

# 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 30, 2020

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Lighting of Mercy, Peace, and Justice Candle  
Baptism Video  
Song: *10,000 Reason, Bless the Lord*  
Children's Story—Anna Park  
Message  
Song: *HWB 420 Heart with Loving Heart United*  
Praise and Prayer  
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	<b>This Morning:</b> Book Study via Zoom
10:00am	Worship Service via Zoom
2:00pm	<b>This Afternoon/Evening:</b> Small Group Session
5:00pm	Small Group Session
	<b>This Week:</b>
Tuesday 10:00am	Bible Study via Zoom led by Pat Hershberger

## **Worship Schedule:**

September 6: Jana will be preaching  
September 13: Bill will be preaching

*Jana is away enjoying vacation this weekend.*

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**Small Groups:** Thank you to those who participated this week in the small group dialogue sessions. Two more sessions will take place this afternoon. For those who have not yet had the opportunity to participate, another round of sessions will be scheduled for September 9 and 13. Look for an email for times to sign-up. Please consider being a part of these discussions. Your input is valuable and appreciated.

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

Dear kids and families of Zion:

We miss you and would love to hear from you anytime! This week's Sunday School lesson is Week 13 is from the book of Judges, about how God used a woman, Deborah for his purposes. This is a rather tough read, but will be thought provoking. This link has some good background info and conversation starters.<https://www.godsstorygodssong.com/storiesprompts.html#/>

Again, 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

~Karen Kropf and Stacy Berkey, co-superintendents

**Make School Kits for Children Around the World**  
**now until September 13**

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) needs your help. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. Please help us collect the following for each school kit:

**Contents (NEW items only)**

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes.

***All metal sharpeners can be found online at Amazon.com or Bazic.com or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples. Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because these are poor quality and do not last as long. If you cannot find all metal sharpeners please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners.***

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Bring school kits to the Zion Parking Lot during our Cinnamon Roll drive for MCC on Sept. 13th. If you cannot bring items that day, let Cynthia Hockman-Chupp or Nancy Beachy know and we will arrange for pick up another day at Zion.

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**Cinnamon Rolls for MCC**

Think of it: How can you have chewy, sugary, melt-in-your-mouth cinnamon rolls and support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) at the same time? Zion's Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser!

On Sunday, September 13th, fresh, homemade Cinnamon Rolls will be available for social distancing pickup at the Zion Parking lot. Due to the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief not happening in person this year, you are encouraged to consider the donations you might have made at the Festival and donate similarly toward Zion's Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser. All cash and check donations will be forwarded to MCC where your gift will help to change lives around the world, meeting urgent needs and building stronger, healthier communities. Thank you for partnering with MCC to share God's love and compassion for all!

In addition to Zion's Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser, save the date and look for options of ways to get involved virtually with the MCC Festival on October 3-17, 2020.

Online Auction:

- \*Handmade Quilts
- \*Specialty Food Items
- \*Experiences

Homemade Food items for pre-order and pick-up:

- \*BBQ Chicken Dinner
- \*Vareniki (pierogis)
- \*Apple Cider
- \*Desserts
- \*and more!

Visit [www.oregonfestivalforworldrelief.com](http://www.oregonfestivalforworldrelief.com) or their Facebook page for more information.

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### **In prayer:**

Covid-19 is increasing at alarming rates in many Latin American countries. Mennonite church leaders are among those who are suffering as they continue to minister by visiting the sick and consoling grieving families. In Columbia, in the midst of the crisis, there has also been an increase in massacres—a tactic of terror and intimidation. Pray for the church to remain a strong witness during this emotionally draining time, and for the people of Columbia who are continuing to work for peace.—MMN

Please pray for those impacted by Hurricane Laura. This storm has created widespread damage throughout Western Louisiana, Eastern Texas, and other parts of the south. MDS is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing a response. We anticipate sending an assessment team to the area when it is safe. The team will determine the short and long-term responses.—MDS

**A prayer to carry though the week:** *“Grant, O Lord, that in all the joys of life we may never forget to be kind. Help us to be unselfish in friendship, thoughtful of those less happy than ourselves, and eager to bear the burdens of others.”*  
Charles L. Slattery

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