

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.



March 10, 2019

God's hand delivers us

When we enter the wilderness of wandering and temptation, God's hand delivers us. We confession our trust in a saving God

Prelude

Call to Worship

Prayer

Worship in Song:

Step by Step

HWB 16 God is here among us

Seek Ye First

STS 81 When we are tempted

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

Response Song: *HWB 598 My shepherd will supply my need*

Testimony

Confession and Reconciliation

Confessional Response

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 433 Go my children*

Words of Commission

Worship Leader: Pat Hershberger
Song Leader: Jana Gingerich
Children's Story: Serenity Coulombe

This Morning:

9:00am

Coffee Time

9:30am

Sunday School for All Ages

9:45am

Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)

10:45am

Worship Service

This Afternoon/Evening

5:00pm

Second Sunday, Jr. Hi, and MYF

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study in Library

12:15pm

Prayer Meeting in Mathew's Office

7:00pm

Church Council Meeting

Worship Schedule:

March 17: Second Sunday of Lent. Mathew will be preaching "Our Citizenship In Heaven, Philippians 3:17-4:1"

March 24: Third Sunday of Lent. Mathew will be preaching "The Need that Drives all Needs"; Psalm 63:1-8"

Second Sunday

TONGIHT, 5:00—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.

MYF & Jr High have open gym and table games time from 5:30-6:30. All are welcome to take them on! If you have a favorite game, please bring it! Bring your friends too!

Stephen Ministry information meeting next Sunday, March 17!

Pastor Jana attended a week of training at Stephen Series Leader's Training in February. Next Sunday, you are invited to an informational time during the Sunday School hour in Room 4 (upstairs beside fellowship hall). Jana will be sharing about what Stephen Ministry is, why Stephen Ministry for Zion, who benefits from Stephen Ministry, who are Stephen Ministers, and the timeline of implementing this ministry at Zion.

I Thessalonians 5 Paul writes, **"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up....encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone."** God has called us all to build up and encourage one another. For those who are experiencing a really difficult time, Stephen Ministers can provide the special encouragement, care, and support they need until they are past the crisis. Please talk to Jana, if you have any questions, or better yet, come to the information meeting next Sunday, 9:30 -10:30 am!

“The fast that I choose... to set free the oppressed...to share your bread with the hungry...” (Isaiah 58) is God’s call during the Lenten season. One way to do so is through fundraisers for Bridging Cultures Canby (March 16), Vida Feliz Senior Center in Bolivia (March 31), and throughout this season for the food bank services of The Canby Center and Jubilee Food Pantry.

To remember the hunger at the source of all hungers (for God), we present Psalm 63:1-8 (ESV) for memorization and recital during our worship services. You may keep the copy below for your reference:

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no
water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶ when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Nurture your children’s faith at home this Lent and Easter. Find a **free, downloadable Lent At Home guide** at mennoniteusa.org/lent2019. It includes Bible readings, short litanies, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder from March 5 through Easter Sunday on April 21.

Got a testimony? A witness on your heart of what God has done for you? Or of what you need and seek from God? During each Sunday service of Lent this year, we will ask, “Who will call upon the Lord today?” followed by one person’s sharing of a short testimony in keeping with the theme of that Sunday. But, we’d like to know beforehand. Those themes will include: enduring/overcoming trial and temptation; awakening to God and God’s call; personal renewal and transformation; reconciliation and restoration of relationships; of dashed and restored hopes, or more. Please contact Pastors Mathew Swora or Jana Gingerich if you have any such to offer in worship during Lent, and we’ll schedule it.

You are invited to...

**Bridging Cultures Fundraising Dinner
March 16, 2019 at 6pm at Zion MC**

Please join us for an evening of goodwill, good food, and good company. With your help we continue to: Bridge to our neighbors, Bridge to language, Bridge to technology, Bridge to immigration services. We truly appreciate your support.

You are invited to attend the Mennonite Disaster Service Oregon Unit Annual Meeting on March 23, beginning at 10:00am at Zion MC. Guest speakers will be Elizabeth Soto Albrecht, Professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary and MDS Coordinator for Puerto Rico; and Michelle Hamrick, American Red Cross Senior Disaster Program Manager and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (ORVOAD) President, who will be speaking about the role of ORVOAD and its members in disaster response in Oregon. There will be reports of 2018 service projects and the new MDS Oregon Unit tool trailer will be on display. Lunch will be provided. *Please RSVP by March 17* to Clyde Hockman, Oregon Unit Secretary, at chockman@canby.com or 503-263-1210

The Mennonite Disaster Service Unit at MVMC in Kalispell, MT, is planning to travel to Wharton, TX, March 24-31, to assist on MDS project. A few spots are still available for additional volunteers. If you have interest in traveling with the MVMC team, please contact info@mountainviewmennonite.org.

Mark your Calendar: There will be a fundraiser meal supporting Vida Feliz Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia on Sunday, March 31 at noon.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Zion MC's friends and members who are homebound by illness or frailty, such as Jim Graber, Sue Roth, Luella Hostetler, Paul Davidhizer, Maynard Nofziger, and Vernon Gahler.
- Young people, ages 15–22, whom God is calling to participate in this summer's Youth Venture programs in Benin, Indonesia, Japan and Peru, that any barriers of apathy, fear, and financial constraints will be overcome to permit international relationships to build up the global church (Mennonite Mission Network)
- The Lancaster Mennonite High School Campus Chorale, which begins its spring concert season today, for safety in travel, and that God may be glorified and that students and listeners are blessed in each concert (Mennonite Education Agency)

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Lord God, whose we are and whom we serve, help us to glorify you this day, in all the thoughts of our hearts, in all the words of our lips, and in all the works of our hands.”* St. Benedict 6th C. Italy

Nursery:

This week: Carolyn Yoder, Eliza Gingerich

Next Week: Mary Masingila, Rachel Kropf

Greeters Next Week: Becky Swora, Sheila Kauffman, Florence Regier, Urszula Balenkowski

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 122

Offering: \$4974

Quilt Workshop :\$435

Church Staff:

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