

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 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

Welcome

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-10

Call to Worship

Gospel Reading: John 20:11-18

Songs:

HWB 280 Christ the Lord is risen today

HWB 276 This joyful Eastertide

Offering

Children's Story

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9

Theme Song: *Between Me and You*

Message

Response Song: *HWB 46 I sing the mighty power of God*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Sending Song: "The Angel Rolled de Stone Away"

Benediction

The butterflies made by the congregation now cover the cross and other parts of the sanctuary, heralding the new life provided by the resurrection of Christ.



Worship Leader: Kiara Yoder
Song Leader: Louise Gingerich
Children's Story: Carol Miller
Prelude/Offertory:

This Morning:

Coffee Time

Sunday School For All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday	10:00am	Bible Study in Library
	7:00pm	Christian Education Commission meeting
Wednesday	12:15pm	Prayer Meeting at Zion
Thursday	9:00am	Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

April 8: Mathew will be preaching "Why the Scars?"

John 20:19-31

April 15: Mathew will be preaching "Purifying Hope"

I John 3:1-3

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH YOUTH MINISTRY AT ZION? WHERE IS IT GOING? The Pastoral Leadership Team, the Youth Ministry Vision Discernment Group and Church Council have been prayerfully discerning and working toward a vision of youth ministry and a job description for a half-time Pastor of Christian Faith Formation that they will present to the congregation in advance of our Business Meeting on Sunday, April 29. **We strongly encourage all to attend a special presentation in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, April 8,** to share this vision and address your questions. There will also be written copies of this vision in the next newsletter, which also comes out on April 8.

BRYAN MOYER SUDERMAN will be visiting with us April 20-22.

Bryan works under the auspices of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary with both US and Canadian churches. Leader of Small Tall Ministries, he also does music and story-telling for children and adults, together. He will teach, lead and generate discussion on Jesus' way of interpreting the Bible in The Gospel According to Matthew.

If you are willing to host Bryan, or attendees from other area congregations who will need lodging, or to help Bryan with transportation on April 20 (from Albany to Western Mennonite School, to here), please let Jodi in the church office know.

The weekend schedule will be as follows:

Friday, April 20:

6:45-7:15PM Registration and refreshments
7: 15-8:45PM First Session

Saturday, April 21:

9-10:30 AM First Session
10:30-11AM Coffee Break
11-12:30: Second Session
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3PM Third Session
Concert for all ages: 7PM

Sunday, April 22:

9:30-10:30 AM Combined Sunday School
10:45-12 Worship
Noon: Potluck meal

The quilters are working on a quilt to be sold at the Mennonite Festival for World Relief to be held the second Saturday of October in Albany. We would enjoy having some help. We meet every Thursday from 9am to 2:30 pm. You are welcome any time, even if you can stay only an hour or two. Bring a sack lunch if you plan to come over the noon hour.

ROAD TRIP??!! April 21 is the Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival in Nampa, ID. More information: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/idaho-mennonite-world-relief-festival>

Second Sunday

April 8, 5:30—6:30pm

Everyone is welcome for a light meal at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by group time and activity for kids in K-5th grade.

Jr. Hi will meet separately at 5:30pm

Salem Mennonite Church is hosting a valley-wide, old-fashioned **Hymn Sing** on Sunday, April 8 at 6:00pm. Refreshments will follow. MYF meet at 5:00pm at Zion to carpool.

Dinners for 8

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

Thank you, to my church family for the plant delivered to me by Carolyn Neuschwander after my accident. It's nice to belong to a group of such caring ones. Thank you again.

—Mary Anna Reeder

Zion family,

With utmost gratitude and humbleness we want to say, "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" Your love gift as we head to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota truly rejuvenates my soul for your generosity is beyond anything we could have dreamed! These past years of yearning for our little girl to be returned to wholeness have been extremely tough to say the least. The timing and extent of your gift is like a giant hug from our Savior himself, reminding us he is still in control, still providing for our every need, and is still holding us tight as we continue to seek a diagnosis and treatment plan. We are forever grateful!

—In Him, Wendy and Jerry Roth

Please keep in your prayers:

- All who are currently being treated in a medical facility, or who are recovering from recent medical procedures, such as Ellie Brandon, Gene Gasho, Denny Stringer, Richard Dinsmore, Donnie Roth, and Jaclyn Roth who is at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.
- Faye Swartzendruber, who will undergo a heart procedure (angioplasty) on Thursday, April 5.
- Alisha and Joshua Garber and nearly 2-year-old Asher, as they serve alongside the leaders of Barcelona Mennonite Church in Spain, focusing on youth ministry and congregational mission (Mennonite Mission Network)
- The Zehr Institute of Eastern Mennonite University as they embark on a series of webinars this month and seek to transform a culture of sexual harm through restorative justice (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit.”* from the Book of Common Prayer, Anglican

Nursery:

This week:

Next Week: Louise Gingerich, Seth Ediger

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 116

Offering: \$5,791

MCC/DRC: \$520

PNMC: \$20

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