

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 17, 2019



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Prelude

Call to Worship

Prayer

Worship in Song:

HWB 4 Unto thy temple

STS 58 O God how we have wandered

STS 45 Calm me Lord

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Sermon: "Of Citizenship and Identity"

Response Song: *STJ 96 I'm pressing on the upward way*

Confession and Reconciliation

Confessional Response

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 538 Lead me Lord*

Benediction

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Worship Leader: Dave Yoder
Song Leader: Julie Yoder
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

6:15pm

Vespers Service at Marquis Center

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study in Library

12:15pm

Prayer Meeting in Mathew's Office

Saturday 10:00am

MDS Annual Meeting

Worship Schedule:

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

March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent. "You Can Always Come Home," a drama based on Luke 15:11-32

Stephen Ministry information meeting TODAY in the Upstairs Classroom during the Sunday School hour. 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.

JUBILEE FOOD PANTRY

Collection day for the food pantry will be Sunday, March 31. 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.

Zion is also collecting for JFP's supply of bulk beans and rice. You can prepackage into quart-sized bags (as full as possible as long as the bag still seals) or leave bulk bags and they will be separated and packaged.

“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.

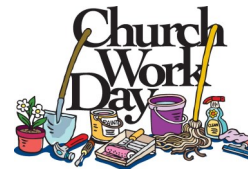
⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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 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 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

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



Spring weather brings spring cleaning! Make plans to help with the Church Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 27. There are lots of chores for all ages, both inside and outside the church grounds. All help will be appreciated!

Please keep in your prayers:

- Zion MC's Search Committee and the meeting it will have this week with a candidate for our new position of Faith Formation Pastor.
- All those whose lives have been assaulted by this past week's terrorist attack against two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, and for all who are caught in the web of racist and violent ideologies.
- David and Rebekka Stutzman, church planters in Mannheim, Germany, networking with young adults who are seeking to live and serve in missional communities in a post-Christian context (Mennonite Mission Network)
- The online distance education offerings of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary for church leaders across the world for biblical and theological training (MEA)

A prayer to carry though the week: *"Give me, O lord, a steadfast heart which no unworthy thought can drag downwards; an unconquered heart which no tribulation can wear out; an upright heart which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside."*

St. Thomas Aquinas, 13th C. Italy

Nursery:

This week: Mary Masingila, Rachel Kropf

Next Week: Elizabeth Masingila, Kelsey Sommer

Greeters Next Week: Sheila Kauffman, Carol

Stringer, Denny Stringer, Florence Regier

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 136

Offering: \$2136

Church Staff:

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