G.I. Hart, published by Herald Press, 2016)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Basic Mennonite Faith Exploration**    Leader: Mathew Swora  
Do you wish to know more about Mennonite belief and history, and about Zion Mennonite Church in particular? Wish to explore Christian faith and baptism or membership in Zion MC? Or just want a refresher course?

Comments:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Dave Garber, who will have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, August 29.
- Students, teachers, and families preparing for back-to-school. The “Good News” team of Abel, Sirvando and their associates sharing the gospel, planting churches and discipling new leadership among their own indigenous Cora people, and in the Cora language, in Mexico (Maranatha Ministries)
- Brethren in Christ churches in Nepal, Bangladesh and India, and their friends and neighbors, after recent torrential rain caused flooding and triggered landslides and provoked a humanitarian crisis (Mennonite World Conference)
- A young family ministering in Turkey, whose names should not be shared, as they discern ways to share God’s love in the urban, and increasingly unstable, environment in which they live (Mennonite Mission Network)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *“I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.”* By Martin Luther, 16th C. Germany

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**Nursery:**

This week: Nursery Not Staffed  
Next Week: Nursery Not Staffed

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 115  
Offering: \$7,652

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**Church Staff:**

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