

# 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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June 25, 2017

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 113

Singing:

*HWB 2 In Thy Holy Place We Bow*

*HWB 37 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*HWB 59 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns*

Offering

Children's Story: *Good News for Choco*

Scripture reading: Zechariah 3:1-6

Singing:

*HWB 167 For God So Loved Us*

*HWB 145 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Scripture reading: I Peter 1:9-12

Message: "Good News" - Frank Howard

Prayer and Share

Sending Song:

*HWB 420 Heart with Loving Heart United*

Benediction

Worship Leader: Ken Kauffman  
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman  
Children's Story: Carolyn Hockman

## **This Morning:**

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School for all ages

9:45am

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

10:45am

Worship Service

## **This Afternoon/Evening**

No MYF activities this evening

## **This Week:**

Wednesday

12:15pm

Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday

9:00am

Quilting

1:00pm

PLT Meeting

7:00 pm

Youth Ministry Vision Meeting

7:45 & 9pm

Zion Softball at Memorial Park,  
Wilsonville

## **Worship Schedule:**

July 2: Mathew will be sharing "From the Files of Dr.

Sigmund Schringck: The Case of Bildad the Shuhite"

Job 2:11-13; 42:7-8

July 9: Mathew will be preaching. "Just a Downer? Laments and Lamenting in the Bible"

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**Pastors Mathew and Jana** are returning home today from the PNMC conference in Ritzville, WA.

**The church parking lot** will be resealed on July 3 and 4. If you need to visit the church on one of those days, please park at the Historical Society building or behind the church. The parking lot will be closed.

**The Tuesday morning Bible Study** is on summer recess until September. A new study will begin then. This group is open to anyone. Past studies covered in this group have been Philippians, Gospel of Mark, and Epistle of James.

**The Worship Commission has agreed to purchase 100 additional "Sing the Story" songbooks** for our congregational use. Each book costs \$9.99. If you can give towards this goal, please make checks payable to Zion Mennonite Church and mark "songbooks" in the memo line. Thank you so much!

Got News? The next edition of ***News for the Pews*** will be out on July 2. If you would like to share something with the congregation in the church newsletter, please submit information to the church office no later than Monday, June 26.

## **THE BIBLE: DIGGING FOR TREASURE JULY 23-27, 2017**

VBS is coming soon! Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Activity leaders, group leaders, drama participants, snack coordinators, registration helpers and more are needed. Please see where you could help and sign up early. Contact VBS directors Luanne Berkey, Ken Beachy, Vonnie Oyer, or Carolyn Yoder with questions or for more information.

### **JUBILEE FOOD PANTRY**

Collection day for the food pantry will be Sunday, July 2. You may leave donated items in the barrel in the foyer. All items are appreciated, but especially canned meat (chicken, tuna, etc); canned tomatoes, corn, and fruit; baking supplies (flour, sugar, oil, vinegar, etc); boxed cereal, boxed macaroni and cheese; and diapers.

**The Pregnancy Care Center is continuing their fundraising efforts with the Baby Bottle Boomerang**, now through the end of June. Baby bottles are available in the foyer next to the Missions Bulletin Board. If you would like to support PCC, please take a bottle, fill it with coins, cash, or a check, and return it to Karen Amstutz.

Every two years the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention is held to discuss and vote on resolutions pertaining to our denominational vision, mission, and documents. The delegate body is made up of Executive Board Members, and representatives from congregations, conferences, constituency groups. This summer, **Pat & Warde Hershberger and Kiara Yoder** will be attending the Mennonite convention in Orlando, Florida, July 4-8. We look forward to their reflections and sharing when they return.

*What benefit do you desire for young persons in this congregation to receive from the church community?* Every so often we must ask such basic questions of all our ministries. This summer we are asking such questions about youth ministry, seeking input from all who are involved and interested in the Christian faith formation of our youth, especially, but not only, from parents and grandparents of current, past and future middle and senior high youth, volunteers, and of the youth themselves. As all of us are involved in passing on the faith in some way, anyone's input about this ministry is welcome. A Youth Ministry Visioning Group, comprised of Karen Tro, Steve Masingila, Stan Oyer, Serenity Coulombe and Pat Hershberger, with guidance and resources from Pastors Mathew Swora and Jana Gingrich, will meet with interested persons to discuss the following questions (in addition to the one above)

- How can Zion MC best support you, our youth and our children, in their Christian Education?
- What can and will you offer in support of Zion's Christian Education ministry to our children and youth?
- What subjects, topics and activities do you most want to see our Christian Education program address with our youth?

You may come to any **ONE** of the group interviews scheduled at Zion at on the following dates:

Thursday, June 29 at 7:00pm

Thursday, July 13 at 7:00pm

Sunday, July 16 at 4:30pm

Please let any group members know on which date you would like to come, but last-minute decisions are welcome, too. One-on-one interviews with any group member, in person, over the phone, or in writing, are also welcome, if you prefer, along with everyone's prayers, of course.

From this process we hope to develop a four-year cycle of topics, activities and growth experiences for senior high youth, a three-year program of activities for a middle school youth group, a covenant and expectations for parents, youth, church and workers, an update of our goals, values, and best practices for youth ministry, and, if necessary, adjustments to pastoral job descriptions.

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Drift Creek Camp, its staff and volunteers, and the high school students who will attend this week
- People in the Kasai Provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo, including the Mennonite churches and the Kalonda Bible Institute, where civil unrest and militia violence have endangered thousands of people, so that many have fled to hide in the forest, and cannot farm this year (Mennonite World Conference)
- Mennonite Voluntary Service workers who are now finishing up their assignments in 11 U.S. cities, that God may bless and guide their transitions to wherever God is leading them next (Mennonite Mission Network)
- Eastern Mennonite University's Summer Peacebuilding Institute, which brings together people interested in peacemaking from all throughout the world and the country, from many Christian denominations, even from other religions, governments and organizations (Mennonite Education Agency)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *"Let me take no joy nor any sorrow except in what would lead me to you, or away from you."* St. Thomas Aquinas, 12th C. France

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**Nursery:**

This week: Cynthia & Joshua Hockman-Chupp  
Next Week: Gina Hansen, Carolyn Gingerich

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 142  
Offering: \$3457

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