

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 22, 2020

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship – Kiara Yoder
Sharing in Communion – led by Clark and Carolyn Yoder
STJ 44 The Love of God
Lighting of the Mercy Justice Peace Candle – Jana
Song: "I've Got a River of Life"
Children's Story – Gina Hansen
Scripture reading: Isaiah 43:1-7
Message: Taking the Worry Out of the Walk
HWB 495 O Let all Who Thirst
Praise and Prayer
Benediction

Break-out Rooms



8:30-9:30 am
10:00 am

This Morning:

Thanksgiving Drive-up
Worship Service via Zoom

This Afternoon/Evening:

No Activities

This Week:

Monday, 2:45 pm
Tuesday, 10:00 am
3:30 pm

Stephen Ministry training meeting
Bible Study via Zoom led by Pat Hershberger
PLT meeting



Advent Worship Schedule:

November 29 (Bill): **Jesus at Home & Readiness**

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor. 3:1-9; Mark 13:24-37

December 6 (Bill): **Jesus at Home & Repentance**

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8

December 13 (Jana): **Jesus at Home & Restoration**

Isaiah 61; Psalm 126; Luke 1:46-55; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-28

December 20 (Bill): **Jesus at Home & Revelation**

2 Sam 7:1-11; Luke 1:46-55; Ps 89:1-26; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

December 27 (Bill): **Jesus at Home & Rejoicing**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

The Zion Leadership Table has had extensive conversation about in person Sunday morning worship service gatherings. We recognize the strong desire of many of you to meet. However in light of the rising number of daily cases and hospitalizations due to Covid 19 infections, we cannot promote in person services as safe. Though diligent mask wearing and physically distancing decrease the risk of spreading the virus, there still remains a possibility of infecting each other which could result in serious illness and even death.

As travel from other communities increases over the holidays, we anticipate even more spread of infection. For this reason, we will continue to hold remote only services only through the end of the year and into January.

The Leadership Team will continue to assess and wrestle with how to meet together again in the new year. Please pray for us as we work to do church and support community over the next months.

Office Hours: All church facilities remain closed. Given the newest recommendations and state mandates, staff will be working from home. Please contact Bill, Jana, or Jodi by cell phone or email.

Interim Pastor Bill Blank has agreed to extend his contract for six months, through August 31, 2021, if a long term pastor has not been chosen before that time. 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 \$32,000 under expenses. There are six 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: Hey kids – did you know that you can talk to God anytime you want? That is because his son Jesus came to earth to show us how to live, and he died for each of us! That all happened way after today’s Bible story. Back then, people had to go to their church (called a temple) to be able to talk to God. That’s why it was super important to them to have a temple! Our lesson is the story of Ezra, from week 25.

<https://youtu.be/pYRNzGAMM7k> is a really quick video of how God chose a scribe – a writer! – not a builder!!! -- to rebuild His temple.

This week, we want you to know that God made YOU to do something amazing. You are loved!

~Karen and Stacy



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

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 Christmas cards at the church office or other announced locations. 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. (Details to follow) You may drop off your cards and pick up treats and a gift from Zion for your family.



In Prayer:

May God grant us all wisdom and guidance during these uncertain and ever-changing times.

Pray for emotional, mental, and physical health and strength for students and teachers in our colleges, public, and home schools.

May we all seek ability to look beyond ourselves and respond in caring and creative ways to those around us who may be lonely, fearful, or hurting

Pray for God's children around the world, that we may sow seeds of love justice and peace.

May God reveal to us, through thankful and grateful hearts, the blessings we've seen and those we may have overlooked.

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