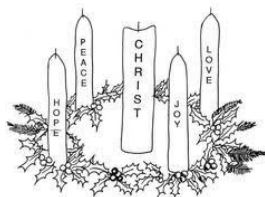


# Zion Mennonite Church

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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December 3, 2017



*First Sunday of Advent*

**Today we welcome Brooks Gingerich and the Cantalinas** from Canby High School, along with any of their friends and family, as they join and share with us in worship through the gift of beautiful music.

Welcome

Call to Worship (see insert)

Lighting of Advent Candle

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38 and Matthew 1:18-21

Drama

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Singing

Offering

Children's Story

Canby High School Cantalinas

Confession (see insert)

Words of Assurance (see insert)

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song

Worship Leader: Karie Smucker

Song Leader: Tom Gingerich

Children's Story:

Prelude/Offertory: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes

## **This Morning:**

Coffee Time

Sunday School For All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

## **This Afternoon/Evening**

MYF & Jr. Hi Giant Dutch Blitz in the Gym

## **This Week:**

Tuesday	10:00am	Bible Study in Library
Wednesday	12:15pm	Prayer Meeting at Zion
Thursday	9:00am	Quilting

## **Worship Schedule:**

December 10: Second Sunday of Advent. An original drama "Hasten The Day", based on 2 Peter 3:8-15a

December 17: Third Sunday of Advent. Mathew will be preaching "Call me Blessed", Luke 1:16b-55

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**Reminder! This is the FINAL DAY** for completing the annual pastoral review. We invite all attendees of Zion Mennonite Church who are high school age or older to do so. You can either fill out the survey online using the link that Jodi sent out, or by paper using the copies in the foyer. Paper copies should be returned to the survey box, which is also in the foyer. Please see a PCRC (Pastoral Congregation Relations Committee) member if you have questions: Dennis Russell, Kristin Oakes, Andy Coulombe, or Joe Parker. You can also contact us at [zionpcrc@googlegroups.com](mailto:zionpcrc@googlegroups.com).

**Ray Keen, Executive Director of The Canby Center will share a brief mission report** with us next Sunday, December 10, about our ministry partner's work.

**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.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the  
God of trembling mountains and shaking foundations.

**All: Oh God, your expectations terrify us.**

**How can our small selves hold your blazing presence?**

Leader: Quiet our questioning souls.

**All: Lead us beyond our resistance. Let it be.**

Confession:

O God of power and might,  
we want you to tear open the heavens and come down,  
yet we tremble and quake at the thought.

We confess that even though we know your light,  
we do not like the dark, empty void  
where your spirit hovers over the waters.

We shake like leaves in the wind,  
fearful of what you might ask,  
afraid to trust you completely.

Caught up in the swirling of our world  
we struggle to "let it be."

Forgive us, O God.

Words of Assurance:

Oh God, Emmanuel, in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among  
us. You have given us life, and we are restored.

**Advent begins today**, 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 resources include devotional sites, such as that of Goshen College, at <https://www.goshen.edu/devotions/> or daily devotional readings from contributors to The Mennonite, at <https://themennonite.org/advent-devotionals-begin-week/> Watch also for some Advent Bible and other devotional readings and prayers in Zion's bulletins, website and Facebook page.



## Advent and Christmas Calendar

**Sing Your Own Messiah**  
**Saturday, December 9 at 7:00pm**

Everyone is welcome to either sing along or just listen and enjoy. Refreshments will follow. (Please bring a prepared finger food to share with guests.)

**Annual Senior Christmas Tea**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2-4pm**

Seniors (aged 60+ and their spouses) are invited to Ron and Kara Kropf's home (5993 S. Miller Rd, Hubbard) for holiday refreshments and fellowship.

**MYF and Jr. Hi Caroling at Hope Village**  
**Sunday, December 17, 5-7pm**

Adults and families are invited to join the group as well. Refreshments afterward at Oliver and Rachel Kropf's home (1346 S. Cedar Drive, Canby)

**Zion's Christmas Service**  
**Sunday, December 24, 10:45am**



**Second Sunday  
December 10, 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. *Since it's the Christmas season, please bring fun and festive finger foods and holiday treats to share for the meal. If you have any questions, contact Mary Masingila.*

**Jr. Hi and MYF will meet separately at 5:30pm for Gym Night**

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT.** It's time again! If you would like to participate in the January, February and March round of Dinners for 8, please sign up today. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer if you have any questions.

**Still longing for summer? Reservations can be made now for the 2018 Zion Family Camping Trip! Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25 at Nehalem Bay State Park.** Reservations can be made online at [reserveamerica.com/camping/nehalem-bay-state-park](http://reserveamerica.com/camping/nehalem-bay-state-park). If you are interested, you might want to make your reservation soon. The Coulombes have already reserved site B-31, but loops A, B, and C are all very close together so you can reserve just about any available site in those loops. All sites are \$31 and have water, sewer and electric and are for either an RV or a tent. Contact Andy Coulombe if you have any questions.

*Dear Zion Mennonite—  
You all are awesome! Our hearts were so encouraged to see so many of you walking up with turkeys and other donations. We collected 102 turkeys! Whoa! 96 of them were given away to families all over our community. Thank you for your love and support.*

—The Coulombes/Jubilee Food Pantry

*To our Friends at Zion—  
Thank you so much for the beautiful orchid plant in memory of Karl's mom, Verna Birky. Your prayers and caring mean a lot to us. She lived a good life and Zion was a special place for her. Zion Mennonite Church was even mentioned during the sharing time at her memorial service! Thanks again for the nice visit with Carol Stringer, and for remembering us at this time.*

—Karl and Ginny Birky

**ROLLS** *for*  
**REFUGEES**

**Today is the deadline to order for pickup on Sunday, December 10th!**

Because the need is still so great, we're selling Cinnamon rolls again to raise money for Syrian's and Iraqi's displaced from their homes. Each order consists of 4 large Cinnamon Rolls with Cream Cheese Butter Frosting, baked right here at Zion. Price is \$11 per pan. (They freeze extremely well and make great gifts for friends and neighbors.) The order sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer. Pay when you pick up. To order online and find out more, please see our website: [RollsForRefugees.com](http://RollsForRefugees.com).

Questions? Contact Sheryl Russell at [\(503\)550-1976](tel:(503)550-1976) or email her at the website. Merry Christmas!



**WE WILL BE COLLECTING RELIEF KITS FOR REFUGEES** throughout the Advent season to commission on Epiphany Sunday. Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. *MCC shipped 16,787 kits last year to Jordan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea), Iraq, Ukraine and Serbia*

Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count thin maxi)

If you prefer to donate money, it can be used to purchase the laundry soap bars, which are sometimes hard to find. Or it will be sent to MCC to use for shipping costs. Donated items may be left in the foyer.

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Jana Gingerich who has travelled to Texas to be with family and attend her brother-in-law's memorial service.
- The leaders of Mennonite churches in Europe, and the fruits of their recent convocation in Vilnius, Lithuania (Mennonite World Conference)
- SOOP volunteers who have committed to working in Puerto Rico in the coming months, and for others willing to give time to encourage the inhabitants of the island who lost so much in Hurricane Maria (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Goshen College students who are returning from Study-Service Term in Nanchong, China., and for their reentry in college life, and North America (Mennonite Education Agency)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** "Behold, I am the Lord's servant; may your word to me be fulfilled." By Mary, in response to the Angel Gabriel, from Luke 1:38.

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**Nursery:**

This week: Stephanie Moyer, Seth Ediger

Next Week: Nancy Beachy, Kristin Oakes

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 133

Offering: \$3790

11/19: \$9991

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