

# 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.

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April 29, 2018

We welcome back Pastor Jana Gingerich from her sabbatical time of study, travel and reflection. Jana is bringing us the message and the children's story.

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Singing

*HWB 120 Holy, Holy, Holy*

*HWB 59 Sing Praise to God who reigns above*

*HWB 36 God of our strength*

*HWB 486 God of our life*

Offering

Children's Story

Message: "Waiting on God"

Isaiah 40:28-31 (reader Aidan Hall)

*Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.*

*<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

Response Song

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song and Benediction: STS 99 The Lord's My Shepherd

Worship Leader: Lynn Miller  
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman  
Children's Story: Jana Gignerich  
Prelude/Offertory:

## **This Morning:**

Coffee Time

Sunday School For All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

Fundraiser Meal and Member's Meeting

## **This Afternoon/Evening**

No Activities

## **This Week:**

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library

Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women

## **Worship Schedule:**

May 6: Mathew will be preaching on "Friendship," John 15:9-17

May 13: Ascension Sunday. Mathew will be preaching.

Luke 24:44-15

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WE WELCOME LINDSAY MARTIN today. Lindsay will share with all adult and youth classes during the Sunday School hour about the work of the **Center for Justice & Peacebuilding (CJP)** at Eastern Mennonite University. The CJP educates a global community of peacebuilders, preparing, transforming and sustaining leaders to create a just and peaceful world. CJP's history and mission reflects Anabaptist Christian traditions and values, which include nonviolence, servant leadership and just relationships. Lindsay is Associate Director of Development for CJP.

From the Pastoral Leadership Team: We have developed and approved, with some consultation from the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference and others, a *Policy of Pastoral Care and Counseling* which gives guidance to pastors and those whom they counsel about proper expectations and boundaries, when to refer to specialists, and how to deal with differences in age and gender, and more. It is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for your reading. Address any responses and questions to Pastor Mathew Swora or any member of the PLT.

## Semi-annual Member's Meeting TODAY following noon meal

ENJOY A TASTE OF WEST AFRICA between worship and our April business meeting. Pastor Mathew Swora and Stan Oyer are cooking up Jaba-jii, or West African onion sauce with rice, with tropical fruit salad, to raise money to help those who want to travel and represent Zion MC at next November's 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso. This meal was served once before at Zion, to great acclaim and demand for the recipe. There will be a vegetarian option as well as one with meat. You can give donations in cash, or by check written to Zion Mennonite Church, with "Burkina Travel" in the memo line.

### Member's Meeting Agenda:

- Commission Reports
- Affirmation Ballot
- Church Structure Team Update
- Discussion: Western's Direction and Relationship with Zion
- Discussion: Pastor of Christian Faith Formation Position

Child care will be provided during the meeting.

The **affirmation ballot** will include the following positions. Please be in prayer for those who have agreed to serve in leadership roles. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Gift Discernment Committee (Luanne Berkey, Mary Masingila).

Adult Sunday School Superintendent (1 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Sunday School Superintendent (1 yr term) Stacy Berkey,  
Karen Kropf

Second Sunday Leaders (2 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Junior High Leaders (1 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_

Library Committee (3 yr term) Linda Peters

Music Coordinator (1 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_

Music Committee (1 yr term) Karen Tro, Seth Gingerich

Worship Commission (1 yr. term) Gina Hansen

Gift Discernment Committee (3 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_

PCRC (3 yr term) \_\_\_\_\_

## Dinners for 8

Today is the last day to sign up! If you would like to participate in the May, June, and July round of Dinners for 8, sign-up during the month of April. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.

**Canby Alumni Choir** will be performing April 27 and 28 at 7pm at the Canby High School Fine Arts building. Cutsforth's Thriftway Customer Service has tickets: \$10 for adults and \$5 for students K-12.

As you may be aware, recently garbage and recycling services have changed. There are new rules and guidelines regarding items that can and cannot be recycled. Please be aware of this as you work in the church kitchen. Watch for new signs posted with recycling instruction. Thanks!

*Dear Zion Mennonite Church Congregation: On behalf of Maranatha Ministries in Mexico, many thanks for your financial support. We received your second generous contribution in March. Ricardo and I were able to travel to the Cora Village of Santa Theresa, by car, and enjoyed the church service there on Sunday. We visited with many of the believers there. All were disappointed that "Hermana Fe" was unable to visit. We attended the showing of an Easter themed video using AV equipment recently provided by the ministry. They now have a generator as well, for evangelism. Thank you also for your visits and kindness to Faye.*  
—Kathy Byers for Maranatha Ministries

*Thank you for the gift card, as well as the prayers, as I healed from having shingles. It was very thoughtful.*  
—Callan Berkey

From our friends at Canby Alliance Church: "Love Thy Neighbor as Jesus Loves Us.... a forum for parents, family members, and neighbors on gender and sexuality," will take place on Sunday afternoon, April 29, from 4-6 PM, at Canby Alliance Church (900 Juniper Ave., Canby). Rather than giving a theological discussion, the presenters (parents, an educator, a therapist) will speak about practical means for loving children and young adults as they navigate their identity and the identities of their friends.

"Hope for the Journey" is a gathering planned by Connecting Families West Coast, a support network of Church of the Brethren and Mennonite persons committed to providing mutual support for families with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or intersex members. As a part of the Christian/Anabaptist tradition, Connecting Families respects the various places people are in their spiritual journeys and in their pilgrimage of understanding of gay and lesbian concerns. We are a group of people, each on our own journey. It will be held at Portland Mennonite Church Friday evening, May 4 through Saturday, May 5. Registration fee is \$75. There will be sessions for adults and youth. Speakers will be Patty Evans, retired from First Christian Church, Albany and Amy Epp, Seattle Mennonite Church. For more information visit <https://connectingfamilies-westcoast.weebly.com/> or email [peaceonthejourney@gmail.com](mailto:peaceonthejourney@gmail.com).

### **"Come Walk With Us"**

#### **Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference Annual Gathering – June 21-23 2018, Boise, Idaho**

"Come walk with us, the journey is long" are words from a South African hymn that many of us sing in worship. It is also your invitation to come to the PNMC Annual Gathering where there will be workshops, worship, service projects, a public peace witness, and the opportunity to meet new MC USA Executive Director, Glen Guyton. You don't have to be a delegate to be part of the gathering! Check it out and register at [pnmc.org/boise-2018/](http://pnmc.org/boise-2018/)

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Those who are offering their time, talents, and gifts in service to God and to us, either in new or in renewed positions on today's affirmation ballot, that God might make their service fruitful for themselves, for us, and for God's honor.
- The Mennonite churches of Guatemala, ministering and addressing human need in a country much damaged by symptoms of climate change, such as droughts, floods, mudslides, malnutrition and unsafe drinking water (Mennonite World Conference)
- The growth and ministry of Puerta del Rebaño (Door of the Sheepfold), an Anabaptist congregation in Concepción, Chile (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Seniors graduating this weekend from Goshen College, as they go forth into the world to make a difference and begin a new chapter in their lives (Mennonite Education Agency)

**A prayer to carry though the week:** *"My past, O Lord, to your mercy; my present, to your love; my future, to your providence."*  
Padre Pio, 20th C. Italy

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**Nursery:**

This week: Anna Park, Julie Yoder  
Next Week: Vonnie Oyer, Sheryl Mast

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 127  
Offering: \$2,786.42  
B. Moyer-Suderman \$85  
Spiritual Heath Fund: \$170

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