

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 31, 2020

You are invited to have a candle(s) near you this morning to light together during our prayer time as we mourn the lives lost in the experiences we are having in our country and world from the isolation caused by the virus and those who are grieving alone from the loss of loved ones.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements—Bill

Call to Worship—Bill

Song: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Children's Time—Gina Hansen

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Message: "The Joy of Looking Heavenward" —Frank Howard

Candle Lighting with Pastoral Prayer—Jana

Song: *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

Benediction Song: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

Break Out Rooms

We continue our 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.

10:00am

This Morning:

Worship Service via Zoom
zionmennoniteoregon.org/live

This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study via Zoom
led by Pat Hershberger

Worship Schedule:

June 7: Philippians 4:2-9 – Bill

June 14: Philippians 4:10-23 – Bill

Congregational Survey update from Pastor Bill:

Thank you to those who filled out the congregational survey. The online SurveyMonkey will be closed. If you did not get a chance to complete a survey, and would still like the opportunity to fill one out, please contact Pastor Bill. There were 58 surveys returned. These surveys help give a broad perspective of congregation life, and have confirmed the need to continue a process, during the interim, that will include education for conflict transformation skills, healing of past hurts and addressing the interests of everyone in the congregation. Hopefully, we will soon be able to gather in small groups and continue to gather information and begin to document each person's interests.

Pastoral Search Committee Report: We are keeping in contact with our conference minister, Katherine Pitts, and there are no candidates at this time. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Christian Education Commission is looking for two sponsors for the Jr. High. The term begins September 1 and is for one year. The Jr. High typically meets twice a month during the school year. The sponsors work to plan events (in concert with parents) and also attend the events. Please contact Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly if interested.

From President Chris Keady and the Mennonite Women Executive Committee.

The MW Executive Committee has conferred, and has decided to wait to prepare the Annual MW handbook for 2020-2021, which is usually ready to share by September. We request that everyone keep the present handbook for reference, and in case of inquiries, or proposed events in 2021-22, we would ask that everyone now listed in the handbook, would continue to cover any questions until Zion has a scheduled date for re-opening.

I have joined a group based in Silverton that is making cloth face masks for our Latino friends and neighbors in Woodburn. If anyone else has masks to donate, let me know.

From the Secretaries of Sewing: Some of the women have continued to be very busy making comforters and bags. If you would like to get some fabric to make a comforter top or bags or put strings in finished bags please contact Dorothy Brenneman or Louise Gingerich.

Financial Needs? In the midst of this unsettling time we are committed to caring for each other. If you or someone you know at ZMC is facing financial need, please let us know. We can offer help through our Benevolent Fund and through the Sharing Fund of Everence. If you are able to offer financial support we invite you to give to our Benevolent Fund at ZMC. We also encourage you to support our local community partners (Jubilee Food Pantry, The Canby Center, Bridging Cultures) and the work of the church that stretches globally (Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network). All of your gifts can be given through the church. Make sure to designate where the money is to go. Thank you!

Tithes and Offering— 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.



The Tuesday morning Bible Study is now meeting via Zoom on Tuesdays at 10AM. If you would like to join, please contact Pat Hershberger. wpershberger@gmail.com

Zion's prayer group meets via Zoom on Sundays. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Sheryl Mast at 503-319-6872 or sherylmast18@gmail.com

Church Directory: An updated directory is posted on Zion's website under the "Member's Only" tab. You will need to use your member log-in to access and download the directory. If you have trouble accessing it, please contact the Church Office.

Be sure to keep checking your email, especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a special message, a scripture passage, a short devotional, or other words of encouragement and support. If you have any encouraging thoughts or spiritual insights you would like to share with the congregation during this time, please email Bill or Jana and they will incorporate your message into these weekly emails.

Please keep in your prayers:

As our world continues to wrestle with the political, medical, economic, and cultural implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, may God fill us with the Spirit of Pentecost, so that we might speak to one another in ways that are respectful of the needs of those around us. Give us words of wisdom as we navigate an ever-changing world.

Lord, we are so grateful for all the people who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. We ask that You bless and protect them as they serve. Give them grace to handle disgruntled customers during supplies shortages. Keep their bodies healthy as they unload and stock boxes of supplies. Keep their cars and trucks running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and food people have ordered online. And please protect them all from contracting this coronavirus.

We pray for those feeling financial strain during this time of uncertainty, that God will bring comfort and peace, reminding them that He is there for them.

A prayer to carry though the week: *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.* “
Philippians 3:20-21

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