

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 24, 2020

Prelude
Welcome/Announcements
Call to Worship—Frank Howard
Song: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
Children's Time—Gina Hansen
Welcome, Terry Rediger
Scripture: Philippians 3:1-16
Message: *"A Joy Perspective on
God's Perspective of Us"* - Bill
Song: *There is More Love*
Pastoral Prayer—Jana
Benediction—Frank

Break Out Rooms

Terry Rediger, our new PNMC District Pastor, is joining us for worship [this morning](#). Terry is presently serving as half time interim pastor at Western Mennonite Church, Salem, OR. He looks forward to getting acquainted with Zion Mennonite Church and those who serve God here.

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..

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

10:00am

This Morning:
Worship Service
zionmennoniteoregon.org/live

This Afternoon/Evening
No Activities

Worship Schedule:

May 31: Philippians 3:17-4:1 - Frank Howard
June 7: Philippians 4:2-9 – Bill
June 14: Philippians 4:10-23 – Bill

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.

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to grandparents Gerald and Sheryl Mast on the birth of Elijah Gerald Wimp
Born May 17, weighing 8lbs 4 oz; 21 inches long.
Elijah's proud parents are Kayla and Josh Wimp.

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 3:1-16 (NIV)

3 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in ^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

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 Ed. is looking for two sponsors for the Jr. High. 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 president Chris Keady and the MW executive committee.

The Mennonite Women 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, and 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.

Please keep in your prayers:

The family of Maynard Nofziger who passed away this week. Pray for comfort and peace for Mildred, Maynard's wife and brother, Arnie and Sheri Nofziger and their extended family. A private family burial and graveside will be held Tuesday at Zion.

Zion's members and friends who are dealing with health conditions and feeling isolated, such as Jim Graber, Margaret Shetler, Paul Davidhizar, Luella Hostetler, Sue Roth, Leroy Kenagy and others. Also for those who are recovering after surgery or procedures, such as Jodi Hansen, Dick Hansen and Ken Beachy.

We thank God, for the ministries in our community providing for the needs of families, during these uncertain times; Jubilee Food Pantry, Bridging Cultures and The Canby Center. May those served experience Jesus' love, comfort and care.

A prayer to carry though the week: *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25*

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