

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, worshipping God, 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.

February 23, 2020

Prelude

Gathering

Announcements

Call to Worship John 1:1-5; 10-14

Prayer

In the quiet of our hearts we bow in this light and in this truth.

Humbled and quieted as your children.

We now join together in prayer and in praise

in the light of your Holy Spirit.

Light our way as we worship this morning.

In your holy name, AMEN!

Singing:

HWB 115 Jesus, thou mighty Lord

STJ 54 Longing for light

STS 39 Will you come and follow me

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: John 7:1-13

Prayer

Message: "Words Matter" John 12:23-28; 44-50

Response Song: *HWB 396 The work is thine*

Sharing and Prayer

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

Benediction

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger
Song Leader: Julie Yoder
Children's Story: Jana Gingerich
Prelude/Offertory: Lois Yoder

This Morning:

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School for All Ages

9:45am

Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)

10:45am

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

Noon

Sack Lunch followed by Budget Meeting

5:00pm

MYF progressive dinner

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study meets in Library

4:00pm

PLT meeting

Worship Schedule:

See Insert for this year's Lent theme and worship schedule.

Zion leadership is pleased to announce that Bill Blank has accepted the Interim Lead Pastor position. Most recently, he serves as Assistant Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. He also has experience pastoring at Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Pennsylvania, as well as interim pastoring at other Mennonite churches, and was a former youth advisor at Portland Mennonite Church. He lives in Forest Grove. He will begin at Zion on March 1.

Mathew and Becky Swora thank the beloved people of Zion Mennonite Church for last Sunday's send-off and celebration, for the card shower, the gifts, the plants, the beautiful quilt and the wonderful memories with which you launched us onto our new life. It was so much in keeping with the love and friendship we have known from all of you over the last six years that we have been privileged to be part of this community. "We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers...for your work of faith, your labor of love, and your enduring hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 1:2-3)

Fundraiser Meal supporting Vida Feliz Senior Center Sunday, March 8 at noon

This is our annual fundraiser meal benefitting the Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia. The funds collected, combined with donations received at the quilting workshop, provide a substantial amount of support for the annual expenses of the Center.

Our friends at La Iglesia Roca de Salvacion will be preparing a delicious meal of enchiladas with rice and beans.

Please come and invite your friends!

Mark Your Calendars! You are invited to...

Bridging Cultures Fundraising Dinner

at Zion Mennonite Church

Saturday, March 14 at 6:00pm

Please join us for an evening of good will, good food, and good company as we support the work of Bridging Cultures to build bridges to neighbors, language, technology, legal status, and leadership in our community. \$40 per person or \$160 Per 1/2 table (4 people). Please Register at <http://bit.ly/BC2020RSVP>

Volunteers are needed to help set up for the dinner and also to take down tables, chairs and decorations after the dinner. If you can help with the set up from 6 - 8 PM on Friday, March 13th, or help with the take down after the dinner, please contact Stan Oyer.

Climate Justice

Learn, Pray, Join



Caring for climate Webinar: Denial and despair

Sign up to join the webinar on Thursday, February 27
mennoniteusa.org/climatejustice/webinar



LENTEN CALENDAR

“We Behold His Glory” – John 13-18

In Jesus’s time, the cross was a symbol associated with great disgust and disgrace (cursed is he who hangs upon the tree). In reverse, Christ took a symbol as disgusting as the cross and transformed it into a symbol of Glory. It is by His obedience to His Father that all things wretched can be transformed, not by the “power of the cross” but by the Glory of the Son, who is the Glory of the One and Only.

The book of John, chapters 13-17 tell us what Jesus said to his disciples on the night before his death. These words were all spoken in one evening when, with only the disciples as his audience, he gave final instructions to prepare them for his death and resurrection, events, that would change their lives forever.

Worship Schedule:

First Sunday of Lent: March 1—Jana Gingerich

John 13:1-17, Washing the disciples feet

Second Sunday of Lent: March 8—Bill Blank

John 13:31-38, Love one another (also connect with John 5:9-27)

Third Sunday of Lent: March 15—Kim Arredondo

John 14: 15-31, The promise of the Holy Spirit

Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 22—Bill Blank

John 15: 1-17, Remaining in the vine

Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 29—Bill Blank

John 16: 5-16, The workings of the Holy Spirit and Prayer

Sixth Sunday of Lent: April 5—Frank Howard

John 17, The three prayers of Jesus

Good Friday Service: April 10—Bill Blank and Jana Gingerich

John 19: 16-37, The Crucifixion of Jesus

Easter Sunday: April 12—Bill Blank

John 20: 1-18, The Resurrection of Jesus and appearing to Mary

Please keep in your prayers:

- Bill Blank and his family as Zion's transition to interim pastoral leadership begins, and the Search Committee of Ken Beachy, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly, Kiara Yoder, Stacy Berkey, and Seth Gingerich as they work to bring a new lead pastor.
- May God provide His peace and presence to Margaret Shetler, who is back at the Benedictine Center after spending a few days in the hospital.
- May God's healing and strength sustain those continuing to recover from recent surgeries: Louise Gingerich, Adrian Fisher, Karen Kropf and Kathy LaBare.
- Continue prayers for Paul Miller as he rests and regains strength and adjusts to new health management needs.

A prayer to carry though the week: *"Draw us ever closer into your community, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that we might love one another and work with one another in ways that mirror your care and unending love."*

Common Prayer—A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

Pastor Mathew's church email will close. Mathew and Becky can still be reached through their personal email addresses and phone numbers. Their mailing address is: P.O. Box 2174, The Dalles, OR, 97058.

Nursery:

This week: Chris Keady, Sheryl Gingerich

Next Week: Jennifer Gingerich, Jenn Paradis

Greeters Next Week: Chris Keady,
Sheila Kauffman, Dorothy Brenneman

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 152

Offering: \$4173

Church Staff:

Mathew Swora, Lead Pastor: zionpastor_ms@canby.com

Jana Gingerich, Associate Pastor: zionpastor_jg@canby.com

Jodi Hansen, Office Administrator: zionmc@canby.com

Pastoral Leadership Team: Andy Coulombe, Karen Tro, Stan Oyer

6124 S. WHISKEY HILL RD, HUBBARD, OR 97032 † 503-651-2274

OFFICE HOURS: MON, TUES, THUR, AND FRI –9 A.M. TO NOON

ZIONMENNONITEOREGON.ORG