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.

May 10, 2020

Prelude—Kristin Oakes Welcome—Kiara Yoder Call to Worship—Kiara Song: Jesus Calls Us Children's Time—Jana Song: Jesus Loves Me Scripture: Philippians 1:27-2:11—Kiara Message: "A Joy Perspective on Purpose"—Bill Song: Longing for Light Praver—Jana Benediction—Kiara

Break Out Rooms

10:00am

This Morning: Worship Service zionmennoniteoregon.org/live This Afternoon/Evening No Activities This Week: Thursday 6:00pm **ZLT Meeting** Worship Schedule: May 17: Philippians 2:12-3:1. Bill will be peaching

May 24: Philippians 3:2-16. Bill will be preaching

The Zion Leadership Table is extending the closure of the church based on the Governor's restrictions on large groups. As we move forward, we will continue to reassess the situation. reviewing the CDC, the Oregon Dept. of Health, and the Governor's requirements and recommendations.

If you need any financial assistance, or know of someone who does during this time, please contact Bill or Jana.

Tithes and Offering— Thank you to those who have generously offered financial support! If you desire to continue offerings during this time when Church is not regularly meeting, you can mail checks to the Church Office. The address is 6124 S. Whiskey Hill Rd, Hubbard, OR 97032. Please know that mailed checks are being collected and locked away safely at the office. A bank deposit will be made periodically until business restrictions lessen.

Church Directory: An updated church directory is posted on the church website. If you know of additional changes or updates to be included, please email Jodi.

We have begun a study of the book of Philippians entitled "A

Joy Perspective". The apostle Paul uses these two words, "Grace and Peace", in his greetings to all the churches to whom he wrote: Grace and Peace are like packages or treasures of God's daily presence in our lives. We possess these treasures because Christ lives in us. Happiness cannot depend on circumstances. Paul's letters were written to strengthen believers – to show them that true joy comes from Jesus alone. We will be using Philippians 2:1-11 as our theme verses for this study:

Imitating Christ's Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



"Things Will Get Better – Just Hold On" You appreciate your friends' concern, but until things do get better, you may need extra support. A Stephen Minister would like to provide that caring concern by being there to listen. Talk to Pastor Jana about Stephen Ministry.

A Prayer of Gratitude for a Physically-Distant Mother's Day

For all the mothers who are still with us, and for those who have gone to be with Jesus, we give thanks today.

For all those who mothered us, some in addition to our own mothers, some in place of absent mothers, we recognize you, and give thanks for you.

For all women who have been figures of grace and love in our lives, your example has been meaningful to us.

During this time of physical distance, we wish we could be nearer to our mothers (and our children to us!).

We pray that this day brings phone calls and cards, love and light, your way, mothers and mothering women. We love you!

 $\sim\,$ by Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Martinsville, VA.



Please keep in your prayers:

- Those who experience physical pain; may they find relief and healing.
- Those who struggle with mental health which affects their daily life; may they learn ways of coping and experience freedom from their burdens.
- Those who are elderly or shut-in and may be experiencing loneliness; may they know and feel God's presence and receive timely visits from others.
- Many in our church family who are caretakers or have other family members whose health they are concerned about; may they find rest, renewal, and continued encouragement.

A prayer to carry though the week: "Lord, give us true words to pray for one another. Burden our hearts with shared sorrow, and delight our spirits with mutual joy. Let genuine love provoke in us words of blessing and inform our intercessions. Amen." Common Prayer—A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

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