

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.

November 15, 2020

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship— Serenity Coulombe
Songs: *HWB91 Praise to God Immortal Praise*
Seek Ye First — Jana (live)
Lighting of the Mercy Justice Peace Candle
Children's Story— Janice Miller
Scripture reading: Isaiah 40:21-31
Sermon: "Comfort & Perspective"— Frank Howard
Song: *HWB340 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
Praise and Prayer
Benediction

Break-out Rooms



9:00 am
10:00 am

This Morning:

Adult Sunday School study via Zoom
Worship Service via Zoom

This Afternoon/Evening:

No Activities

This Week:

Monday, 2:45 pm Stephen Ministry training meeting
Tuesday, 10:00 am Bible Study via Zoom led by Pat Hershberger
6:30 pm Worship Commission

Worship Schedule:

November 22: Communion Service. Bill will be preaching Isaiah "Taking the Worry out of the Walk", Isaiah 43:107.

November 29: First Sunday of Advent. Bill will be preaching "Jesus at Home—Readiness"

Drive-Up Thanksgiving Celebration

November 22, 8:30-9:30 am

You're invited to Zion's Drive-up gathering in recognition and celebration of Thanksgiving. Come by the church parking lot to pick up Maple Bars for your family. We will also have an Advent Candle Set for each family for you to use in coordination with our Advent Services. November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent.



Fall Clean-up!

There is a lot of outdoor work that needs to be done around the church facility before winter sets in. Contact Steve Masingila if you have some time to help with a variety of chores and projects and he will set up dates and times throughout the rest of November or until projects are completed.



Email Steve at masingila@gmail.com

Interim Pastor Bill Blank has agreed to extend his contract for six months, through August 31, 2021. The Zion Leadership Table wants to thank Bill for his service and look forward to his continued work with the congregation.

Budget Report: Thank you for your financial giving during this year. We are grateful for the blessings God has given to us. To date, giving is approximately \$35,000 under expenses. There are seven weeks until year end. Please consider how you might help with our budget as we look to close out 2020.

A/V Technicians Needed: Our thanks and appreciation goes to all of those who currently are or have been working “behind the scenes” on our audio/visual needs. As we continue to prepare for Zoom worship services, and are also looking into future needs, we are searching for more people to help with our technical tasks. If you are interested, or know of someone with the skills and gifts who may be a good fit, please contact the church office.

Recycling opportunity. Hello recyclers and recyclers-to-be: Terracycle is having a promotion in November/December that increases the points earned on shipments of food storage containers. These are plastic or glass food storage containers of any brand that are no longer useful to you and perhaps not good enough to donate. If you have any that fit this category, let Kristin Oakes know (oakeskr@gmail.com). I am hoping to ship by December 15th. If you have other Terracycle items, I can take those as well.

Primary Sunday School: I’ve read this story many times – it was one of my favorites growing up. It tells a story of courage, faith, and loyalty. I learned something new this week I had never noticed! The story does not mention God’s name! But it clearly shows that God is at work, using this young woman, Esther, for his plans and purpose. We don’t know why the story doesn’t use the name of God, but one suggestion I read is that the writer of the story told the story of God’s great work through Esther without using God’s name to encourage God’s people while protecting himself from those in power who didn’t believe in God.

Get out your Bible or Bible story book and read about Esther and how she saved the Jewish people by her faith and trust in her father God. Here’s a link to the Veggie Tales movie of Esther the Girl Who Became Queen <https://youtu.be/YdxwvjHg2hc> or you can find other versions on Youtube.

Have a wonderful week, kids, and don’t forget to notice all the ways God is showing you He loves you this week!

Love, Stacy and Karen

MYF WREATH FUNDRAISER



Juana is making wreaths again! She is charging \$25 this year and only doing one style of wreath and garland.

I will be taking orders through today.

Please email me your order and drop the money off at my house or the Church. Please consider adding \$5-\$10 to help us fundraise for our high school youth! Make checks payable to Zion Mennonite Church, with “MYF wreath” in the memo line.

Thank you!

Serenity Coulombe: serenity@sterling.net

All-Church Christmas Card Distribution

It's no secret that this year has created challenges for meeting and greeting others whom we sorely miss. Many people share Christmas Cards with each other in the congregation, but with church mailboxes not being used right now, we would like to help facilitate the spreading of Christmas cheer.



Between now and December 13, drop off your labeled Christmas cards at the church office. All cards will be gathered and sorted, and before Christmas they will be hand-delivered to our church families.

In addition, our **Drive-Up Christmas Celebration** will be on Sunday, December 13. You may drop off your cards then and pick up treats and a gift from Zion for your family.



In Prayer:

May God grant us wisdom and strength to meet day-to-day living with grace, courage, joy and eternal hope.

Pray for comfort and healing for persons who are experiencing physical, emotional, or relational challenges.

May students, teachers, parents and families find strength and encouragement as they continue to work towards being emotionally, mentally, and physically safe.

Seek God's protection for healthcare workers and medical personnel as they work tirelessly to care for patients during such a heightened time of illness and uncertainty.

Our thoughts and prayers go with our Marquis residents (Paul Davidhizar, Leroy Kenagy and Luella Hostetler) and staff during this difficult time with COVID-19. Phone calls and notes of encouragement are appreciated.

A prayer to carry through the week: *"Love to pray. Feel often during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself. Ask and seek, and your heart will grow big enough to receive him and keep him as your own". Mother Teresa; "A Gift for God"*

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