

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.



September 23, 2018

Celebrating 125 years

We welcome with us today Dr. John Roth, Professor of History at Goshen College, Director of the Mennonite Historical Library and of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism, and Editor of Mennonite Quarterly Review. He will share during our combined adult Christian Education classes, during worship, and in the celebration that continues after lunch. All are welcome to join in our potluck lunch, whether you have brought any food to share, or not.

Special Music: "Lift Up Thine Eyes", Women's Choir
Welcome
Call to Worship
Songs

HWB 14 Come we that love the Lord
HWB 615 Shall we gather at the river
HWB 167 Gott ist die Liebe
HWB 7 Holy, Holy, Holy

Offering
"My Coins Count" offering
Children's Story
Special Music: "Wer Will Mit Uns Nach Zion Gehn?", Men's Choir
Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20; I Corinthians 3:10-11
Message: by Dr. John Roth
Response Song: "Nothing Is Lost On The Breath of God",
Women's Choir
"Gracious Father", Combined Choirs
Sharing and Prayer
Sending Song
Benediction

Worship Leader: Mathew Swora
Song Leader: Lois Yoder
Children's Story: Frank Howard

Schedule of Events for Today

9:00 – 9:30am: Breakfast and fellowship
9:30 – 10:30am: "Treasures in Jars of Clay" -
Combined Adult Sunday School classes in
Sanctuary
10:45am: Worship Service: "No Other Foundation"
I Cor. 3:11, Dr. John Roth.
Noon: Potluck Meal
1:00pm: Children's Activity
1:30pm: Presentation: "The Earth is the Lord's: Sharing the
Anabaptist Story in the 21st Century"
Fellowship time follows with refreshments.

This Afternoon/Evening

5:00pm MYF at Kropf's House
This Week:
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library
12:15am Prayer Meeting at Zion
Wednesday 7:00pm Church Council Meeting
Thursday 9:00am PLT Meeting

Worship Schedule:

September 30: Mathew will be preaching "Childlike or Childish?"
Matthew 19:13-14
October 7: World Communion Sunday. Mathew will be preaching
"To My Brothers and Sisters", Hebrews 2:5-12

Pastor Jana will be out of the office on vacation Thursday, September 27 through Sunday, October 7. Pastor Mathew will be out of the office but still in the area this coming Friday, September 28, for time with visiting family.

MYF (high-school only) will be at Daphne Kropf's house for badminton, snacks and campfire hang out tonight from 5-6:30pm. BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

On Sunday, October 7, World Communion Sunday, we will celebrate our union with Christ and his church with a service of communion during the worship service. Please review your relationships with God and with others and prepare as best you know how for this experience and expression of Christ's self-giving, in Spirit, body and blood, for us.



DUE TODAY!

The Gift Discernment Committee presents for your consideration nominations for the Board of Elders. A explanatory letter and discernment

forms are available on the table in the foyer. Please prayerfully consider persons to serve as Elder. Nomination forms can be emailed back to the Church Office or paper copies left in the box on the table.

The committee also has prepared a survey of gifts and interests.

Copies were distributed to literature boxes last week and are available on the table in the foyer. Each member or regular attender is asked to complete a survey. Instructions are included in the cover letter.

A Zion Retreat Survey (blue paper). The purpose of this survey is to determine whether there is still interest in having an adult retreat every year or whether we might be moving toward an annual family retreat. Or, having both could also be an option. Please return to Stan Oyer.

Yes! I did turn 90 on August 31st. What a flood of cards I received! I want to thank each and every one who contributed to this. One card really stands out at this time, and it is the one from Ken Lais and a note he had written on it. For all the cards you sent, and the time to write notes in them, is so appreciated. Blessings to each one of you. Turning old is a little less painful with all the cards I received! —Mary Anna Reeder

To our church family: Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, the beautiful flower arrangement that Kay and Carolyn brought over, the meal that was prepared for after the service and all the caring that was expressed after my brother Ken suddenly died. A big thank you to Mathew for all the time he spent with our family on the day that Ken was found and over the planning of the service and day of the service. The caring of our church family made this sad event so much easier.

—Lloyd and Shirley Martin

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief Saturday, October 13

There are multiple ways and places you can volunteer to help with the Fall Festival. *If you are interested in helping with any of the following ways, reach out to the contact person named.*

Sausage Booth: A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board if you would like to help for a shift (or more). Contact Karen Kropf.

Auction Funds: Congregations are being encouraged to raise funds to purchase and donate auction items or experiences (such as concerts, trips, etc). If you would like to be a part of Zion's contribution, funds can be placed in the offering basket no later than today. List "MCC Fall Festival" on the memo line of a check.

Contact Stan Oyer if you have questions or suggestions, or other items for auction donation.

Country Store: Looking for items for "Farmer's Market" area featuring fresh produce, homemade noodles, etc. Home canned goods cannot be accepted. Donna Brubaker at dbrubaker@centurytel.net

Baked Goods: Pies, homemade cookies, brownies, cinnamon rolls, pepper-nuts, whoopie pies, dinner rolls, and breads are needed. A flyer with more information and instructions is posted on the bulletin board. Wanda Scheler at knxpark@hotmail.com

Children's Activities: Need cashiers, helpers, and other volunteers. Donations of new or gently used toys for children to bid on, as well as craft supplies, particularly fabric scraps. Christa Obold Eschleman at christaeshleman@hotmail.com

My Coins Count: Children are collecting coins every Sunday through October 7. So far, \$802.65 has been donated. Could we reach \$3000?! Funds support MCC refugee projects.

Got News? The next edition of **News for the Pews** will be out on October 7. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the church newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Friday, September 28.

Zion Mennonite Church's members and attendees have taken seriously Jesus' call to "Go therefore into all the world," to share the love, grace and goodness of God, and to bring back treasures of love and learning in places such as:

Algeria	Puerto Rico
Botswana	Spain
Burkina Faso	Canada
Congo	Mexico
Egypt	Bangladesh
Kenya	France
Nigeria	Kyrgyzstan
South Africa	India
Swaziland	Israel
Bolivia	Palestine
Brazil	Turkey
Columbia	Dominican Republic
Nicaragua	Japan
Gualdeloupe	Malaysia
Ecuador	

Plus Goshen College alumni who fulfilled their Study Service Trimester outside the U.S. as well as Eastern Mennonite University students and alumni who served in cross-cultural experiences.



Please keep in your prayers:

- Callan and Chuy Arellano, who were married yesterday. May God bless the vows they shared and the love they've promised to each other.
- College students from Zion who are leaving home for the first time or returning to school, that they may be safe and easily adjust to the transition of being back in school.
- On this Peace Sunday that many Mennonite World Conference churches observe (which we did last Sunday), may we join with believers across the nation in working and praying for justice in the complexities surrounding immigration (Mennonite Mission Network)
- The Hmong Mennonite church in Thailand, which just became a 20th District in the Church of Christ, thus getting official status in one of five Christian groups that the Thai government recognizes. This also allows the 23 Hmong Mennonite congregations in Thailand to address issues specific to their ethnic group and also to claim and promote an Anabaptist understanding. (Mennonite World Conference)

A prayer to carry though the week: *“Jesus, with Thy church abide, Be her Savior, Lord and Guide, While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech Thee, hear us.”* From “Jesus With Thy Church Abide” by Thomas Pollock, MH 279

Nursery:

This week: Louise Gingerich, Julie Yoder

Next Week: Kara and Daphne Kropf

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 130

Offering: \$2069

MCC: \$354.75

Church Staff:

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