

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, worshipping God, 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.

January 26, 2020

Welcome, Greeting, and Announcements

Call to Worship, Inspired by Psalm 84

Leader: King of all the earth, Creator of the universe,
The Godhead Three in One; From everlasting to everlasting,
you are Lord.

Our souls long for your courts, O Lord of hosts;

**People: Happy are we who dwell in your house and are
ever praising you!**

Leader: Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God;

**People: Happy are we who dwell in your house and are
ever praising you!**

Leader: We have found a home in your presence, Our King
and Our God;

**All: Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever
praising you!**

Prayer

Singing:

HWB 14 Come we that love the Lord

HWB 76 I will love you Lord

HWB 502 Spirit of God

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Psalm 84

Message: "From Strength to Strength"

Response Song: *HWB 582 Guide me O thou great Jehovah*

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: *HWB 359 Lead us O Father*

Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich
Song Leader: Julie Yoder
Children's Story: Mathew Swora
Prelude/Offertory: Kelsey Sommer

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

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study meets in Library

12:15am

Prayer meeting in Mathew's Office

Thursday 9:00am

Mennonite Women

Worship Schedule:

February 9: Mathew will be preaching "From Deadlock to Break-through" Job 19:13-20; 42:1-6

February 16: Mathew's last Sunday as Lead Pastor. 'In, For, Through, To...." Colossians 1:15-23

To strengthen our ministry of prayer, there are Prayer Cards in the pew backs for your use. You can write requests, testimonies or concerns and place the cards in the collection baskets during the morning's offering. If you choose, a pastor or prayer leader will share your request during our sharing and prayer time that same day. This is in addition to any verbal reflections or prayer requests as we pass the mic. This is to give all a way to share and seek prayer support, even if you are uncomfortable speaking publicly. The prayer card also has boxes to mark indicating if you wish the information to be kept private with a pastor or shared on the email prayer chain, or if you seek a pastoral visit.

The Pastoral Search Committee has completed Zion's Congregational Information Packet and has sent it to Katherine Jameson Pitts, our conference minister, to use when contacting potential pastoral candidates. A copy of the information packet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thanks for completing the survey of your priorities. According to the survey, the top 5 priorities for our new pastor are: preaching, leadership/administration, healthy communication, teaching, and congregational care. If you know of potential candidates, please contact someone on the search committee (Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly, Stacy Berkey, Seth Gingerich, Ken Beachy, Kiara Yoder), or use the group e-mail zionpastorsearch@googlegroups.com

An adult Sunday school class will begin meeting in the basement classroom on Sunday, February 9 using "Parenting the Love and Logic Way" curriculum, facilitated by Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly. Let Wanda know if you have interest in the class or if you have any questions.

Popcorn and Prayer

Sunday, February 9 in the Fellowship Hall

There will be a short time of fellowship while we snack on popcorn, followed by prayer time. Children ages 2 years to 5th grade are invited to join us for stories, songs, and crafts in the Library. Please come! Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, February 16

Potluck Fellowship Meal at noon

Join all of Zion as we celebrate Mathew's service as Lead Pastor and his work and worship with us. Everyone is invited to stay for the meal and to fellowship with Mathew and Becky, and to wish them well in their new home in The Dalles.



Zion's youth will once again be assembling Valentine care packages for our undergraduate college students (10 packages) on Sunday, February 9. We are seeking donations of non-perishable goodies, small gifts, gift cards, messages of love/encouragement, and cash for postage. Please have items in the church kitchen by 5 pm

February 9. You may also give donations to Kristin Oakes or Callan Berkey. Thanks!!

If you are interested in visiting Karen and Wendell Amstutz in Bolivia in either April or May, please talk to Carolyn Yoder. Karen said the political situation has settled down and this would be a good time to visit. It also won't be as hot that time of year! In addition to seeing their work at the Vida Feliz Senior Center in El Torno, there would also be opportunities to help with various projects they have. A list with more information is posted on the bulletin board.

You are invited to an Open House to celebrate Ron Camp's 90th birthday on Saturday, February 22 from 3-6pm at The Country Meadows (155 S. Evergreen, Woodburn)
No gifts please.



I Get By with a Little Help from My Friends

We all need a concerned, caring friend at difficult times in our lives. A Stephen Minister can listen and care for you or for someone you know who is going through a tough time. Our congregation has 5 trained Stephen Ministers/lay people who offer a ministry of Christian caring for those in need. Talk to Pastor Jana or Mathew.

As February rolls around, and thoughts of love and friendship abound, don't forget that **ICU Cards (Intimate Care Unleashed)** are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Pick up a card (or more) and take a moment to write a note of encouragement or affirmation to someone in our church family.

A SONG FOR PILGRIMS
PSALM 84 (NRSV)

- ¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- ²My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- ³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- ⁴Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.
- ⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- ⁶As they go through the valley of Baca [or weeping?]
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- ⁷They go from strength to strength;
till each appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!
- ⁹Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.
- ¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.
- ¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
- ¹²O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society (PNMHS) invites you to attend our Annual Meeting and Fundraiser Luncheon, Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Zion Mennonite Church. Our theme this year is "A Woman is Our Shepherd" and features a panel of women pastors from Mennonite churches in the Pacific Northwest, including Jeannie Hershey, Kathy Bilderback, and Megan Ramer. Marlene Kropf, will moderate and explore the journey of each woman in her call to pastoral ministry within the context of the local congregation and the conference. Lunch is at Noon. The cost is \$15/person, payable by cash or check at the luncheon. RSVP for lunch to Gloria Nussbaum at real2reel@teleport.com or 503-645-0616 by February 2. Program will begin at 1:30 and is free, no RSVP required. An offering to support the work of the Historical Society will be taken. We hope you will join us for this important event. *The Historical Society is in need of 6-8 volunteer helpers to set up, serve, and clear tables for the luncheon. Please let Pat Hershberger know your willingness to do this. You will receive lunch as well!*

Nonviolent Communication Seminar at Portland Mennonite Saturday, February 22, 8:30am-12:30pm

Join us at Portland Mennonite for a Saturday full-morning seminar with local Nonviolent Communication expert Anthony Marchant. An experienced therapist, coach, teacher and speaker, Anthony has 20 years of teaching and practicing Nonviolent Communication (NVC). His training programs and talks are designed to improve and strengthen relationships, provide tools to effectively work with conflict and increase overall satisfaction and interpersonal skills. Come learn about topics such as moving beyond power struggles, transforming anger into life-serving action, and creating more intimacy in our relationships. Call or email Britt Carlson for more information: britt@portlandmennonite.org, 503-234-0559. \$25, minimum of 20 people

2020 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat: Women of all ages are invited to save the date and join together for a weekend at Drift Creek Camp, **April 17-19**. Featured Speaker, Rev. Roberta Jantzi Egli (Messy Church USA) will help us explore "The Rhythm of Rest" and ways to create and observe Sabbath moments in the rhythm of our busy daily lives. More information & online registration now available: driftcreek.org/programs/womens-retreat. Early bird rates offered through March 1st

Please keep in your prayers:

- Ellie Brandon, daughter of Ashley Brandon, and granddaughter of Mark and Kathy LaBare, whose next scan for any residual cancer or effects from it will occur on February 8 of this week.
- Zion's Pastoral Search Committee, as they seek and discern God's will for pastoral leadership. Members are Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly, Ken Beachy, Stacy Berkey, Seth Gingerich, and Kiara Yoder. Joe Parker has also helped get the committee and it's initial work going.
- Anabaptist youth in Burgos, Spain, as they prepare for their annual Origen conference, which, over the years, has transformed many lives, that God may use this year's event to touch lives needing healing and hope (MMN)

A prayer to carry though the week: *"Let me live to you who in yourself are the true life."* St. Teresa of Avila, 16th C. Spain

Nursery:

This week: Stacy Berkey, Vonnie Oyer

Next Week: Cynthia and Caleb Hockman-Chupp

Greeters Next Week: Chris Keady, Sheila Kauffman, Dorothy Brenneman

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 68

Offering: \$1979

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