

# 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.

February 18, 2018

***Between You and Me***  
**First Sunday of Lent**



**We welcome Lynn Miller to our pulpit today.** Lynn has pastored Mennonite congregations in Virginia and Oregon, and most recently, was chaplain at Mennonite Village Retirement Community in Albany, OR. Pastor Mathew Swora is on vacation family through Tuesday, Feb. 20, while Pastor Jana Gingerich is on sabbatical until late April.

Prelude

Welcome/Greetings

Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs: *STJ 42 Listen God is calling*

*STJ 30 Jesus Christ is waiting*

*HWB 493 I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Offering: *STJ 107 God remembers*

New Testament Scripture Reading: John 14:23-27

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:16-22; 86:1

Message

Response Song: *HWB 573 What a friend we have in Jesus*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction



Worship Leader: Lynn Miller  
Song Leader: Wendell Amstutz  
Children's Story: Vonnie Oyer  
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 and Jr Hi at Kropf's

## **This Week:**

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library  
Wednesday 9:00am Set-up for Quilting Workshop  
12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion  
1:00pm PLT Meeting  
Thursday—Saturday Quilting Workshop

## **Worship Schedule:**

February 25: Second Sunday of Lent. Mathew will be preaching "For The Coming Generations" Psalm 22:23-31

March 4: Mathew will be preaching "Reading and Reverence For Two Books" Psalm 19

**MYF will meet this evening** from 5:30-7:00pm at Ron and Kara Kropf's house. They will be hosting X-box on the big screen, ping-pong, basketball and other games and snacks in the barn! Jr. High kids are welcome to join as well. Bring your friends!

*A big thank you to many of you who contributed cash, cookies and goodies to the Valentine boxes for our college students. We collected enough cash to send the packages PLUS extra to put a few bucks in each box as part of the gift. The MYF and Jr. High put them together with the help of Kristin Oaks and Rachel Kropf on Sunday.*

**A Sunday School class on parenting** will be starting on Sunday, February 25. The class will meet in the basement classroom at the bottom of the foyer stairs. We will be using a video series called "Loving Our Kids On Purpose". If you have any questions, please talk to Stan or Vonnie Oyer.

**Steve Masingila will share about his trip to Kenya and Tanzania** this month with Mennonite Economic Development Associates on Sunday, March 4, during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 AM) in the Sanctuary. All interested persons and classes are invited to join. For those who cannot come, or whose classes will meet, a recording will be made and available.

## The Season of Lent



**"Between You and Me"** is the theme of this year's observance of the Lenten season. Scriptures, messages and songs will reflect on our covenant relationship with a faithful, covenanting God, and with each other, especially as expressed in the Psalms. You are invited to share in the sacrificial meaning of the season by making weekly or one-time additional offerings to help our Mennonite

World Conference partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo, who are being attacked and displaced by conflict and corruption. Mennonite Central Committee is administering this aid under the guidance of partners onsite. If health permits, consider skipping a meal or some indulgence each week and giving its dollar value to this or another pressing need. There will also be daily devotional readings online on the Goshen College website, and on [themennonite.org](http://themennonite.org).

Zion Mennonite Church will host the following Lenten and Holy Week observances:

- Maundy Thursday Footwashing service on Thursday, March 29, at 7PM
- Good Friday service with communion on Friday, March 30, at 6:30PM

*Our thanks to Gina Hansen for the Lenten season display in the sanctuary. The visual elements for this season represent our journey (symbolized by stones) to our Sovereign Lord (symbolized by purple). It is at Lent that we are reminded of the invitation issued to us by Christ's suffering.*

There is a table in the Fellowship Hall foyer with used books and magazines that Karen and Wendell Amstutz have donated. Please feel free to look through them and take whatever you would like.



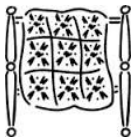
*You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Kayla Mast on Saturday, March 17 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Kayla and Josh Wimp are planning a May wedding. They are registered at Amazon, Target, and Bed, Bath & Beyond*

**To help Jaclyn Roth and the Roth family with extra medical expenses** to be incurred during their visit to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN late next month, the PLT invites you to help us access a matching grant from Everence (formerly Mennonite Mutual Aid) of up to \$3,000 by giving what you wish and can to Zion MC's Sharing Fund. You can do so over the next three weeks (through March 4) either by writing a check to Zion MC with "Sharing Fund-Roth" written in the memo line, or by giving cash in an envelope with those same words on it, during the offering time in worship.

**If you would still like to donate to the relief project of the Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center**, you can find detailed information at this website: [southamericamission.org/blog/scclc-jan-18-flood-relief](http://southamericamission.org/blog/scclc-jan-18-flood-relief). Donations can be made directly through the website, or checks may be written to Zion with "SCCLC" designated in the memo line.

*Thank you, Zion Mennonite Church, for giving \$16,044.60 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2017! Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we were able to share a message of hope in a broken world.*  
—Gratefully, Marisa Smucker, Church Relations Representative

## **46th Annual Quilting Workshop February 22, 23, and 24**



**Volunteer help is still needed in the kitchen!**

Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to see where you might be able to help! Quilt registration forms are on the table in the foyer or can be completed by email and returned to the Church Office. Quilts must be delivered to the church *no later* than Tuesday, February 20. Set-up will take place on Wednesday, February 21, beginning at 9:00am. Any and all help is appreciat-

**Goshen College Men's Chorus  
with guest Canby High School Men's Choir  
Concert on Sunday, February 25 at 6:00pm**

**Host homes are still needed!** There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please indicate how many students you can house and what arrangements you have available (number of rooms, number of beds, etc) and if you have any special requests or limitations. You will be asked to provide transportation to and from the church and breakfast on the morning of Monday, February 26.

**Vernon Gahler's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday is February 27.** You can help make it a special day for him by sending a card or note to 1589 S. Ivy St., Apt. 107, Canby, OR 97013, or put them in Loren and Carol Miller's literature box.

**There will be a fundraiser meal on Sunday, March 4 to support the ministry and mission of the Vida Feliz Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia.** Roca de Salvacion will be in worship with us that day and helping to prepare the meal.

**Bridging Cultures is having a fundraising dinner on Saturday, March 10, at 6:00 pm at Zion.** The event will include a silent auction, great food, and entertainment by acoustic guitarist Jason Okamoto. If you are interested in attending, please contact Karie Smucker ([kmsmucker@gmail.com](mailto:kmsmucker@gmail.com) or 503-459-3181) for more information. Bridging Cultures really appreciates all the support we receive from Zion and would love to see you there!

**All interested persons are invited to attend the 2018 Mennonite Disaster Service Oregon Unit Annual meeting to be held at Calvary Mennonite Church on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** Our guest speakers: to be determined, from Lititz, PA; and Dan Moseler and Larry Johnson, United Methodist Committee on Relief, regional disaster coordinators. Reports will be given about the MDS Saipan project, Unit response to the wildfires in Crook Co, and the Oregon Unit MDS Trailer Project. Lunch will be provided by MDS Oregon Unit and an offering will be taken to support the Unit's mission.  
**Please RSVP by March 11** to Clyde Hockman (503-263-1210), Oregon Unit Secretary

**Mennonite Women's Retreat at Drift Creek Camp, April 13-15**  
For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or visit [www.driftcreek.org](http://www.driftcreek.org). Registration Deadline: April 1.

**Spruce Up Camp! Please join us at Drift Creek Camp, May 11 & 12, 2018.** Volunteers are welcome to come any time on Friday (bring a sack lunch) and Saturday to work on projects inside and out to prepare the grounds and facilities for summer guests. Supper will be served on Friday evening as well as breakfast, lunch and an afternoon sandwich bar on Saturday. Look for details and online registration coming soon.

**Western Mennonite School** is excited to add grades k-5 starting for the '18-'19 school year! This move to pioneer an elementary school is predicated on two main desires: One, to provide our families a consistent place for their child's uninterrupted K-12th grade Christ-centered education, and second, to provide our students with a comprehensive program that focuses on character, cultural literacy, and higher level skills necessary for success in the 21st century. Find out more at [www.westernmennoniteschool.org/western-elementary/](http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org/western-elementary/)

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- This week's Quilting Workshop, all the volunteers, guests and participants, that all the beauty, hospitality, skill and friendship might bless all and honor God.
- Ken and Nancy Beachy, who leave on February 20, for a SOOP assignment in Phoenix, AZ, and Richard and Karen Kropf who leave on February 28, also for SOOP service in Arizona.
- Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus, Goshen College's 18th president, who has just been inaugurated this weekend, and who will be visiting Zion later this month with the Men's Choir. (MEA)
- The families, school, and community affected by the tragedy of a school shooting in Parkland, FL this week.
- The people and countries of South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, where many members of our Anabaptist-Mennonite family are suffering from war, hunger and displacement (MWC)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *"Oh Lord, how necessary is your grace, if I am to begin well, and to end well. For without you I can do nothing good, but in you, and by the power of your grace, all things are possible."* Thomas A. Kempis, 15th C. Holland

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**Nursery:**

This week: Serenity and Ally Coulombe

Next Week: Chris Keady, Phillis Adams

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 134

Offering: \$2,714.24

SCCLC: \$300

Sharing Fund: \$300

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**Church Staff:**

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