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 15, 2018

Welcome Announcements Scripture: Psalm 84 Singing HWB 8 Brethren We Have Met to Worship HWB 76 Praise I Will Praise You Lord Behold What Manner of Love Lord Lead Me On Litany (Inspired by Psalm 18:25-28) Offering Children's Story Scripture: 1 John 3: 1-3 Message **Response Song** Sharing & Prayer Sending Song: HWB 430 God Be With You Benediction

> Worship Leader: Joe Parker Song Leader: Stan Oyer Children's Story: Mathew Swora Prelude/Offertory: Rachel Kropf

This Morning: 9:00am Coffee Time Sunday School For All Ages 9:30am Prayer Team meets (upstairs) 9:45am 10:45am Worship Service This Afternoon/Evening MYF to Thorns soccer game Noon This Week: 9:30am Bible Study in Library Tuesdav Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion Thursday 9:00am Quilting 6:45pm Welcome and First Session Friday with Bryan Moyer Suderman Worship Schedule: April 22: Guest Speaker: Bryan Moyer Suderman

April 29: Jana will be preaching

CHANGE OF DATE: **Western Mennonite School** board representatives and leadership will be meeting with the Zion congregation on <u>Monday, April 23 at 7pm</u> in the Skylight room to answer any questions on the direction and future of the school.

The MYF and Jr. High are invited to join Calvary and Roca de Salvacion churches on <u>Friday evening April 20 at 7:00pm</u> for "Socks!", a game of speed and aim. Snacks will be provided.

Tuesday morning Bible Study. A new study begins on the parables of Jesus, using the background and outline *Step by Step through the Parables,* by John W Miller. We are an open group and welcome you to join at any time. We meet in the Church Library on Tuesdays from 10-11:30am. If you have any questions, contact Pat Hershberger.

Note for this week only: To accommodate differing schedules, the group will gather at 9:30am.

If you were unable to attend last Sunday's presentation of the vision for a ministry of Christian Faith Formation, with a focus on youth and children, you can link to the video recording on YouTube at: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> v=oXw1RvHvhMk&feature=youtu.be BRYAN MOYER SUDERMAN will be visiting with us April 20-22. All adults and youth (Junior High and MYF age) are invited and encouraged to attend all that is on the schedule or just that which your time allows. The concert on Saturday evening is for all ages, so please invite friends, family and neighbors to join you. The weekend schedule will be as follows: Friday, April 20: 6:45-7:15pm Registration, welcome and refreshments 7:15-8:45 First Session Saturday, April 21: 9:30-10:30am First Session Coffee Break 10:30-11:00 11:00-12:30 Second Session 12:30-1:30 Lunch 1:30-3:00 Third Session 7:00pm Concert for all ages Sunday, April 22: 9:30-10:30am Combined Sunday School 10:45-noon Worship Noon: Potluck meal

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.

A huge thank you to our Zion family for the prayers, visits and beautiful plant during Richard's surgery. Just had two week checkup and he is doing very well! Just 4 more weeks and he can mow the lawn! —Richard and Barbara Dinsmore

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School: July 22-26, 2018

Lindsay Martin will share with combined adult and youth Sunday School classes on <u>Sunday</u>, April 29, about the work of The **Center** for Justice & Peacebuilding (CJP) at Eastern Mennonite University. The CJP educates a global community of peacebuilders, preparing, transforming and sustaining leaders to create a just and peaceful world. CJP's history and mission reflects Anabaptist Christian traditions and values, which include nonviolence, servant leadership and just relationships. Lindsay is Associate Director of development for CJP and looks forward to sharing about the work of CJP and the impact of its alumni around the world.

Semi-annual Member's Meeting Sunday, April 29, 1:00pm (following noon meal)

What's for lunch? Jaba-jii, a West African onion sauce with rice, with tropical fruit salad. This meal was served once before at Zion, to great acclaim and demand for the recipe. There will be a vege-tarian option as well as one with meat. This will be a fundraiser meal and money raised will help those who want to travel and represent Zion MC at next November's 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso. Those currently planning to attend are Pastor Mathew Swora and Stan Oyer. If you have interest in joining the trip, talk with Mathew.

Parents: Due to the importance of the discussion and the presentation for approval of the new Pastor of Christian Faith Formation job description, which arose from the youth ministry vision, child care will be provided during the meeting. You are especially encouraged to attend.

The **affirmation ballot** will include the following positions. Please be in prayer for those who have agreed to serve in leadership roles. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Gift Discernment Committee (Luanne Berkey, Mary Masingila) Adult Sunday School Superintendent (1 yr term) Primary Sunday School Superintendent (1 yr term) Stacy Berkey, Karen Kropf Second Sunday Leaders (2 yr term) ______, _____ Junior High Leaders (1 yr term) _______, _____ Library Committee (3 yr term) Linda Peters Music Coordinator (1 yr term) Seth Gingerich Music Committee (1 yr term) Karen Tro, ______ Worship Commission (1 yr. term) Gina Hansen Gift Discernment Committee (3 yr term)

Please keep in your prayers:

- Bryan Moyer Suderman, his travel and his ministry with us and our friends this next weekend, from Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 22, in his sessions on Reading the Bible With Jesus, and his concert for all ages on Saturday, April 21.
- Jana Gingerich as she prepares for her return to the office and prepares to preach on April 29.
- National church leaders of Mennonite World Conference partners who will meet face-to-face at the triennial Mennonite World Conference meetings of the General Council 23–26 April 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya, preceded by meetings of MWC committees and networks (Mennonite World Conference)
- Lilian and Norm Nicholson and their two children, teaching • literacy and translating the Bible among Siamou people of Burkina Faso (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry through the week: "O God, make us willing to do your will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ. Amen." By Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Last Sunday:

This week: Karen Kropf, Carolyn Yoder Next Week: Stacy Berkey, Dorothy Brenneman Attendance: 138 Offering: \$6015

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