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.

August 2, 2020

We welcome Wendell and Karen Amstutz who are serving in Bolivia at Vida Feliz Senior Center.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting of Mercy, Peace, Justice Candle

Song: "Jesus Be the Center"

Children's Story: Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly Sharing by Wendell and Karen Amstutz

Sermon: Wendell Song: Step by Step Praise and Prayer Benediction

Break Out Rooms

This Morning:

9:00-9:45am 10:00am Book Study via Zoom, led today by Bill Blank

Worship Service via Zoom This Afternoon/Evening

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am

Bible Study via Zoom led by Pat Hershberger

Worship Schedule:

August 9: Bill will be preaching August 16: Jana will be preaching

Primary Sunday School: God's Story, God's Song

Dear kids and families of Zion: We hope you are enjoying your care bags, and that you have been reminded how many people love you! This Sunday we will be starting a new curriculum that you can do at home and share with your family.

Here is the link to the God's Story, God's Song: https://www.godsstorygodssong.com/#/
Click on the "click here" button to access "This Is the Story" You should use the password: meta1234
It is not necessary to create your own account.

Under Weekly Sessions, **please start with Week 9**, the lesson for 08-02-20 called "Daily Food and Ten New Rules". You can read this story in your own Bible story books, your Bible or a family Bible, and even watch a YouTube video that tells the story such as this one: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogfVBP35U-U We're excited to get started on this series together!

~Karen Kropf and Stacy Berkey, co-superintendents

Adult Sunday School Book Study: On Sunday morning Zoom from 9:00-9:45am, there is a book study of "The Color of Compromise" by Jemar Tisby. We encourage you to order this book from Amazon. You can join the class by this link on Zion's website: https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/sunday-school/

New Sermon Series:

Over the next couple months we will be having a sermon series based on the book of James. We are calling this series, "Belief, Behavior and Beyond." James is a book that is focused on the actions of our faith. James 1:22 states, "Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says." Faith that is true is not just about believing the right thing, but it involves experiencing our faith, or as we saw in Philippians, we are to "continue to work out our salvation."

We are called to live out our faith, even in times of crisis. We are not working for our salvation, but we are putting the faith that brings salvation into action. Jesus said that his family will be "those who hear God's word and put it into practice" Luke 8:21.

James covers a lot of topics, including trials, temptations, favoritism, speaking, wisdom, fights, riches, patience, suffering, prayer and more. As we study this book, may God show us new things about belief, behavior and beyond.

Update from the pastoral search committee: We are continuing to review potential candidates that are sent to us by our conference minister. If someone comes to your mind that you believe would be a good fit for the lead pastor at Zion, please contact them and encourage them to apply. Please pray for us and for God's wisdom as we discern together. (Seth Gingerich, Kiara Yoder, Stacey Berkey, Ken Beachy, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly)

DRIFT CREEK CAMP: Like other organizations, DCC is taking advantage of the Covid Closure's slower pace to tackle projects that have been nagging on the never-ending To-Do list. DCC welcomes individuals, couples, small groups, families, etc. who are interested in volunteering to come out and enjoy the luxury of a quiet camp during beautiful balmy weather! DCC can safely house you in a private cabin or you can simply come out and work for the day. There are always things that need to be done! To make arrangements, contact info@driftcreek.org or call 971-600-1244.



Our Stephen's Minister here at Zion are taught the power of presence – of being there for someone in their time of great need. Listening is more than just hearing the words someone says – it's responding to their heart. If you would like to know about having a Stephen's Minister or the

training to be a Stephen's minister, talk to Pastor Jana.

In prayer:

Pray for Leroy Kenagy and his life transitions as he has secured an apartment at Marquis Vintage Suites at Hope Village but is unable to move in because of Covid19. He is staying with this son, Dennis, who lives in Canby.

We are thankful for our church building, even when we cannot meet in it. This week the fellowship hall got a new roof on the north side. Thank you to those involved in organizing the project and for the company that completed the work on a rather warm week.

Pray for families with students going to school. This school year will look different. Parents and students have new challenges and decisions regarding the school year. May God grant them wisdom.

Pray also for the teachers and school administrators as they deal with the changes to this upcoming school year.

For each of us facing challenges and decisions, may God be clearly seen. Pray for health, protection and for God's Spirit to bring peace to our hearts.

To carry you through the week: James 1:1-4: Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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