

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 25, 2018

Between You and Me
Second Sunday of Lent



Gathering "The Community Gathers"

Prelude
Welcome

Call to Worship "The Community Worships"

Prayer

Praising God in Hymns and Songs

STS 113 I will stand in the congregation

Theme Song: "Between You and Me"

HWB 616 Children of the Heavenly Father

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

New Testament Reading: Romans 4:18-22

Offering Our Gifts

Prayer

Confession and Assurance

Hearing the Word

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:31-38; Psalm 22:24-31

Sermon: "To A People Yet Unborn"

Responding in Faith

Song

Sharing and Prayer

Closing Song

Benediction/Blessing "The Community Sends"



Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger
Song Leader: Lois Yoder
Children's Story: Mathew Swora
Prelude/Offertory: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes

This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School For All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

Choir Concert

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library

Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

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

March 11: Ray Keen, Executive Director of The Canby Center

A Sunday School class on parenting will be starting TODAY. 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.

Goshen College Men's Chorus
with guest Canby High School Men's Choir Concert
TONIGHT at 6:00pm

MYF and Jr. Hi will plan to attend the Choir concert this evening.

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.

Kevin Hockman-Chupp is beginning the process of examining our church structure. He is looking for others to join him on a task team to look at ways we could simplify structure, improve communication, and new ways we can do church business. Please contact Kevin if you are interested.

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 during any offering time in worship through Easter Sunday, April 1. Checks may be written to Zion Mennonite Church with “Mennonites in the DRC” in the memo, or you may put cash offerings in an envelope labelled the same way.

Zion 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.

*Dear Zion and MYF/Junior High,
Thank you guys so much for the Valentines care package. It really means a lot to know that people back home remember the college students, and it is always fun to get a package in the mail that you weren't expecting. College is flying by and I will be back in Oregon very soon.*

—Thanks Again, Jared Oyer

Sermon Outline
“To A People Yet Unborn”

Why the sermons on the Psalms this Lenten season?

a.

b.

Whose prayer is Psalm 22?

a.

b.

c.

So what?

a.

b.

FUNDRAISER MEAL

Sunday, March 4 at noon

Supporting Vida Feliz Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia

Menu: Chicken in Tomato and Chile Sauce, rice, green salad, fried plantains, tapioca cheese balls, and flan

We will be joined by guests from Roca de Salvacion Mennonite Church who will help prepare the meal. We will also have a mission report during worship about the Senior Center. All proceeds from the meal will help to pay for part-time salaries for the administrators of the Center.

Extra help is needed in the kitchen for dishwashing and clean-up after the meal. Please contact Karen Amstutz.

Second Sunday

March 11, 5:30—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

There will be a parent planning meeting in the Skylight Room following dinner.



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.

Vernon Gahler's 95th 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.

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 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 17th, 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. 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.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Jana and Craig Gingerich, as Pastor Jana's sabbatical studies, activities and reflections continue through mid-April.
- Zion MC's SOOP (a Mennonite service organization) participants: Ken and Nancy Beachy, currently in Arizona; Richard and Karen Kropf, soon to serve in Arizona, and Lynn and Janice Miller, who will serve in Pennsylvania next month
- Anabaptists in Venezuela as they share Jesus' love in difficult circumstances, that God might sustain and provide for congregations in Caracas, Yaracuy, and Isla Margarita (MMNetwork)
- Those attending this week's Pastors and Leaders conference at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN, that it would help prepare participants for the crucial work of helping form the people of God "for such a time as this" (MEA)

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Grant me now, dear Lord, to love you more fervently than I once loved sin itself."*
St. Basil, 4th C. Turkey

Nursery:

This week: Chris Keady, Phillis Adams
Next Week: Jennifer and Emma Gingerich

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 110
Offering: \$1,822.25

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