

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 8, 2020

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship with music—Karen Kropf
Lighting of the Mercy Peace Justice candle
Children's Story – Anna Park
Message: "I Need Some Comfort Food" – Isaiah 40
Praise and Prayer
Benediction

Break-out Rooms



10:00am

This Morning:

Worship Service via Zoom

This Afternoon/Evening:

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday, 10:00 am

Bible Study via Zoom led by Pat Hershberger

Thursday, 6:30 pm

ZLT meeting

Worship Schedule:

November 15: Frank Howard will be preaching Isaiah "Perspective"
Isaiah 40:21-31

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



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



Make plans for Zion's next Drive-up gathering in recognition and celebration of Thanksgiving. Come by the church parking lot on Sunday, November 22 from 8:30-9:30 am to pick up a special treat for your family.



Primary Sunday School kids – I hope you can check out one of my favorite stories so far to think about it in a whole new way! www.godsstorygodssong.com, week #23 – God’s Breath is Hope!

It’s a story of God’s people being disconnected, out of hope, out of “life”, and the hope God gives them of being brought back together. The strange story is told by a man named Ezekiel. It’s a reminder of God’s power and how much God loves each one of us. You can read the story in your Bible or Bible story book or watch a Youtube like this one <https://youtu.be/X8yN8kEyNwE>

We are thinking of you and miss seeing you! ~Stacy and Karen

Jubilee Food Pantry Turkey Drive

Please deliver turkey(s) on Monday, November 16 (if frozen) or Tuesday, November 17 (frozen or thawed) before 4pm.

2492 Baines Blvd, Hubbard, OR

Contact Serenity—503-803-7823, serenity@sterling.net OR

Andy—503-819-5941, andy@sterling.net

MYF WREATH FUNDRAISER



Juana is making wreaths again! She is charging \$25 this year and only doing one style of wreath and garland. They’re as beautiful as ever!

I will be taking orders until next Wednesday, November 11. 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 the checks payable to Zion Mennonite Church, with “MYF wreath” in the memo line.

Thank you! Serenity Coulombe: serenity@sterling.net

STEPHEN MINISTERS: A HEART FOR THE HURTING

From Pastor Jana Gingerich

We all go through tough times in life. Times that are turbulent and unsettling. In the midst of these challenging seasons, it can be extremely helpful to have someone come alongside us to give understanding and encouragement – to provide stability, hope, and prayer to help us through the storm. That is what a Stephen Minister is able to provide: a listening ear, a supportive perspective, and caring skills to help us through the challenges of life.

WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?

At Zion we have compassionate individuals who are trained to help us when we encounter loss, grief, relationship challenges, and a myriad of things that can throw our lives into a tailspin. These Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are not “know-it-alls.” They are not individuals who try to fix everyone’s troubles. They simply provide love, care, and support when we need it most. A Stephen Minister is a caring individual who can help us navigate our present situation. Perhaps, you, a friend, or a family member would benefit from this kind of help and support. If so, a Stephen Minister may be just what is needed.

BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER

For those who want to come alongside and support others in a more intentional way, we provide training to become a Stephen Minister. Through 50 hours of training, you will receive practical, hands-on learning and resources to provide Christ-centered care and meet the emotional and spiritual needs of others. You will use the skills you learn not only in your caring ministry but also in your relationships with family, friends, and coworkers. You will always be helped and supported in your ministry by our team of Stephen Leaders, who will help you grow as you help others. Being a Stephen Minister may be one of the most rewarding opportunities you will ever embrace.

TO FIND OUT MORE

To learn how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know – or how you can become a Stephen Minister – contact the church office 503-651-2274.

We all need help from time to time and your request for a Stephen Minister will be confidential. Please feel free to contact, me, Pastor Jana, at 503-577-7989, or zion_jg@canby.com



In Prayer:

God of presence and strength, help us feel you here with us when we are anxious and afraid, when the future feels unwieldy and uncertain. We know nothing is unknown to you, O God, and we know you are our rock and our comfort in times of trouble. Give us wisdom and courage to make changes that will help things get better.

Pray for the Stephen Ministers and their ministry of care for people. May God grant them strength and insight as they minister to members of the congregation.

Pray for those experiencing health challenges and that God would grant them healing and peace. Pray for those who have been diagnosed with Covid-19 that God will bring healing.

May we all experience God's peace, even in times of uncertainty. May our nation experience God's love even as we experience the love of God together as a congregation. May love bring us together, even when there are many things that divide.

A prayer to carry through the week: *“Dear God, fountain of all blessings, I come to you to have my strength renewed. I trust you alone to renew my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Grant me the strength to walk the hard, narrow, winding path. Give me the focus to conquer obstacles in my way. I know I can’t succeed alone, and I trust you to be at my side. Amen.”*

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