

# 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.

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August 16, 2020



Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Lighting of the Mercy Justice Peace candle  
Song(s):  
Children's Story – Mary Masingila  
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-3  
"Through Deep Waters" – Jana  
Song: *The River is Here*  
Prayer and Praise  
Benediction

Break Out rooms

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**Sermon Series:** Throughout the next few months we will continue our sermon series "Belief, Behavior and Beyond" based on the Book of James, which is focused on the actions of our faith. James 1:22 states, "Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says." We are called to live out our faith, even in times of crisis. 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.

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

**This Morning:**  
Book Study via Zoom  
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 23: Terry Rediger, our PNMC District Pastor will be sharing  
August 30: Bill will be preaching

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Through Christian baptism we become a part of God's covenant people. Following their faith exploration, we will celebrate the baptisms of Brady Hansen, Hunter Hansen, Daphne Kropf and Virginia Broderick at the Molalla River (Canby Grove campus) next Sunday, August 23 at 4:30pm. We regret that due to Covid19 the entire congregation cannot be a part of this special day. Only immediate family will attend with pastors Jana and Bill. We look forward to sharing some of their personal testimonies and photos of their baptisms with the congregation the following Sunday.

*Thank you Zion Church family for your prayers, phone calls, cards and a gift card, during the past two months, before, during and after surgery this past Monday. Praise the Lord, I am pain free after my first day following surgery!*

—Gene Gascho



We wish a very happy 99th Birthday to Paul Davidhizar on August 24th! He's not able to have any visitors, but we can still shower him with birthday cards and wishes. Mail can be sent to Paul at: 1589 S. Ivy St. #208, Canby OR 97013

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

This week's Sunday School lesson is Week 11, "Then, Now and Always"

Here are some quick Youtube videos that apply to this week's Bible passage, Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A fun song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fk\\_tHEKKJsM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fk_tHEKKJsM)

Acting out the verse:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7wG3MIBFBg>

Application to parenting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlyuNrqa9Jk>

### **Kids: We will have a prize for the first of you who answers this question—**

"Later in the Bible, someone repeats Deuteronomy 6:5 as being the greatest commandment. Who says that?"

And there will be a second prize for the person who can tell us

"Where is the verse where the person says this?"

Text or call in your answer to Karen 503-351-0769 and Stacy 503-951-7526.

Here is the link to the God's Story, God's Song:

<https://www.godsstorygodssong.com/#/> **You should use the password: meta1234**

Have fun!

Karen Kropf and Stacy Berkey, co-superintendents

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Following the plan Pastor Bill has for the next steps in follow up to the congregational survey, he would like to begin scheduling small group dialogue sessions. Please look for an email coming soon with instructions for signing up for a group session. Sessions will begin the week of August 24.

Information about Group Sessions: These will be in-person group meetings of 8 people for 90 minutes. Each person would be given uninterrupted time to share from their perspective. I would invite them to share about the following 10 categories of congregational life (these areas surfaced in gathering information thus far):

- Mission and purpose
- Worship and spirituality
- Christian education and faith formation
- Caring for each other
- Caring from the Pastors and staff
- Caring for the Pastors and staff
- Caring conflict transformation
- Communication and decision making
- Structures and leadership
- Pastor search process

People could also share about anything else they want to share regarding the congregation. During these small group sessions, I will be documenting the interests that each person is sharing. These interests will be saved and will be used later in the interim time when we get to working on problem-solving.

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### **In prayer:**

Pray for strength and healing for Gene Gascho as he continues his recovery from kidney stone surgery.

May God bless and encourage their journey of faith as Brady Hansen, Hunter Hansen, Daphne Kropf and Virginia Broderick prepare for their baptisms next Sunday.

Pray for those in leadership at Zion as decisions and the work of the church continues, even though we feel far apart at times.

Continue to pray for students, teachers, and families in our congregation as they prepare for online learning and the many ways school will be different this fall.

**A prayer to carry though the week:** *“No one may truly know Christ, except one who follows him in life. And no one can follow, him except he (or she) who knows him.”*

Hans Denck, early Anabaptist leader

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