

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.

September 13, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Inspired by Psalm 119

Lighting of the Mercy/Justice/Peace Candle

Song – *Waterfall*

Children's story – Janice Miller

Message: "Heavenly Wisdom" – James 3:1-18

HWB 545 Be Thou My Vision

Prayer and Praise

Benediction

Sharing with each other and Break Out Rooms

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:

September 20: Frank Howard will be preaching

September 27: Bill will be preaching. James 4:13-17

Small Groups: The small group sessions that were scheduled for today have been postponed. Rescheduled dates and times will be announced soon.

Elder Nominations: An email was sent this week with forms and instructions for Elder nominations. Two Elder positions are open for election. Please prayerfully consider persons for the position of Elder and return your nomination forms by the end of day on Monday, September 21. If you have any questions or need help with the forms, please contact the Church Office.

****NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED****

Cinnamon Rolls for MCC

Zion's Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser has been postponed due to the current fire situation in our area. A new date for the fundraiser and drop-off of MCC donations and school kit items will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

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. Visit www.oregonfestivalforworldrelief.com or their Facebook page for more information.

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

We are thinking of each of you children and your families and friends this week.

This week's lesson is #15 – and what a special lesson for us this week! A young boy, Samuel was working in the temple (like our church) but didn't yet know what God's voice sounded like. The story shows us that God's work is done by even a child, a reminder that God Loves YOU and ME. Each one of us needs to listen to Him to see what he wants us to do. Even if we don't hear God out loud like Samuel did, we can hear him speak in our heart when we take time to pray and listen.

Access the link to the lesson at

<https://www.godsstorygodssong.com/#/> and use password **meta1234**

Your Bible has the story at 1 Samuel 3. A little video of the story is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P13ulsFW7OA>

—Love, Stacy and Karen

Update from the pastoral search committee: We are in regular communication with Katherine Jameson Pitts, our conference minister, about potential candidates. She shared that the available pastor list is at a historic low. At this time we are waiting for applicants. If someone comes to your mind that you believe would be a good fit for the lead pastor at Zion, please encourage them to contact Katherine Jameson Pitts. Please continue to pray for God's leading among potential pastors as well as wisdom and discernment for the search committee.
(Seth Gingerich, Kiara Yoder, Stacey Berkey, Ken Beachy, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly)

MCC School Kits

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. A date and time for drop-off will be announced soon.

Terracycle update from Kristin Oakes: Good news! I have been able to join two new "waste streams" through Terracycle which means we can recycle more kinds of waste. The Bic waste stream accepts all brands of empty writing instruments, glue sticks, water-color dispensers, paint sets, and flexible packaging of these items. The Rubbermaid waste stream accepts all plastic and glass food storage containers, including clean plastic takeout/single-use containers (not styrofoam or cardboard). You may bring your recyclables to the church during the rescheduled cinnamon roll fundraiser or you can phone me or email me at oakeskr@gmail.com for other arrangements or any questions about recycling through Terracycle. I would also welcome large boxes for sending the shipments.

Update from Brenda Kauffman at DCC: According to the map published Friday morning, it looks, at this point, that the fire has remained along Hwy 18 and has NOT reached DCC. Let's hope it will soon be contained!

Dear brothers and sisters at Zion Mennonite Church,
We are thinking of you and praying for you as we read of the fires in Oregon. We pray for the safety of your people and your whole community. Harrison Gingerich and Lillian French are here with us at Goshen College, and we feel our kinship with you in a special way at this time. Grace and Peace of Christ be with you,

—Becky

Rebecca J. Stoltzfus, Ph.D., President, Goshen College

Everence News:

Giving through your will. Many of us are looking at life and death in a new way this year, and about what's important to us. If you want to learn more about giving to others through your will, our church's faith-based partner Everence offers information and assistance at everence.com/wills-legacy-planning.

Make Medicare an easy step. Gain confidence and clarity about moving to Medicare with guidance from Everence, a faith-based organization that partners with our church. Attend educational webinars to learn your key steps to get Medicare, how to move from your current coverage, and enrollment details and deadlines. Visit everence.com/easy-step

In prayer:

This week, fires in Oregon, Washington, and California continue to develop, along with poor air quality. Please pray for favorable weather, strength and safety for firefighters, and protection for those who must leave their homes and those who struggle to breathe.

As we continue in this COVID-19 pandemic it affects our Zion congregation in a variety of ways. May God give us wisdom and discernment as we struggle with uncertainty around what is safe and what lies ahead. We will stay up to date with our county health department's advice as well as state mandates.

Pray for those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: May God, provide them every necessary support.

A prayer to carry though the week: *"Lord, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress."* -Isaiah 33:2 (NIV)

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