

# 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 18, 2018

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



Welcome and Announcements

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-24

Call to Worship

Songs:

*HWB 299 New earth, heavens new*

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*HWB 149 Great God of Wonders*

Confession: Psalm 51—*HWB 818*

Words of Assurance: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Theme Song: *Between Me and You*

Offering

Children's Story

Message

Response Song: *HWB 150 Wonderful grace of Jesus*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 423 May the grace of Christ our Savior*

Benediction



Worship Leader:  
Song Leader: Julie Yoder  
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**

MYF and Jr. Hi Bowling

Vespers Service at Marquis Center

## **This Week:**

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library

Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 9:00am Quilting

1:00pm PLT Meeting

## **Worship Schedule:**

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

April 1: Easter Sunday. Mathew will be preaching. John 20:1-18; Isaiah 26:5-9

---

**NEXT SUNDAY (March 25) IS PALM SUNDAY.** The service will begin with our customary children's Palm Processional. If you have a child or grandchild who would likely participate in this, please let them know before Sunday and have them to church in time for assembly and preparation.

**BRYAN MOYER SUDERMAN** will be visiting with us in a little over a month to lead a seminar entitled, "Interpreting the Bible With Jesus." Bryan works under the auspices of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary with both US and Canadian churches. Leader of Small Tall Ministries, he also does music and story-telling for children and adults, together. He will teach, lead and generate discussion on Jesus' way of interpreting the Bible in The Gospel According to Matthew, with one session on Friday night (April 20) and three on Saturday (April 21). He will provide a concert for all ages (children and the child in all of us) on Saturday evening. Bryan will also speak to combined youth and adult classes on Sunday, April 22 and bring the message during worship. Attendees are invited to join us from the area and the conference. If you are willing to host attendees who will need lodging, please let Jodi in the church office know. Watch future bulletins and Zion's website for further information on schedules and registration.

**"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

For this year's **Maundy Thursday service** (March 29, 7PM) and the **Good Friday service** (March 30), we would like people to participate in reading aloud the scriptures passages. If you are planning to attend and are willing to help in this way, please let Pastor Mathew Swora know by Wednesday, March 28.

**Pastor Jana Gingrich**, on sabbatical until April 23, recently shared with the Pastoral Leadership Team:

*"I feel my instructors, for both the journaling workshop and pastoral counseling have been top notch, re: their credentials and life experiences, and wow, they are just a stones throw from us. My class at the seminary has been excellent... I feel very blessed to have this sabbatical. Thank you for your prayers!"*

Watch for more reflections and reports soon on Jana's blog on Zion MC's website.

*A big Thank You from Joe and I for the gift cards, cards, food, and most of all the prayers for Joe with his back surgery and me with my broken wrist. We will always remember your kindness.*

—Joe and Marlene Harris

*Thank you for the generous contribution of \$2000 received from the church. Your support is a great encouragement. Fay Swartzendruber is returning from La Pas this month. She is always excited to share the progress of evangelism project Good News for Every Cora Village. If any of you would personally like to receive the emailed newsletter that Maranatha ministries sends periodically, please let us know at maranathainmex@gmail.com. May God bless you as you have blessed Maranatha ministries in so many ways.*

—Kathy Byers on behalf of Maranatha Ministries in Mexico

*I just wanted to take the time on behalf of SCCLC (Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center) staff and students to thank Zion for your support during our flooding. I was just informed of the financial support Zion made to the school. Thank you so much for blessing us with your prayers and financial support. Our librarian is still making book orders for our library, so this contribution will greatly support our library. I think most of our orders will take place this summer when people come down to visit, that way to don't have to pay so much for shipping costs.*

*Thank you once again.*

—with love, Rebeca Strong

For the lovely new carpet between the church offices, the Fellowship Hall and the Skylight Rooms, credit goes to the members of the Facilities and Finance Committee and the volunteers who worked with them. Thank you for this expression of our value of hospitality!



Eli Edward Yoder Sommer was born on March 12, arriving two weeks early, at 1:30 in the afternoon. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. Congratulations to Luke and Kelsey Sommer and big sister Liesel, and grandparents Clark and Carolyn Yoder.

---

**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Ellie, the two year-old daughter of Ashley and granddaughter of Mark and Kathy LaBare, who is hospitalized at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland for an abdominal tumor.
- Claudia Lapp, who is at home recovering from shingles, and Faye Swartzendruber, who is awaiting a heart procedure, depending on other health indicators.
- Those who speak up against gun violence and for a holistic peace in the USA where mass shootings often occur, for those who grieve loved ones injured or killed in senseless attacks, and for those who see violence as a means of protection and achievement. May they learn to confront fear with love and to transform categories of enemy into neighbor (Mennonite World Conference)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *"Grant that we will always reach out for that which is high, realizing that we are made for the stars, created for the everlasting, born for eternity."*  
By Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

---

**Nursery:**

This week: Mary and Elizabeth Masingila  
Next Week: Karen Amstutz, Kelsey Sommer

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 98  
Offering: \$2,997

---

**Church Staff:**

Mathew Swora, Lead Pastor: [zionpastor\\_ms@canby.com](mailto:zionpastor_ms@canby.com)  
Jana Gingerich, Associate Pastor: [zionpastor\\_jg@canby.com](mailto:zionpastor_jg@canby.com)  
Jodi Hansen, Office Administrator: [zionmc@canby.com](mailto:zionmc@canby.com)  
Elders: Pat Hershberger, Karen Tro, Lynn Miller  
Ken Kauffman, Cynthia Hockman-Chupp, Stan Oyer

6124 S. WHISKEY HILL RD, HUBBARD, OR 97032 † 503-651-2274  
OFFICE HOURS: TUES-FRI 9 A.M. TO NOON  
[ZIONMENNONITEOREGON.ORG](http://ZIONMENNONITEOREGON.ORG)