

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.

September 30, 2018

Welcome

Call to Worship: Mark 10:14

Singing

HWB 115 Jesus, thou mighty Lord

HWB 36 God of our strength

HWB 26 Holy Spirit, come with power

Moment in Mission: Joe Ratti with Gideon's International

Offering

My Coins Count offering

Children's Story

Hymn: *HWB 621 Jesus, friend so kind and gentle*

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:13-16

Message

Hymn of Response: *HWB 616 Children of the heavenly father*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy*
(with piano Karen Tro)

Benediction

Worship Leader: Lynn Miller
Song Leader: Clyde Hockman
Children's Story: Carol Miller

This Morning:

8:30am

Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School for All Ages

10:45am

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday

10:00am

Bible Study in Library

12:15am

Prayer Meeting at Zion

7:00pm

Christian Education Comm. Mtg

Thursday

9:00am

Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

October 7: World Communion Sunday. Mathew will be preaching "To My Brothers and Sisters", Hebrews 2:5-12

October 14: Guest Speaker Britt Carlson of Portland Mennonite Church

Pastor Jana will be out of the office on vacation through Sunday, October 7. Pastor Mathew will be out of the office this Thursday, October 4.

On Sunday, October 7, World Communion Sunday, we will celebrate our union with Christ and his church with a service of communion during the worship service. Please review your relationships with God and with others and prepare as best you know how for this experience and expression of Christ's self-giving, in Spirit, body and blood, for us.

Update from the Pastor of Faith Formation Search Committee

(Kelsey Sommer, Kara Kropf, Cynthia Hockman-Chupp, Dennis Russell and Mathew Swora): The search committee has met twice. An MC USA Congregational Profile has been completed and will be compiled along with the visioning committees "Vision and Plan For Youth Ministry" and the "Pastor of Faith Formation Job Description" and submitted to the conference minister, Katherine Jamison Pitts, to be approved and released to various Mennonite websites, publications and job postings by October 1.



Celebrating 125 years

Sunday, September 23 lingers with good memories. Thank you to all of you who contributed to the wonderful celebration of Zion's 125th Anniversary. With a list of persons giving time, most likely some will be missed, but these specifically contributed their gifts:

Mathew Swora for support and translating the German hymn
Ken Kauffman and Wilbur Kauffman for preparing and publishing

Zion's 125th Memories

John Gingerich for video recording

Doug Gingerich and Emma Gingerich for taking photos

Lois Yoder, Tom Gingerich, and the many choir members for
special music

Kitchen Committee for help with the potluck meal and serving
cake and ice cream

Frank Howard for sharing a children's story

Warde Hershberger for selling books, 75 in total, including 60 of
the memories book

From Dr. John Roth, of Goshen College, Indiana who shared during the service and celebration:

"...I want to take a moment to express once again my deep gratitude for the opportunity to connect with you during this special weekend with the Zion congregation. Thanks so much for your hospitality, for the generous honorarium (which will go to support the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptist), and for the general sense of welcome that I felt throughout my time with you. ...I enjoyed reading stories from the commemoration book on the way home last night/this morning!"

Copies of the "Zion 125 Memories" book are still available for purchase for \$10 each in the Church Office.

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief Saturday, October 13

There are multiple ways and places you can volunteer to help with the Fall Festival. *If you are interested in helping with any of the following ways, reach out to the contact person named.*

Sausage Booth: A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board if you would like to help for a shift (or more). Contact Karen Kropf.

Country Store: Looking for items for "Farmer's Market" area featuring fresh produce, homemade noodles, etc. Home canned goods cannot be accepted. Donna Brubaker at dbrubaker@centurytel.net

Baked Goods: Pies, homemade cookies, brownies, cinnamon rolls, pepper-nuts, whoopie pies, dinner rolls, and breads are needed. A flyer with more information and instructions is posted on the bulletin board. Wanda Scheler at knxpark@hotmail.com

Children's Activities: Need cashiers, helpers, and other volunteers. Donations of new or gently used toys for children to bid on, as well as craft supplies, particularly fabric scraps. Christa Obold Eschleman at christaeshleman@hotmail.com

My Coins Count: Children are collecting coins every Sunday through October 7.

Check out the sample of items on the table in the Church Office foyer. These treasures and more will be available for sale at the Festival!

I am still hoping to find someone to assist me with the younger kids for second Sunday. Last year I had a great time working with Kiara Yoder. I felt like we were a good team, where she often led the devotion time and I lead the craft/activity time. We would typically have four or five kids for the evening, and it was fun getting to know these kids better. The hope is also that whoever gets familiar with the routine this year might be able to lead the following year with a new helper. In other words, making this a two-year commitment. I would love to find new ways to make this a special time for this age group, and to even have the kids be a little more involved in what we plan for this year! Please let me know if you are interested in helping me out and getting to know this age group a little better! -Anna Park

From Pastor Jana:

“Bear one another’s burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2.

Congregations today are overwhelmed with needs for care – the needs of their own members and the needs of people in the surrounding community. Everyone faces periods of crisis, transition, or difficulty. During these times, a caring relationship with someone who will faithfully listen, empathize, pray with and for them, and encourage them with Christ’s love and care can be a tremendous benefit. ***“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”*** Roman 12:15

Have you heard of **Stephen Ministry**, or of people who are involved with this kind of Christian care? The Stephen concept provides congregations with the plan and resources to organize, train, and guide laypeople to provide consistent high quality, one-to-one care to hurting people in the congregation and community. Two factors are constant for every congregation: 1. There are always many more people in need of care, both in the congregation and in the community, than a pastor alone can care for. 2. There are always gifted laypeople capable of providing high-quality Christian care – if they’re trained and organized to do so.

Pastor Jana has been affirmed by Pastoral leadership to attend the training for Stephen Ministry in February 2019, with a possible Zion member also. This training will allow Jana to train others in the congregation to be Stephen leaders.

Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry that helps:

- *Hurting people receive distinctively Christian care when they need it most.
- *Laypeople have the opportunity to use their gifts in ministry and see God working through them.
- *Congregations have a powerful tool for reaching out with Christ’s love to each other and the community.

On Sunday, October 14, Pastor Britt Carlson who supervises the Stephen Ministry at Portland Mennonite Church will be with us to share how this kind of Christian care is impacting her congregation.

For more information, visit www.stephenministries.org

Please keep in your prayers:

- Zion MC's search process for a Pastor of Christian Faith Formation, as this position is now being publicized.
- The Faith Action for Children on the Move Global Partners Forum 16–19 October 2018 in Rome, Italy, that it might be a space where faith communities can commit toward helping children around the world, so that wherever violence and political uncertainty cause displacement, they can shelter and nurture children, helping them find education, healing from trauma, and the love of a family (Mennonite World Conference)
- Leaders of the Ghana Mennonite Church and Good News Theological Seminary as they share Jesus' message that transforms lives and societies (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry though the week: *"Lord, we thank you for all of creation, for food and vegetables, for trees and flowers, for fish and animals. Above all we thank you for the gift of people. May we always remember that what we have comes from you. May we have generous hearts that share and respectful hearts that care for all you have entrusted us."*

An Irish harvest season prayer.

Nursery:

This week: Louise Gingerich, Julie Yoder

Next Week: Kara and Daphne Kropf

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 172

Offering: \$3422

MCC festival: \$550

Church Staff:

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