## 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 17, 2020

Prelude—Karen Tro Welcome/Announcements Call to Worship—Jana Song: Come Thou Fount

Video: Cinnamon Sunday!

Children's Time—Cynthia Hockman-Chupp Song: *The Joy of the Lord is my Strength* 

Scripture: Philippians 2:12-18

Message: "The Joy of Seeing Work" Bill

Song: Amazing Grace

Prayer—Bill

Benediction—Jana

**Break Out Rooms** 

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 assistance, or know if someone who does during this time, please contact Bill or Jana.

10:00am

## This Morning:

Worship Service zionmennoniteoregon.org/live

# This Afternoon/Evening No Activities

#### **Worship Schedule:**

May 24: Philippians 3:1-16 - Pastor Bill Blank May 31: Philippians 3:17-4:1 - Frank Howard

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.

**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 <a href="mailto:sherylmast18@gmail.com">sherylmast18@gmail.com</a>

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:

Philippians 2:12-18 (NIV)

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." <sup>[a]</sup> Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. <sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

**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.

<u>Christian Ed. is looking for two sponsors for the Jr. High.</u> The term begins September 1 and is for a 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 Julie Blank to Zion church family,

As some as you know, my "day job" is the Women's Services

Director at ARMS, which stands for "Abuse Recovery Ministry Services". We have Bible-based classes for people who are fleeing or healing from abuse (these ones are free) and also domestic violence intervention classes for men and women who have chosen to use controlling behaviors.

You may or may not know that domestic abuse increases during times of shut-ins and pandemics. Indeed, the recent stats from all our counties are showing me that during COVID-19, there has been a 110% increase in strangulation/ choking and a 66% increase in as-



saults. But of course, domestic abuse is not just physical. There is also financial, spiritual, emotional, property, animal, verbal and psychological abuse. We have learned that within many of these categories, the consequences on the people in the home or other setting (whether they are directly abused or not) are the same, and sometimes worse. In fact, kids who witness these types of abuse have a much higher rate of anxiety, PTSD and learning disorders.

I would like to invite you to join me and Pastor Bill in Stomping Out Abuse. This is a fundraiser we have each year to help keep the classes for survivors FREE, as we do not believe in charging them. This year it is VIRTUAL and runs until May 24th. It's only \$25 to sign up (unless you want a t-shirt) and then you can even get a link to invite family and friends, raising more funds. And you have until the 24th to run, walk or bike to help us stomp out abuse.

Won't you join us to help the healing in our community? THANK YOU! We are thrilled to have some of our new church family along for the ride. You can learn more or register at <a href="https://www.charityfootprints.com/stompoutabuse">www.charityfootprints.com/stompoutabuse</a>

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## Please keep in your prayers:

Remember in your prayers, Jani VanPelt Jenkins, in the loss of her father, Jake this past week. Remember Jani's mother, Marilyn VanPelt, and siblings, Julie and Mike and their families.

Pray for those recovering from surgery in our church family: Jodi Hansen and Ken Beachy.

Pray for those with health concerns: Maynard Nofziger, Margaret Shetler, and Paul Davidhizar

Pray for all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body.

A prayer to carry though the week: "Lord, we pray you will keep us humble enough to learn from those whom we least expect to be our teachers. Help us listen for your truth, even in the words of our enemies. Amen Book of Common Prayer for ordinary radicals

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