

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.

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer

HWB#6 Here in This Place

Invitation to Communion

Sharing of Communion

HWB #117 Fairest Lord Jesus

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: James 5:7-12

Message: "Patience for the Journey"

Song: They That Wait Upon the Lord

Benediction

Sharing with each other and Break Out Rooms



10:00am

This Morning:
Worship Service via Zoom
This Afternoon/Evening:
No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom led by Pat Hershberger
4:00-6:00pm PCRC meets with Pastors
Thursday 6:30 pm Zion Leadership Table meets

Worship Schedule:

October 11: Bill will be preaching. End of James Series.
James 5:13-20

October 18: Ray Keene, Executive Director of The Canby Center
will be sharing

Interim Process Update: In July, the Zion congregation received a summary report regarding the congregational survey that was completed in May. The gathering of information continued with seven small group sessions that took place in September.

On Sunday, October 18, there will be an information and equipping session to be held at the church from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Bill will be presenting a report regarding the small groups and begin the education task with a short session on "Communication in Times of Disagreement." Everyone is invited, even if you were unable to attend a small group.

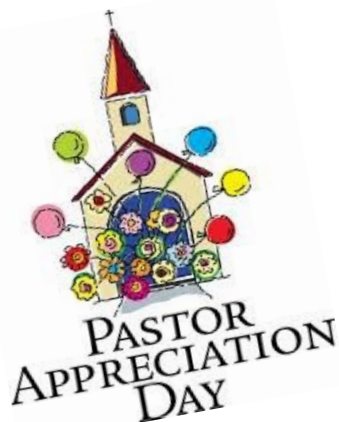
We are planning to do this meeting outside, socially distancing, at the church property. Please reply to the church office with the names of the people who plan to attend. Recognizing the potential for a change of plans due to the weather, or who knows what else, look for a confirmation of meeting protocol the week prior to October 18.

Happening Next Sunday, October 11...

The Zoom Sunday School Class will NOT be meeting
Pickup/Drop Off will be from 8:30—9:30AM
The Worship Service will begin at 10:00AM on Zoom

You are invited to meet at Zion, masked and physically distanced to keep your neighbors safe, to pick up cinnamon rolls and drop off your school kit supplies, loose change for My Coins Count, and any other monetary donations to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

Checks can be written to Zion Mennonite Church with "MCC" in the memo line.



In honor of
Pastor Appreciation Day,
the Elders encourage you to
show support and
appreciation to
Pastors Bill and Jana
for all they do.

You may deliver cards, notes, gift cards, snacks, treats, or anything else you would like to give to Bill and Jana on Sunday morning. Stop in and say Hi and give them a socially distanced high-five! You can also call, mail, email, or text them anytime you think of it and feel like dropping them a hello.

Thank you Bill and Jana! We appreciate you!



Our Stephen Ministers are meeting once a month for continuing education. These times together enhance and extend the knowledge and skills of Stephen Ministers. Sometimes the knowledge will be specifically applicable to the caring situations they find themselves in; at other times the continuing education topics will make them better able to contribute during supervision meetings. Zion's Stephen Ministers are Sheryl Mast, Chris Keady, Luanne Berkey, Karen Kropf, and Carolyn Yoder. In August, the group learned about caring for people before, during, and after hospitalization. In September the group learned about ministering to those experiencing losses related to aging. We thank God for Stephen's Ministry and this opportunity he has given us for growth and service. If you would like to know more about Stephen's Ministry talk to Pastor Jana (503-577-9789).

Happening Now: October 1-10

Oregon Festival for World Relief auction can be found online at:

<https://www.oregonfestivalforworldrelief.com>

Note that other MCC Relief Sales around the U.S. have also moved online this year, allowing for widespread participation. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/relief-sales>

Dear Zion Church Family: Thank you so much for the love and prayers as I walk this journey.

The lovely bouquet of flowers is much appreciated and enjoyed. I love and am so thankful for my church family.

Love, Carolyn Neuschwander

Budget Report: Thank you for your financial giving during this year. We are grateful for the blessings God has given to us. Our current giving and budget update is that our budgeted offerings are approximately \$66,000 under our planned giving to meet our budget. Our budgeted spending is approximately \$33,000 under budget for the year to date through August 31. The result is that our actual giving is about \$33,000 below our actual expenses.

Please consider how you might help with our budget as we enter the last quarter of 2020.

A World Communion Prayer

JESUS PRAYED that we might be one.

One in spirit

One in mission

In union and communion with each other and with Christ. Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

– *The Africana Worship Book, Year B* - by Safiyah Fosua

A prayer to carry through the week: *New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

A Liturgy for Morning Prayer," Upper Room Worshipbook

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