

# 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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April 8, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs:

*HWB 102 To God be the glory*

*HWB 470 We walk by faith*

*Bless the Lord O My Soul*

*Your Love Is Amazing*

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Story

Offering

Gospel Reading: John 20:24-31

Message: "Why the Scars?"

Response Song: *STS 115 Beauty for Brokenness*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 427 You shall go out with joy*

Benediction

Worship Leader: Dennis Russell  
Song Leader: Seth Gingerich, Karie Smucker  
Children's Story: Dennis and Sheryl Russell  
Prelude/Offertory:

## **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**

5:00pm

Second Sunday/Jr. Hi

MYF meet at Zion for carpool

## **This Week:**

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library

Wednesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday 1:00pm PLT Meeting

9:00am Mennonite Women

## **Worship Schedule:**

April 15: Mathew will be preaching "Purifying Hope" | John 3:1-3

April 22: Guest Speaker: Bryan Moyer-Suderman

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The PLT, 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 for approval at the April 29 Member's Meeting. **We strongly encourage all to attend a special presentation in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour TODAY**, to share this vision and address your questions. Written copies of this vision document are in the Zion "News for the Pews", which you will find in your literature box today.

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## **Second Sunday**

**TONIGHT, 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**

MYF will carpool to the Hymn Sing at Salem Mennonite Church. Please meet at the church at 5:00pm!

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

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**Salem Mennonite Church** is hosting a valley-wide, old-fashioned **Hymn Sing** tonight at 6:00pm. All are invited. Refreshments will follow.

**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, 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

7:15-8:45 First Session

**Saturday, April 21:**

9:30-10:30am First Session

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

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.

The quilters are working on a quilt to be sold at the Mennonite Festival for World Relief on 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.

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

**Western Mennonite School** board representatives and leadership will be meeting with the Zion congregation on Tuesday, April 24th at 7pm in the Skylight room to answer any questions on the direction and future of the school.

**Lindsay Martin** will share with combined adult and youth Sunday School classes on Sunday, 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 being with us and sharing about the work of CJP and the impact of its alumni around the world.

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>

*Thank you for bringing the beauty of spring tulips into my home "Green up time" is proof to me that God is good and always with me. Thank you, Sheila, for the enjoyable visit. —Phyllis Adams*

*Thank you, brothers and sisters of Zion, for your generosity given to the mission of the Vida Feliz Center for the elderly in El Torno, Bolivia. \$9,371 was raised from the quilting workshop donations and the Sunday fundraiser meal prepared by the women of Roca de Salvacion. The funds will be directed to the yearly salaries of two administrators of the Center. May God continue to bless you.*

—Karen Amstutz

*A big thanks for all of your prayers, calls, visits, cards, and the gift card from the Good Cheer Committee during and after my surgery. It means a lot to know my church family is so caring. I am doing quite well and hope to join all of you soon. —Gene Gascho*

*"Your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9: 11) and in hope and help for our Mennonite World Conference partners who have been displaced by conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as for those who are ministering to those displaced. Over the Lenten season, Zion MC raised \$2,715 in special offerings for this purpose.*

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Leroy Keneagy, who has just had cochlear implant surgery, that it might be successful and restore hearing.
- Brandon Chupp and Trevor Oyer, students at Eastern Mennonite University and from our congregation, who are wrapping up the last month of their term of travel and study in India before returning to the U.S. at the end of April.
- Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder ask for continued prayer for peace in Burkina Faso, after an attack on the French Embassy in the capital city last fall, and for the witness of Mennonite churches as they follow the Prince of Peace (MMN)

**A prayer to carry through the week:** *“Keep Thou my feet, I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.”* from the hymn “Lead, Kindly Light”, by John Henry Newman

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**Nursery:**

This week: Louise Gingerich, Seth Ediger

Next Week: Karen Kropf, Carolyn Yoder

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 184

Offering: \$7951.25

MCC/DRC: \$2070

Vida Feliz: \$500

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