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.

November 19, 2017

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Special Presentation to 2-year old Sunday School students Call to Worship HWB 16 God is Here Among Us Prayer HWB 94 Come Ye Thankful People Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God Step by Step Offering Children's Story Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1-13 by Chuy Arellano Message: "Temporary Things, Eternal Treasures" Hymn of Response: Sharing and Prayer Sending Song: HWB 435 May the Lord, Mighty God Benediction

> Worship Leader: Lynn Miller Song Leader: Stan Oyer Children's Story: Frank Howard Prelude/Offertory:

This Morning: 9:00am Coffee Time Sunday School For All Ages 9:30am Prayer Team meets (upstairs) 9:45am Worship Service 10:45am Vespers at Marguis Vintage Suites 6:15pm This Afternoon/Evening MYF bowling at Wilsonville Lanes 5:00-7:00pm This Week: Tuesday Bible Study in Library 10:00am 7:00pm Christian Education Comm. Mtg Prayer Meeting at Zion Wednesday 12:15pm Thanksgiving Day Thursday 9:00am Church Office Closed Friday Worship Schedule: November 26: Mathew will be preaching "Now That You

Asked...", Ephesians 1:15-23

<u>December 3:</u> First Sunday of Advent. Special music from Canby High School Cantalinas.

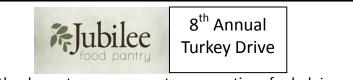
ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, the season of preparation for Christmas and Epiphany (the revealing of Christ to the nations- January 7). "Yes! Let It Be!" is the theme that we and many MCUSA churches will follow, with prayers, Bible readings, children's stories, and other activities inspired by the response of Mary to the Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:38). Other activities and resources include suggested daily Bible readings leading up to each Sunday, some reflections on Zion's website, and other devotional sites, such that of Goshen College, at https://www.goshen.edu/devotions/.

WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING RELIEF KITS FOR REFUGEES,

throughout the Advent season to commission on Epiphany Sunday, for Mennonite Central Committee to distribute. Future bulletins will contain instructions, but you can also get them from the MCC website, at <u>mcc.org/get-involved/kits/relief</u>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: Lynn Miller's class will begin a 3month study of "Faith In Action" by Kathleen Kern beginning December 3. All are welcome to join. A Men's Choir, directed by Tom Gingerich, will be singing together on Sunday morning, December 24. Two or three rehearsals will be announced prior to that date. If you would like to participate, please let Jana Gingerich know.

Save The Date: Sing Your Own Messiah will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00pm. More information will follow.



A big thank you to our covenant congregations for helping us keep this tradition going year in and year out! We typically hand out around 75 turkeys, so we need everyone's help!

Please deliver your turkey to 2492 Baines Blvd, Hubbard on: Monday, November 20th (frozen) or Tuesday, November 21st (before 4PM if possible)

For more information, contact Serenity—503-803-7823 or serenity@sterling.net Andy—503-819-5941 or andy@sterling.net

From Rod Hollinger-Janzen, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission Executive Coordinator for North America:

"I'm writing to express my thanks to everyone at Zion Mennonite for your participation in the life and work of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso through your support for Fabé Traore and the ongoing Bible translation task that he is a part of. Thank you for being willing to be such a positive source of encouragement and support for Fabé, his family and his ministry. Your support for his animal raising will, I am sure, reap rewards for many years to come as it will help to establish him financially, and free him to give continued time and energy to the translation and to other ministries. Thank you for the support that will result in the scriptures becoming available to the Samogho people in their own language. That too is sowing seeds that should bear Kingdom fruit for decades to come."

Sermon Outline November 19, 2017

- 1. Why would Jesus use a liar, a thief and a cheat as an example for, "the people of the light?"
 - a. To remind us of our

b. To impress upon us that

- c. To assure us that....
- d. To teach us what....
- 2. What does Jesus want us to do, like what the unjust steward did?

Please keep in your prayers:

- Shirley Martin who remains hospitalized after surgery for a pacemaker, and whose lungs must clear of fluid in order for her to go home.
- Kendra Selzer, whose Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment is in Puerto Rico where she works with prekindergarten to tenth-grade students in the Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, and helps with community cleanup after Hurricane Maria (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Students at Mennonite colleges and universities who will be traveling this week to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, at home or somewhere else (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week: "Thank you for the fruits of the earth and for those who tend and harvest them. Make us faithful stewards of all your good gifts, to provide for our needs and for those of all who are in need." Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer, Angelican

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Last Sunday:

This week: Dorothy Brenneman, Judy Gingerich Next Week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila

Attendance: 131 Offering: \$7412.60 11/5: \$7970.00

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