

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.

Sixth Sunday of Advent "Radiance"



January 3, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer—Bill

Call to Worship—Frank Howard

HWB 206 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

HWB 218 As with gladness, men of old

Children's Story Time: More visitors for Jesus—Gina Hansen

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Message: "Jesus at Home - Radiance"

Song: Jesus the Light of the World

Praise and Prayer

Benediction: *The Lord's Prayer*—Tom Gingerich

10:00 am

This Morning:
Worship Service via Zoom

Tuesday 10:00 am

This Week:
Women's Bible Study via Zoom



Preaching Schedule:

January 10: Bill will begin a Sermon on the Mount series
Introduction—Matthew 4:23—5:2

January 17: Frank Howard – Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-5

January 24: Bill – Beatitudes, Matthew 5:6-8

January 31: Jana– Beatitudes, Matthew 5:9-12

Pastor Jana is on vacation this weekend, January 2-4.

Pastoral Search Update – After interviews and reference conversations, the search committee is recommending a candidate to the Zion Leadership Team. ZLT will be interviewing with the candidate next week.

Your continued prayers are appreciated for the next steps as the Leadership Team determines how to move forward. (Seth Gingerich, Kiara Yoder, Ken Beachy, Stacy Berkey, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly)

SOUP and BREAD Fundraiser for DCC! **Sunday, January 10**

Sunday, January 10, from 8:30-9:30am, you may drive by the Church parking lot to pick up Cheddar Chowder soup and fresh bread. Food will be pre-packaged for approximately 2 or 4 people, so you can take enough for your family.

You are encouraged to make a donation to Drift Creek Camp. Checks can be made out to Zion Mennonite Church with a memo to DCC.



God's Story God's Song, Week 34: Matthew 2:41-52

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Today's story is the only one in the Bible about Jesus as a child, except the story of his birth. 12 year old Jesus gets left behind when his family returns home after attending a Pass-over festival in Jerusalem. I used to wonder how this could have happened? But...have you ever watched our family favorite movie "Home Alone"? If so, it seems less strange! His parents probably expected Jesus was hanging out with his cousins or other friends on the walk home. When they discovered he was missing, they retraced their steps, but it took them 3 days to find him! All the while, Jesus was sitting in his "Father's House" in deep discussion with teachers, oblivious to the fact that his parents were concerned. Has this ever happened in your family? I remember when one of my kids hid under a rack of clothes in a store. He thought it was hilarious, but I sure didn't. It's interesting that this is the only Bible story that talks about Jesus as a boy – why do you think this is? This week, talk with your family about how each of the people in this story felt and why. As we begin 2021, remind yourself every day how much God loves you!

We love each of you and are praying for you as we start a new year! ~Karen and Stacy

Stephen Ministry: A Heart for the Hurting

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. 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. We all need help from time to time and your request for a Stephen Minister will be confidential. **Due to COVID restrictions Stephen Ministers are connecting by telephone instead of person to person meetings at this time.** Please feel free to contact Pastor Jana at 503-577-9789 or zionpastor_jg@canby.com.



Dear Church Family—

As has been the “new norm” this year, nothing much comes as expected. I certainly never imagined that our long-awaited vacation would result in surgery and weeks of recovery from a broken collarbone! However, what hasn’t come as a surprise is the love, encouragement, and support shown from all of you. Your calls, cards, texts, flowers, meals, visits, and prayers have sustained me more than you’ll ever know—Thank you! And my thanks and appreciation to Bill, Jana, Steve, Breann and others for graciously picking up the extra office work to allow me to rest and recover. It’s been a difficult year, but Oh how we’ve been blessed in it! Thank you, Zion, for the many ways you care.
Love, Jodi



Zion’s Prayer Group continues to meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in joining, or if you have any requests you would like prayer for, please contact Sheryl Mast or Jana.

In Prayer:

Praise God for the ongoing blessings of the radiant love and grace given to each of us. Pray that we may know that love and grace more and more in this new year.

Continue prayers for Doug Gingerich, Judy Gascho, Jodi Hansen, and Claudia Lapp as they are recovering and healing.

Please continue to pray for the health of our community and church. There are increasing numbers of people in our area being diagnosed with Covid-19 and suffering from the symptoms.

Pray for the pastor search process this week as interviews and discernment continue with a candidate.

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions and mandates, all Church facilities remain closed. Staff continues to work from home. Please contact them by phone or email.

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