

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.

July 26, 2020

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
Lighting of MPJ Candle
Song: *His Mercy is Fallin'*
Children's Story: Gina Hansen
Scripture Reading: James 1:1-12
Introduction to new sermon series
Message: "Taking Tests"
Song: *I'm Trading My Sorrows*
Praise and Prayer
Benediction

Break Out Rooms

'Caring for Kids' Sunday TODAY, 6-7:00pm

Everyone is invited! Drop by the church parking lot between 6-7pm to pick up care packages for the kids and enjoy ice cream and socializing together, while still keeping physically distant and safe.

9:00-9:45am
10:00am

6:00-7:00pm

Monday 9:30am
Tuesday 10:00am

Worship Schedule:

August 2: Wendell and Karen Amstutz will share
August 9: Jana will be preaching

Jana will be on vacation July 30—August 2.

Wendell and Karen Amstutz are in the States now and will be sharing next Sunday during the Zoom worship service about things happening in Bolivia and an update from the Vida Feliz Senior Center in El Torno.

Adult Sunday School Book Study: On Sunday morning Zoom from 9:00-9:45am, Andy Coulombe will help facilitate 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/>

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

New curriculum is coming! This is being offered to help parents of children in the primary Sunday School program during this time away from their classrooms and teachers. Instructions on how to access the information will be coming this week. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Berkey or Karen Kropf.

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:

We are thankful to all who brought gifts, treats, and notes for our “Caring for Kids” boxes! Your creativity and generosity is overwhelming! May our children and youth be blessed by your outpouring of love and support, and may they always know of God’s faithfulness to them, shown through the kindness of others.

Continue to pray for Adrian Fisher who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Pray for those whose faith is being tested or who are going through especially difficult trials. May they be reminded to lean close to God to find peace and reassurances in many different ways throughout their days.

May God teach us to be His faithful people in this time of global crisis. That we might follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love.

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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