

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.

September 17, 2017

Gathering and Prelude
Welcome
 Words of Welcome
 Announcements
Call to Worship (selected verses on rock)
Hymns and Songs
Scripture Reading: Romans 10:9-10; 12:1-9
Offering
My Coins Count
Children's Story
Hymn of Assurance: *HWB 343 On Christ the Solid Rock*
The Church Prays:
 Confession, intercession, petition, and affirmation
Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-20
Message: "Built on the Rock (of confession)"
Response Song
Sharing and Prayer
Benediction Song

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger
Song Leader: Lois Yoder
Children's Story: Frank Howard

This Morning:
8:35am Coffee Time
9:30am Sunday School For All Ages
9:45am Prayer Team meets (upstairs)
10:45am Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening
5:30-7:00pm MYF at Craig and Jana's

This Week:
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library
Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion
 1:00pm PLT Meeting
Thursday 9:00-2:30 Quilting

Worship Schedule:

September 24: Romans 13:1-8 for Peace Sunday

October 1: Mathew will be preaching "A Global Economy of Unlimited Grace", Matthew 20:1-16, for World Communion Sunday.

Tuesday morning Bible Study will begin again on September 19, meeting in the Library at 10 a.m. The study this fall is titled "Courageous Women" which covers about 20 women in the Bible—maybe more! Everyone is welcome, and we regret we've not provided childcare. Talk with Pat Hershberger if you would like more information.

All men are invited to join a weekly Bible study that meets on Wednesday mornings from 6:00-7:00am at Gerald Mast's home. We will begin studying the book of Acts this coming Wednesday. Talk to Gerald Mast, Arnie Nofziger, Stan Oyer or Steve Hershberger for more information.

WITH A SERVICE OF COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 we will celebrate the church's union and communion with Christ and each other, along with many other churches around the world, of many denominations, for World Communion Sunday. Please prepare prayerfully, reviewing, and if necessary, renewing our relationships with God and others.

Zion Family Retreat At Drift Creek Camp 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. 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!

In addition to the people we named last week, will you please remember Chris Keady (children's singing) and Judy Gascho (2 year old class assistant) in your prayers this school year. Each has graciously agreed to continue in their positions, for which we are so thankful!!!! Vonnie Oyer, Ron Kropf and Mary Masingila have agreed to be on-call substitutes, so please remember them as well.

—Karen Kropf and Stacy Berkey,
Primary Sunday School Superintendents

Thank you to my wonderful church family for the Amazon and Olive Garden gift certificates that you gave me. I have enjoyed cooking the many meals over the last twenty-five years and will miss it.
—Shirley Martin

Got News? The next edition of **News for the Pews** will be out on October 1. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the church newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Monday, September 25.

Mennonite Central Committee Fall Festival for World Relief Saturday, October 14, Albany, OR

Needed: MCC Kit Bags for the variety of kits (school, hygiene, sewing) being put together by various groups across the Northwest. Our empty bag supply has shrunk due to the generous response of churches in the NW to the global needs. These bags should eventually be sent to the MCC Material Resource Center or taken to the nearest upcoming MCC Sale in your area.

—Thank you!! Bob Buxman [503-502-5402](tel:503-502-5402)

Kit bags are an ongoing project of Mennonite Women, and are being worked on the first Thursday of every month at the MW workday. You are invited to join them! Also, if you would like to sew bags at home, contact Chris Keady or Louise Gingerich for instructions and material.

MCC Fall Festival Children's Activities - The children's activities area at the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief is loads of fun for kids and parents alike. To pull it off, volunteers are needed for half-hour slots to supervise the area. The Children's Auction at 10:30 a.m. also needs a cashier. We are seeking donations of new or gently used items for kids to bid on at the auction, as well as any craft supplies appropriate for the crafting area. Contact Christa Obold Eshleman: christaeshleman@hotmail.com. Donations also welcome on the morning of the Festival (October 14).

MCC Sale Quilters: Please bring your quilts to Albany Mennonite Church, 541-926-1443 - by or before September 21, 10am Contact: Anita Lindberg (503-930-1455)



MCC—My Coins Count

Collection every Sunday
Through October 8

Funds collected this year 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.

Adult Christian Education Classes

The following classes are being offered for the Fall term. You are encouraged to join any class in which you have interest. For more information, contact the class teacher or Loren Miller, Adult Sunday School Superintendent.

_____ **Covenant with God** Teacher: Lynn Miller, Sanctuary Foyer
Classroom Room

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?

Please keep in your prayers:

- MWC partner churches and members in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico, such as in Haiti, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas, as they now seek to minister to their suffering communities and neighbors, even as they rebuild their own lives, homes and churches (Mennonite World Conference)
- Mediation Northern Ireland, which works interdenominationally to train mediators for church-related conflict, that those trained will be able to lead others to a viable alternative to adversarial and violent interactions (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Goshen College students, including Harrison Gingerich, and faculty as the new school year begins (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week: *“The more I am united with you, the more I can understand, for from you, O Lord, I receive light and understanding.”* Thomas a Kempis, 15th C. Holland

Nursery:

This week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila

Next Week:

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 145

Offering: \$6,251.25

DCC: \$8,838.00

Church Staff:

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