

# 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.

July 15, 2018

**We welcome Michele Hershberger to our pulpit today.** Michelle and her husband, Del, served Zion Mennonite Church in the pastorate, from 1992-96. Michelle is Bible and Ministry Professor at Hesston College, and Del is Director of Christian Service for Mennonite Mission Network. During the Sunday School hour, Del will be sharing with senior high students about voluntary service opportunities.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Singing:

*HWB 110 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

*HWB 96 We plow the fields and scatter*

*HWB 94 Come, ye thankful people (vs. 2, 3)*

*STJ 40 As rain from the clouds*

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Mathew 13:3-9, 24-33, 36-43

Message: "Seed and the Sower", Michele Hershberger

Response Song: *HWB 226 You are salt for the earth*

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 393 A charge to keep I have (vs 1, 2)*

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich  
Song Leader: Louise Gingerich  
Children's Story: Mathew Swora  
Prelude/Offertory: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes

9:00am  
9:30am  
9:45am  
10:45am  
Noon

## **This Morning:**

Coffee Time

Sunday School For All Ages

Prayer Team meets (upstairs)

Worship Service

Potluck

## **This Afternoon/Evening**

Vespers Service, Marquis Center

## **This Week:**

Tuesday

12:15pm Prayer Meeting at Zion

Thursday

9:00am Quilting

7:45pm Men's Softball Game, Memorial Park

Saturday

11:30-1:30 Bridging Cultures Picnic in the Park

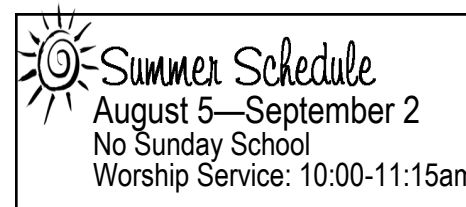
## **Worship Schedule:**

July 22: VBS Kick-Off Service outdoors under the big tent.

Mathew will be preaching "After the Shipwreck", Acts 28:1-16

July 29: Outdoor service under the tent. Mathew will be preaching "The Treasure We Carry Homeward", Ezra 8:15-36.

*Pastor Mathew will be out of the office on a personal retreat Tuesday and Wednesday, July 24-25.*



**NEXT SUNDAY, July 22,** we will have our annual VBS kick-off service outdoors under the big tent. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. *There will NOT be a potluck after the service.* Enjoy today's potluck planned with the Hershberger family.

**On Sunday, July 29,** we will have a second outdoor worship service under the VBS tent!

**Coffee/Breakfast time in August??** The regular kitchen workers for our coffee/breakfast time on Sunday mornings are taking a break during the month of August and the first Sunday of September. If we can get some volunteers to fill those positions on August 5, August 26, and September 2, we will have all five of the Sundays covered and we can continue to enjoy some food and fellowship. Coffee Time will continue to be from 9:00-9:30. We want to have all of the Sundays covered during those five weeks. Please let Stan Oyer know by Monday, July 23 if you can help out.

## Vacation Bible School

“Paul: Shipwreck and Dreams”

**Sunday, July 22—Thursday, July 26, 2018**

We are one week away! *A snack sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to provide snack items or cookies, please sign up as soon as possible.*

*Donations should be delivered to the church kitchen no later than Sunday, July 22.*

Volunteers are still needed, especially for drama, group leaders, small tent set-up, and registration. Even if you are only available for one or two days, there are jobs available that you can help with! Every helping hand is appreciated!

VBS Directors: Jennifer Gingerich, Mary Masingila,

## JUBILEE FOOD PANTRY

Collection day for the food pantry will be Sunday, July 29.

You may leave donated items in the barrel in the foyer at any time. 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. This time of year, if you have extra garden produce, that is always appreciated as well.

Contact Andy or Serenity Coulombe.

*A copy of the JFP 2018 Newsletter is in literature boxes today. Check it out!*

## Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

### Donation Opportunities:

Summer is the perfect time to start thinking about donations for the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, coming up on October 13. **Auction donations** - Start planning with your Sunday School class or small group to work together to donate vacation packages, tickets to concerts or sporting events, or new outdoor or garden equipment. Contact Stan Oyer, the auction coordinator with your ideas at [oregonfestiva-lauction@gmail.com](mailto:oregonfestiva-lauction@gmail.com). **Pre-Sale Donations** - There will not be any pre-sale fundraising events this year. If you would like to send a check to offset sale expenses, send them to Barb Buxman at OMFWR, 11424 NE Skidmore St., Portland, OR 97220. You will receive a donation receipt.

## Bethel Mountain Band



Make plans to attend our Worship Service on Sunday, August 12, (at 10:00am) with special guests, the Bethel Mountain Band, a gospel bluegrass group from Albany. Enjoy southern gospel music with acoustic mandolin, banjo, guitar, harmonica, and bass. Invite your friends and family!

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA IS ON A JOURNEY FORWARD**, as are we, at Zion Mennonite Church, to strengthen, deepen and grow our expression of MC USA's three renewed commitments: 1) follow Jesus; 2) witness to God's peace; and 3) experience transformation through the Holy Spirit. To those ends we will offer *Pathways*, as an adult Christian Education program for three months, beginning on Sunday, September 9, to be led by Pastor Mathew Swora and others. Classes will include Bible study, small group discussion and reflection, worship, prayer and reflection. All are encouraged to participate, for the renewal of lives, our congregations, conferences and the denomination, and to provide testimonies and direction to MCUSA in advance of next summer's biennial convention in Kansas City, MO.

The Primary Sunday School children have collected \$75.98 since January to send to the Gomez family in Honduras. There are three Sunday's left, including today, if you would like to contribute. Contact Karen Kropf or Stacy Berkey.

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

- Zion MC's upcoming Vacation Bible School (July 22-26) all who are leading it, and all who serve as volunteers, as well as all children, youth and families who will experience this fruitful and faithful ministry.
- Gratefulness and thankfulness for all those who served at Drift Creek Camp this summer, and the campers who were challenged to follow Jesus as peacemakers.
- Praise God that the Sicité people of Burkina Faso can now read the New Testament in their heart language. Pray for Anne Garber Kompaoré who helped to launch this translation three decades ago, and for her husband, Daniel, as they continue God's work in Burkina Faso (Mennonite Mission Network)
- The four Hesston College Disaster Management students serving in a field experience term with Mennonite Disaster Service at Pine Ridge (South Dakota) Indian Reservation, that their work and presence would help bring hope and healing to those with whom they work and serve (MEA)

**A prayer to carry though the week:** *"May our every work and prayer be prompted by your inspiration, so that they may begin from you and be brought to fulfillment by you."* St. Benedict of Nursia, 6th C. Italy

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**Nursery:**

This week: VBS outdoor tent worship service

Next Week: Luanne Berkey, Elizabeth Masingila

**Last Sunday:**

Attendance: 118

Offering: \$5,342.70

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**Church Staff:**

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