

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.

August 25, 2019

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship (see insert)
Opening prayer
Singing: *STJ 4 You've got a place*
HWB 521 Come Thou Fount
HWB 139 Far, far away from my loving father
My Coins Count/Children's Story
Offering
Scripture reading: Luke 15:11-32
(from the "Cotton Patch Gospel")
Message: "The Twelve Steps of Elder Brothers Anonymous"
(refer to insert)
Response Song: *STJ Oh, Lord have mercy*
Sharing and Prayer
Passing the Peace
Sending Song: *STJ 46 Oh breathe on my breath of God*

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: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Julie Yoder
Children's Story: Mathew Swora

This Morning:
10:00-11:15am Worship Service
This Afternoon/Evening
No Activities
This Week:
Tuesday 12:15pm Prayer Meeting in Mathew's Office
6:00pm PLT meeting
Thursday 9:00am Quilting
Worship Schedule:
September 1: Scriptures, Prayers, Testimonies and Reflections for our Vocations
September 8: Christian Education Sunday; Eph. 4: 14-16; Growth Through Truth and Love
September 15: Bethel Mountain Band
September 22: Peace Sunday; Philippians 4: 5-8
September 29: Galatians 5: 5-6: "When Ideology Comes to Church"
October 6: World Communion Sunday; John 17: 20-25; "Our Inclusion into God"

Pastor Mathew will be out of town from Thursday, August 29 through Monday, September 2, visiting with family in the Midwest. Pastor Jana will be on vacation September 1-9.



The PNMC Conference Pastors' Retreat is not just for pastors this year! Global Climate Change is the focus, and the presenters include Ken Pitts (husband of Katherine Pitts, our Executive Conference Minister), Pr. Doug Kaufman (Benton Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN), Sarah Augustine (Dispute Resolution in Washington State) and Brian Ettling of Portland, OR (Citizens' Climate Lobby). Participants will explore biblical, personal, scientific, and congregational aspects of climate change, and perhaps return with information and guidance for all of us. It will be held at Twin Rocks Beach Camp from **Monday, September 9 through Wednesday, September 11**. If interested, contact Mathew, and register online at mennocreationcare.org/pastoral-retreats/

Call to Worship:

The Lost

(inspired by Luke 15: 1-10)

Praise God for the Lord who loves
Praise God for the Lord who cares
In the midst of our weakness
When we are lost
Unable to find
Even ourselves
There is One who seeks
One who finds
 Me; One who finds You;
The lost
And rejoices in the correction of our craziness; our recklessness
Rejoices with the angels
Rejoices with song
Rejoices for us
 And with us
Often before we are aware
We were lost
“Isn’t it strange how things happen?”
“It was just one of those days”
“I’ve decided to make a change”
 These are the words we use
Rejoice and be glad,
For that which was lost has been found

DINNERS TOGETHER



Please sign up during the month of August if you would like to participate in the September, October, and November round of Dinners for 8—now being called ‘Dinners Together’.

Anyone is welcome to sign up, as a single or as a couple. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Vonnie Oyer or Sheryl Mast if you have any questions.

Stephen Ministry is training and organizing laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in the congregation and community. This training provides you with the skills and knowledge you need to walk alongside someone going through difficult times in life. **This training begins in September, with a retreat on Friday, September 20 (6:30-9:00 pm) thru Saturday, September 21 (9:00 am-1:30 pm).** Then continued training every Monday evening (2.5 hours) through November 18. Please talk to Jana if you have interest in this ministry.

ICU Cards (Intimate Care Unleashed) are available in the Sanctuary foyer. Please take a moment to pick up a card (or more) and write notes of encouragement and affirmation to someone in our church family. This is a perfect opportunity to say “I appreciate you!”



Dick and Dot Hansen are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Their family invites you to join them on Saturday, September 7, with an open-house from 1-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. An RSVP is posted on the bulletin board.

A big thank you to all of you who prayed for me during my recent shoulder surgery, as well as the flowers given from our church family. For those of you who brought in meals, thank you. That helped out a lot!
—Sheryl Gingerich

MCC Fall Festival – October 12, 2019

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief
Linn County Fair and Expo Center

The 36th annual Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief is just around the corner and there are several opportunities for involvement. Please consider lending your talents to any of these areas:

Volunteer or donate to Children's Activities

Needs: Children's activity area volunteers, Children's Auction cashiers, donations of new or gently-used toys, craft supplies.
Contact: Christa Obold Eshleman, christaeshleman@hotmail.com

Collect for My Coins Count

At the Festival, we'll tally all of the coins collected. Coins go to MCC refugee projects, supporting children displaced from their homes because of conflict in their countries.

Country Store

Needs: Volunteer cashiers for 2-hour shifts during event, donations of goods to sale including fresh produce for the farmer's market, home canned goods cannot be accepted.

Contacts: Donna Brubaker, dbrubaker@centurytel.net;
Florence Gingrich, gfgingrich@msn.com.

Baked Goods

Needs: Pies, homemade cookies, brownies, cinnamon rolls, pepper-nuts, whoopie pies, dinner rolls, and breads are needed.

Contact: Julia Todd, 0926jrt@gmail.com, 541-405-8967.

Auction

Needs: Congregations are encouraged to raise funds to purchase and donate auction items or experiences (such as concerts, trips, etc). Contact: Stan Oyer, oyer@canby.com, 503-915-1171

MCC My Coins Count

*Collection every Sunday in September,
through October 5*



Bethel Mountain Band
Sunday, September 15
10:45am Worship

Come and enjoy the gospel bluegrass music of local musicians Will Barnhart, Larry Knox, Gene Stutzman, Craig Ulrich, Jerry Stutzman Tyce Pedersen, and Jerry Schrock. Invite friends, family and neighbors to join us for the service and plan to stay for the fundraiser meal following our worship time.

It's Time

Zion's 18th Annual Chicken BBQ
Sunday, September 15 at noon
Fundraiser for Drift Creek Camp

Menu: BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, French bread, veggie tray, and chocolate cake and ice cream

The New Rules of Money: Navigate the new economy like a pro!

Everence® will host this informative webinar on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 2 and 8 p.m. Participants will learn about new resources to manage debt, about the impact of credit scoring, and how to avoid those ever-changing scams. For more information, or to register, visit www.everence.com/national or contact Melissa Short at 800-348-7468 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com

Mennonite Disaster Service

All are invited to the **Region 4 Annual Meeting** at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12048 Northeast Airport Way, Portland, OR on **September 14**. Josh Keefer will speak on "The Genesis of Disaster Service". A \$75 registration includes lunch and dinner. RSVP to Ina Heinrichs at (512) 749-2985. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hilton Garden Inn, 503-255-8600. A block of rooms will be held until September 1. Use code MDSSEP to receive the MDS negotiated price. Contact Clyde Hockman for questions or more information

Please keep in your prayers:

- Those returning today from the Zion Family Camping trip at Nehalem Bay.
- Zion's teachers, students, parents, and families preparing for the return to school soon, at various levels and grades, including college students.
- C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz, who work and worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay, mentoring members of these congregations as well as sharing the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction (Mennonite Mission Network)
- The 2000+ students, faculty, and staff beginning classes this week at Eastern Mennonite University, that the year may be filled with unexpected delights, extraordinary discoveries, new and deepened friendships and pleasure in a community of

A prayer to carry though the week: *"May every prayer and work of ours begin with you and be brought to completion by you."*
St. Benedict of Nursia, 6th C. Italy

Nursery:

This week: Nursery Not Staffed

Next Week: Nursery Not Staffed

Greeters Next Week: Chris Keady,
Urszula Balenkowski, Julie Yoder

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 143

Offering: \$2,407

Church Staff:

Mathew Swora, Lead Pastor: zionpastor_ms@canby.com

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