

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.

April 23, 2017

Welcome and Greetings

Announcements

Call to Worship

Singing

-Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

-Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

-HWB 100 Praise Him, Praise Him

-HWB 277 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Offering

Children's Story

Message, beginning with I Peter 1:3-9 - "Keep Your Fork"

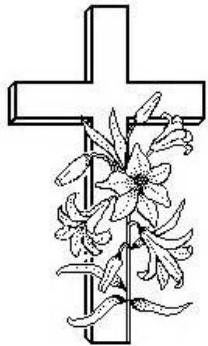
Response Song: *HWB 522 My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *STJ 73 The Lord Lift You Up*

1 Peter 1:3-9 The Message

³⁻⁵What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole. ⁶⁻⁷I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it *proved* pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out *proved* genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory. ⁸⁻⁹You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him—with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.



Worship Leader: Joe Parker
Song Leader: Stan Oyer
Children's Story: Cynthia Hockman-Chupp:

This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School for all ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

MYF at Jana's

Jr. Hi meets at Church

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study meets in Library

Wednesday 12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 9:00am

Quilting

Worship Schedule:

April 30: Mathew Swora, sharing about the MCC Borderlands Tour, from I Peter 1: 17-23, "In the Time of Your Exile."

May 7: Mathew Swora will be preaching "All Slaves; All Free" I Peter 2:16-25

Pastor Mathew Swora is out of town this weekend with Becky for some family vacation time, after which Mathew will spend most of this coming week in the border region of Arizona and Mexico's Sonora State, in a tour led by the Mennonite Central Committee.

Six small groups are regularly meeting, spending time together sharing, praying, encouraging, and supporting one another. Three Bible study groups also regularly meet, along with a prayer group which meets on Sunday mornings. Contact Pastors Jana or Mathew for more information on small groups or if you have interest in creating a new group. Groups can be created on a wide variety of topics and interests. Don't be afraid to be involved!

DINNERS FOR EIGHT. It's time again! If you would like to participate in the May, June, and July round of Dinners for 8, please sign up today. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.

Thank you to Taylor Berkey for painting our sanctuary windows with the beautiful signs of Easter and spring!

The April Semi-Annual Member's Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 30, immediately following a fundraiser meal at noon supporting the Bible translation project of Pr. Fabé Traoré, of the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso, West Africa, into the language of his Southern Samogho people. The meal will feature a traditional West African sauce served over rice, called "jiaba-jii," with beef and vegetables. Cooked not too spicy, additional hot sauce will be provided if you wish to taste it at West African "temperature." A vegetarian alternative will be provided as well.

The affirmation ballot will include the following positions. Please be in prayer for those who have agreed to serve and for those who are still being sought, that there would be an openness and willingness to accept and serve in leadership roles. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Gift Discernment Committee (Jeremy Gingerich, Luanne Berkey, Mary Masingila)

Adult Sunday School Superintendent (1 yr term)—Loren Miller

Primary Sunday School Superintendent (1 yr term)—

Karen Kropf, Stacy Berkey

Second Sunday Leaders (2 yr term)—

Kiara Yoder and one open position

Junior High Leaders (1 yr term)—open

Library Committee (3 yr term)—Janice Miller

Music Committee (1 yr term) Seth Gingerich, Karie Smucker,

Karen Tro

Drift Creek Camp Representative (1 yr term)—Roger Oakes

Gift Discernment Committee (3 yr term)—Mary Masingila*

(*appointed by Church Council March 2017)

WESTERN MENNONITE SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO:

Save the date for our 45th Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday **May 6!** Check out our website at www.WesternMennoniteSchool.org/auction to look at what is in store this year! Please contact the school if you are interested in donating items or baking pies for the Pioneer Pantry (503.363.2000)

Attend or invite someone to our Spring Visitors day on **May 10.** We are excited for the 2017-2018 school year and the opportunity to provide a Christ-centered education to our 6-12th grade students, this is a great day to check out how WMS can serve your family!

Please keep in your prayers:

- The family of Wally Burke, who passed away on Tuesday. A memorial service will be held at Calvary Mennonite church on Tuesday, April 25 at 11:00am with a burial at Zion at 12:30. A light luncheon will follow at Zion.
- Wyatt Roth, studying at Hesston, who is recovering from injuries in an ATV accident last week. Jaclyn Roth, who continues to struggle with a prolonged illness. They are the children of Jerry and Wendy Roth.
- Mathew Swora, and Don and Kelly Yoder, and Bob Buxman, former interim pastor at Zion, as they participate in a Mennonite Central Committee-sponsored tour of the US/Mexico borderlands with other participants from the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference
- Mennonites of the Kasai Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and staff and pastors-in-training at the Kalonda Bible Institute there, who find themselves in ground zero of fighting among ethnic, rebel and government factions, with many of them now in hiding (Mennonite World Conference)

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Frail is our vessel, and the ocean is wide; but as in your mercy you have set our course, so steer the vessel of our life toward the everlasting shore of peace, and bring us at length to the quiet haven of our heart's desire, where you, O our god, are blessed, and live and reign for ever and ever."* St. Augustine, 5th C. North Africa

Nursery:

This week: Karen Amstutz, Kelsey Sommer

Next Week: Louise Gingerich, Seth Ediger

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 242

Offering: \$5,467.25

Breakfast: \$361

4/9: \$6,505

Church Staff:

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