

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.

May 31, 2015

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 113

Singing:

HWB 16 God is here among us

HWB 37 Praise to the Lord the almighty

HWB 46 I sing the mighty power of God

HWB 51 Let the whole creation cry

Offering

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-45

Message: "The Joy of the God-Bearing Life"

Response Song: *STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy*

Blessing our Graduates

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

After the service, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary for sharing and prayer. Today's Elder is Karen Kropf.

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Jani VanPelt

This Morning:

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School Classes for all ages

9:45am

Prayer Team meets

10:45am

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Monday 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Wednesday 7:00pm

Men's Basketball

Thursday 9:00am

Quilting

6:30pm

Elder's Meeting

Worship Schedule

June 7: Mathew will be preaching "Where Are You? Overcoming Shame" Genesis 3: 8-15

June 14: Mathew will be preaching "How God's Kingdom Grows" Mark 4:26-34

The book study of *Abba's Child* by Brennan Manning will be facilitated by Serenity Coulombe during Sunday School, beginning next Sunday, (June 7) and running through July 26. The class will meet in the church basement Room #16. Please speak to Serenity if you are interested in joining.

Here is a description of the book:

"When life begins to fall apart and embarrassing sins threaten to reveal your less-than-perfect identity, the inclination is to scramble to keep up a good front, to cower and hide until the mask of perfection can be slipped back into place. All this time, though, God is calling you to take your mask off and come openly to Him. God longs for you to know in the depths of your being that He loves you and accepts you as you are. In *Abba's Child*, you'll be encouraged to let go of the impostor lifestyle and freely accept your belovedness as a child of God your Father. In Him there is life, passion is rekindled, and your union with Him is His greatest pleasure."

If you are visiting, we invite you to complete a Welcome card and drop it in the offering basket.

All hand quilters welcome: 2015 MCC Relief Sale Quilting Bees, May 27, 28, 29 and June 3, 4 and 5 (your choice) from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at Hope Village Community Center. For fun and fellowship, bring your own sack lunch; coffee and water provided. Check with your quilting group for more information or contact Margery Barkman at msbarkman@canby.com or 503-266-7854.

May 31, 2015
THE JOY OF THE GOD-BEARING LIFE

Women's Bible Study this summer!

A 6-week Bible study is being offered this summer for any Zion women who might be interested in participating. We will be studying the book *Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks* by Priscilla Shirer. We will be offering two different study time options in hopes that all the more women will be able to participate! The options are:

Monday mornings from 9-10:30am at Sheryl Mast's home beginning June 22nd

OR

Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm at Carolyn Yoder's home beginning June 22nd

Both studies will begin on Monday, June 22nd and run through July (we will not meet the last week of July due to VBS). If you are interested in participating please email Ericka Gingerich (davidericka@gmail.com) or Sheryl Mast (christmast@juno.com) before Friday, June 5th in order to have a book ordered for you. Book cost is around \$10.99 with about \$1.50 shipping per book. Childcare is not provided.

1. What is joy?

2. What is the God-Bearing Life?

3. How do we live the God-Bearing Life?

Havela Lehman and Ben Litwiler will be moving to the area of Hopedale, IL. If you would like to share your love, we want to "shower" them with gift cards. Stores in the area include Target, Macy's, TJ Max, and Wal-Mart. Please give your cards to Luanne Berkey or the church office by Sunday, June 14th. If you prefer, cash can be given and gift cards will then be purchased.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Recent graduates and those who are soon to graduate, that they would stand firm in their faith and feel directed by God's call for the next steps in their lives.
- Faye Swartzendruber's daughter, Cindy Nunez, who administers Campestre Maranatha in La Paz, Baja, Mexico, is here in Hubbard and will have neck surgery for a herniated disc on Monday, June 1. Pray for a successful surgery and quick recovery.
- Those coming from all over the world to Harrisburg, PA., to participate in Mennonite World Conference this summer, in particular, that all will be able to get visas to enter the United States.
- Caleb Yoder, who teaches ProPaz (biblical and theological studies for peace) courses in Ecuador. Pray that this opportunity to study will strengthen Mennonite/Anabaptist identity and congregational leadership (Mennonite Mission Network).

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Almighty God, who alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections; give us grace to love what you command and to desire what you promise, so that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found."* From the Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

Nursery:

This week: Luanne Berkey, Gloria Gingerich

Next Week: Stacy Berkey, Drew Berkey

Last Sunday

Attendance: 160

Offering: \$4,702.49

Church Staff:

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