

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.

December 30, 2018
Christmas Sunday



Call to Worship

Christmas has Come, Christmas has begun, and Christmas is now

We welcome the Christ Child

Christmas is Emmanuel, God with us

We open our hearts to God with us and within us

Christmas is mystery that is not bound by dates and seasons

We open our minds to discern the uncertainties that Emmanuel brings

Christmas opens before us a way, a journey, and how to live,

We open our lives to live a purposeful Emmanuel, Christ within us.

Lighting of the Christmas Candles

Prayer

Singing - HWB #318 Joy to the World;

HWB #201 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing; HWB #212 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Children's time

Scripture Luke 2: 41-52, Jr. Youth S.S. class

Sermon - Didn't You Know?

I realized how much I was NOT in charge when.....

I got a sense for how God was in charge when.....

Response Song: HWB #526 In The Rifted Rock I'm Resting

Offering

Share and Prayer

Sending Song: Jesus the Light of the World (Insert in back of Blue Hymnal)

Benediction

9:00am
9:30am
9:45am
10:45am

This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School for All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Monday 8pm-midnight New Year's Eve party

Tuesday Office Closed

Worship Schedule:

January 6: Epiphany Sunday and Communion Service,

Mathew 2:1-12

January 13: Mathew will be preaching "Why Church? For the Conflict and The Confession", Matthew 16:13-19

With a Service of Communion we will celebrate the timeless grace of God on the first Sunday of the new year, January 6, which is also Epiphany Sunday. Please prepare for the sharing of the bread and the cup as best you know how, in your relationship with God and others, so that we "may show forth in our lives what we profess by our faith" (Book of Common Prayer).

From the Pastoral Leadership Team: They Why, What, and Who of Christ's Body, The Church, will be the focus of teaching and preaching during worship from January 13, 2019, until the first Sunday of Lent (March 10), to help us consider who Christ is in our lives personally and together, and who we are in relation to Christ and each other. This series is intended to encourage, strengthen, or launch our commitment to Christ and each other as we search for ways to make and keep church membership most intentional and meaningful. It will also include reflections and testimonies from among us, in addition to messages from our pastors, one or more combined Sunday School hour classes, and a Sunday evening congregational conversation about membership. Watch the bulletins for more information.

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger
Song Leader: Charlie and Seth Gingerich
Prelude/Offertory: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes

Please keep in your prayers:

- Igreja Evangélica Irmãos Menonitas em Angola (Mennonite Brethren church in Angola, Africa) which has just been officially recognized as a legitimate church by the government, though some of their local congregations which lack a formal meeting place have been deemed illegal and forbidden to worship, that their leaders will be wise and principled as they raise funds and seek to be compliant with government regulations (Mennonite World Conference)
- Although 2018 ends with much suffering and violence in our country and around the world, pray that we do not tire of holding the light of hope in Jesus, who has overcome evil and injustice. May we continue to “be the Gospel” wherever we find ourselves (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry though the week: “You have created me to do You some definite service. You have committed some work to me which You have not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.” By John Henry Newman, 19th C. England

Budget Report: As of December 23, annual income is \$26,084.32 shy of meeting the 2018 budget of \$323,754.

Nursery:

This week: Kelsey Sommer, Stephanie Moyer
Next Week: Sheryl Gingerich, Emma Gingerich

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 229
Offering: \$9,166.00

Greeters Next Week:

Richard Kropf, Chris Keady, Florence Regier,
Sheila Kauffman

Church Staff:

Mathew Swora, Lead Pastor: zionpastor_ms@canby.com
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Everyone is invited to come to a New Year's Eve party at Zion from 8:00pm to midnight on Monday, December 31. Bring snacks to eat and games to play. We will be bagging beans/rice for Jubilee Food Pantry and putting hygiene kits together. We will welcome in the new year with a short service right before midnight.

If you have any questions, contact Stan or Vonnie Oyer.

Saturday, January 19, 2019 "MCC Service in Vietnam, A Personal Story: From War to Forgiveness" Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society's Annual Meeting and program, Zion Mennonite Church.

Guest speaker and Oregon native, Jessie Gingrich Hosteller from Portland Mennonite Church shares her experiences as an MCC volunteer in Vietnam (1966-68) which included being caught-up in the TET offensive, a turning point in the Vietnam War. She will also talk about her ongoing family relationship with that country. For some of us this war was lived experience, for others it is distant history. Come hear Jessie's inspiring story of God's love and protection and the value of service, particularly during formative years. **We extend a special invitation to our youth and young adults to join us to hear history "come alive."** Lunch at 12 noon, cost is \$25/person, free program begins at 1:30. Lunch RSVP to Gloria Nussbaum 503.645.0616

Save the date for January 25-27, 2019!

It is time for **Zion's Annual Adult Retreat** at Drift Creek Camp! Marlene Bogard will be our guest speaker. It costs \$20 if it's your first time at the retreat or \$40 if you are returning. Please feel free to invite anyone you would like! More information to come, but see Kelsey Sommer if you have any questions.

Dinners for 8

Today is the last day to sign-up if you would like to participate in the January, February, and March round of Dinners for 8. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.