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 31, 2019

God reaches out with open arms

When we are lost and far from God, God reaches out with open arms. We get up and enter the feast of reconciliation

Prelude Call to Worship Prayer Hymns:

> STS 62 Create in me a clean heart HWB 167 For God so loved us HWB 336 When peace like a river

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:15-32

Drama

Response Song: HWB 150 Wonderful grace of Jesus

Confession and Reconciliation

Confessional Response Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: HWB 143 Amazing Grace

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: Kiara Yoder Song Leader: Charlie and Seth Gignerich Children's Story: Frank Howard

This Morning:

9:00am Coffee Time

9:30am Sunday School for All Ages

9:45am Prayer Team meets (upstairs classroom)

10:45am Worship Service Noon Fundraiser Meal

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study in Library

12:15pm Prayer Meeting in Mathew's Office 7:00pm Christian Education Comm. Meeting

Wednesday 7:00pm Church Council Meeting Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

April 7: Fifth Sunday of Lent. Mathew will be preaching

"Of Issues and Individuals", John 12:1-8

April 14: Palm Sunday. Mathew will be preaching. Luke 19: 28-40

Fundraiser Meal Supporting Vida Feliz Senior Center, El Torno, Bolivia

TODAY at noon

Our friends and partners at Roca de Salvaction will be preparing the meal. Everyone is welcome!



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!

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.
- ³Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
- ⁴So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.
- ⁵My 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.

Love Crosses Borders is an immigration-related immersion experience sponsored by Mennonite Men at Casa Alterna in Georgia, the week of July 28-August 3. The cost is \$345 for food and lodging, plus one's own travel expenses. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board of the foyer, and/or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org or 574.202.0048.

Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat at Drift Creek Camp April 12-14: Melanie Springer Mock, a writing professor at George Fox University will be the guest speaker on the theme "Finding Ourselves Worthy" based on her recent book, *Worthy*. A variety of activities are offered as well as time for relaxing, outdoor recreation and learning. Women of all ages are welcome and students (high school and college age) are always invited with a reduced registration. Registration can be found online at driftcreek.org

Please keep in your prayers:

- The family of Olive Kenagy, who passed away this week.
- Zion MC's members and friends whose lives and mobility are restricted by health concerns, such as Paul Davidhizer, Luella Hostetler, Sue Roth, Jim Graber and Vernon Gahler
- The more than 2 million people affected by Cyclone Idai that swept over parts of Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. "We thank God the church all around has risen in the midst of the emergency and is doing all it can to collect needed items for survival of the victims," says MWC Southern Africa regional representative Barbara Nkala (Mennonite World Conference)
- Service Adventure units from all around the US now beginning a week of team-building and service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, Texas (Mennonite Mission Network)

A prayer to carry though the week: "How can we begin to know You who are good unless we let You do us good?" Thomas Merton, 20th C. American Trappist monk

Nursery:

This week: Wendy and Jaclyn Roth Next Week: Louise Gingerich, Seth Ediger **Greeters Next Week:** Richard Kropf, Chris Keady, Urszula Balenkowski, Florence Regier **Last Sunday:** Attendance:

Offering: \$

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