

# 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.

January 7, 2017

## *Epiphany Sunday*

Gathering and Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Lighting the Christ Candle

*STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy*

Singing

Offering

Children's Story

Blessing MCC Relief Kits

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "Bearing Treasures"

Response Song

Congregational Prayer

*STS 172*

Communion

Blessing and Thanksgiving for Jana and Craig's ministry

Benediction Song: *STJ 73 The Lord lift you up*



Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger  
Song Leader: Seth Gingerich, Karie Smucker  
Children's Story: Doug Gingerich

### **This Morning:**

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School For All Ages

9:45am

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

10:45am

Worship Service

Noon

Potluck meal

### **This Afternoon/Evening**

4:00pm

Youth Visioning Meeting, Skylight Room

### **This Week:**

Tuesday

7:00pm

Christian Education Commission Mtg

Wednesday

12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday

9:00am

Mennonite Women

1:00pm

PLT meeting

### **Worship Schedule:**

January 14: (for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance)

Mathew will be preaching "On the Need for 'Creative Maladjustment'", Romans 12:1-3

January 21: Mathew will be preaching "The Holy Spirit Transforming Us," Acts 1: 1-8 for World Fellowship Sunday of Mennonite World Conference

### **HAPPENING TODAY:**

**With a service of Communion we will celebrate Epiphany** (the first appearance of Christ to the gentiles) Sunday, and the first Sunday of the New Year. All baptized believers seeking to live in love and peace with God and others are welcome to share in the bread and the cup, whatever their church membership. Children and others not baptized, if they so wish, may come forward for a blessing and, if they wish, a grape as a token of their desire to become baptized disciples of Christ. The bread we are serving is gluten-free.

**During our service of worship we will also be blessing Jana and Craig Gingerich**, in gratitude for fourteen years of youth ministry, and commissioning Jana for her time of sabbatical between now and late April.

**A potluck meal and time of fellowship will follow the service.**

**After the meal, Clark Yoder will lead a demonstration of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** which has been installed in the Fellowship Hall foyer. This will be a good opportunity for as many people as possible to learn how the machine works should it ever need to be used.

**The Youth Ministry Visioning Task Group meets at 4:00pm** in the Skylight Room to discuss the visioning process and to prepare for youth activities for the upcoming year.

## Second Sunday January 14, 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.

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

**Tuesday morning Bible study is on recess until January 9.** A new study begins on Hebrews "Jesus, the Pioneer and Author of our Faith." The study booklet is written by N.T. Wright, an Anglican New Testament scholar, well known in both the United Kingdom and the U.S. Anyone is welcome to join! Contact Pat Hershberger for more information.

**Parenting Class.** The responsibility of parenting our children can sometimes be rewarding and sometimes challenging. Is the possibility of sharing and learning in a small group setting of interest to you? If so please contact Loren Miller. We are looking for book ideas and someone with interest in leading a class, to begin in February.

**"Trusting God Through Life's Transitions"** will be the topic of this year's annual **Adult Retreat at Drift Creek Camp** on January 26— 28. Ray Keen from The Canby Center will be the speaker. Plan to attend this retreat and enjoy fellowship with others from Zion.

*A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.*



**The Peace and Justice small group will be going to the Medical Teams International Real Life Exhibit** on Sunday, January 21 from 4-5pm. We encourage anyone to join us. The hands-on, self-guided exhibit encourages us to step into the lives and homes of people affected by disaster, conflict and poverty around the world. The Real Life Exhibit is located at 14150 SW Milton Court, Tigard. To learn more about the exhibit you can go to the MTI website at: [www.medicalteams.org](http://www.medicalteams.org). If you have any questions, please talk with Andy Coulombe.

**Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society is hosting it's annual meeting on Saturday, January 20 at noon here at Zion.** The program is "Conscience Over Convenience" and is centered around the stories of the Civilian Public Service program during World War II. Panel members include Margaret Shetler, Earl Kenagy, and Ruth Goertzen. Lunch is \$20/person. Please RSVP to Gloria Nussbaum by Friday, January 13 at 503-645-0616 or [real2reel@teleport.com](mailto:real2reel@teleport.com).



**Thanks to your generous support for Rolls for Refugees,** we raised \$3,500.26 for refugees and internally displaced persons in Syria and Iraq. 100% of your donation went to MCC and PreEmptive Love Coalition. A special thank you to our neighbors who cleaned out their freezers to make room for *even more* cinnamon rolls, and our friends, families and faith communities at Zion and Grace Chapel. All of you wonderful folks helped roll, bake and purchase approximately 1500 cinnamon rolls in December. **Thank you** for making a difference in the lives of these precious families! -Sheryl Russell

**Bridging Cultures is looking for volunteers to help tutor during our ESL classes this term!** This is a great opportunity to meet some of your neighbors in Canby and help them improve their English. We have class on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm at Baker Prairie Middle School. You can choose to volunteer one day a week or for both sessions. Winter term starts on January 8 and goes until March 21. Tutors are in the classroom with instructors from CCC and assist with class activities. If you are interested, please contact Karie Smucker [kmsmucker@gmail.com](mailto:kmsmucker@gmail.com).

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Jana and Craig Gingerich, as Jana's sabbatical and studies begin, that these months of study, reflection and preparation might be fruitful and refreshing for Jana, her ministry and us.
- All students at Mennonite and other colleges and seminaries who are returning, or will soon return, to their campuses and their studies; Zion's own students include David Gingerich, Bethany Chupp, Brandon Chupp, Harrison Gingerich, Jared Oyer, Trevor Oyer, Drew Berkey, Cameron Roth and Wyatt Roth.
- Martine Audéoud, who equips students for God's mission, teaching in various seminaries based in French-speaking West Africa, while she and her family also travel and spend time in France with her aging father (Mennonite Mission Network)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *"Oh God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face."* The Book of Common Prayer

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**Nursery:**

This week: Sheryl Gingerich, Emma Gingerich  
Next Week: Stacy Berkey, Kiara Yoder

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 151  
Offering: \$39,360

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***PLEASE NOTE!! Pastor Jana's email address has changed.  
Her new address is [zionpastor\\_jg@canby.com](mailto:zionpastor_jg@canby.com)***

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