

# 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.

March 11, 2018

## *Between You and Me* Fourth Sunday of Lent



We welcome to our pulpit today Ray Keen, Executive Director of The Canby Center, a faith-based community service agency, supported by local churches, including Zion Mennonite Church. TCC's mission says, "In God's love we renew dignity and inspire learning for youth and families." Pastor Mathew Swora and Becky are out of town this weekend visiting family.

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs: *HWB 12 Come let us all unite to sing*  
*HWB 167 For God so loved us*

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Confession

Words of Assurance: John 3:14-17

Theme Song: *Between Me and You*

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Readings: James 1:17; Luke 6:38; 1 Timothy 6:17

Message: "The Generosity of God", Ray Keen

Response Song

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 425 Come, come ye saints*

Benediction



Worship Leader: Doug Gingerich  
Song Leader: Stan Oyer  
Children's Story: Gina Hansen  
Prelude/Offertory:

### **This Morning:**

Coffee Time

Sunday School For All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

### **This Afternoon/Evening**

Second Sunday and Jr. Hi

Parent and MYF meeting

### **This Week:**

Tuesday	10:00am	Bible Study in Library
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	12:15pm	Prayer Meeting at Zion
Thursday	9:00am	Quilting
	1:00pm	PLT Meeting
Saturday	2:00pm	Bridal Shower for Kayla Mast

### **Worship Schedule:**

March 18: Mathew will be preaching "Wisdom in the Secret Heart" Psalm 51:1-13

March 25: Palm Sunday. Mathew will be preaching "The Courage to Celebrate", Psalm 118:19-29

## **Second Sunday**

**TONIGHT, 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 will meet separately at 5:30pm**

There will be a MYF planning meeting in the Skylight Room following dinner. All parents and MYF students are asked to attend.

The carpeting in the Fellowship Hall foyer and the Skylight Rooms will be replaced this week. If you are visiting the church, please be cautious.

**Help Wanted:** with worship leading in the near and not-so-near future. Sundays currently open include March 18, Palm Sunday (March 25) and Easter Sunday (April 1). If you have not yet been on our list of worship leaders but want to know more about it, or to join it and learn how to serve God and the church in this way, please contact Pastor Mathew Swora.



*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*

**“Between You and Me”** is the theme of this year’s observance of the Lenten season.

You are invited 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.*

**Maundy Thursday Footwashing Service**

Thursday, March 29, at 7PM

**Good Friday Service with Communion**

Friday, March 30, at 6:30PM

**Easter Breakfast**

Sunday, April 1, 8:30—9:15am

Potluck-style breakfast; Please bring a prepared dish ready to serve by 8:25am.

Cinnamon Rolls will be provided.

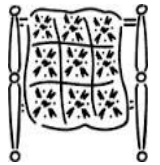
**Easter Worship Service**

10:45am



THANK YOU again to all who helped set up, take down, cook, serve and demonstrate during Quilting Workshop, and also gave donations for food expenses and for the Vida Feliz Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia!

We greeted 566 visitors and served 550 soups. Donations for the senior center totaled \$3,014, and our expenses came to \$959. One Fair World sold \$5,615 in merchandise, which is very important to keeping the store open in Salem.



The generosity of Zion Mennonite Church has raised \$8,840 for the Sharing Fund on behalf of Jaclyn Roth and her family’s trip this month to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. We will also seek a matching grant up to \$3,000 from Everence (formerly Mennonite Mutual Aid). Please keep Jaclyn, her family, and her treatment there in your prayers.

*Dear Zion,  
Thank you so much for thinking about me and sending a Valentine’s Day care package! I enjoyed getting a surprise gift in the mail and felt so loved receiving a gift from my church family back home.*

*—Thanks again, Drew Berkey*

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Jana and Craig Gingerich, as Jana continues her sabbatical studies and activities until she returns to ministry with us on April 23.
- Richard and Shirley Gingerich, and their extended family, on the death last weekend of Richard's brother, Thurlowe Gingerich, of McMinnville, OR, as well as Paul and Pam Miller and family on the death of Pam's father, Vernon Hillyer.
- Greta Lindecrantz, an investigator for a law office in Denver, and a member of a Mennonite Church there, who is in prison on charges of contempt for refusing to cooperate in a death penalty case.

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *"Almighty God, who alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners, Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found..."* The Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

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**Nursery:**

This week: Carolyn Yoder, Eliza Gingerich  
Next Week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 145  
Offering: \$10,244  
El Torno: \$3,857.74  
Quilt Workshop: \$382

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