

Zion Mennonite Church

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January 24, 2021

Prelude
Welcome and announcements
Prayer and Praise—Ken Beachy
Children's Story—Janice Miller
Lighting of the Mercy Peace and Justice candle
Call to Worship—Ken Beachy
Songs: *HWB 12 Come Let Us All Unite to Sing*
Grace Like Rain
Scripture Reading: Mathew 5:1-12
Message: "Seeing God"—Bill Blank
HWB 433 Go, My Children
Benediction

Our current sermon series is based on Jesus' teaching recorded in the book of Matthew, called The Sermon on the Mount. It is our hope that as we look at these teachings of Jesus we will be encouraged and challenged to be people *growing together as a Christ-centered community, worshipping God, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship and planting seeds of God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others.*



This Morning:

8:30 am Prayer Group meets via Zoom
8:45 am Adult Sunday School class via Zoom
10:00 am Worship Service via Zoom

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00 am Women's Bible Study via Zoom

Worship Schedule:

January 31: Jana will be preaching "We Are All Called to Care"
Matthew 25:34-40

February 7: Bill will be preaching

February 14: Bill will be preaching

Bill will be taking vacation time this week and will return on February 2.

Pastor Search Update:

The Zion Leadership Table has interviewed the candidate being recommended by the search committee. The ZLT approved moving forward with this candidate. Due to the limits of Zoom the ZLT is designing a creative plan to "bring" the candidate to the congregation. Please look for more information about the process in the coming weeks.

Update from ZLT:

The Zion Leadership Table met to discern and discuss when and how we may begin gathering again for in-person church services. Given the current Covid case numbers and the increasing spread in our community, ZLT believes it appropriate and caring to continue with Zoom worship services.

As ZLT discerns a time and practice for safely implementing in-person gatherings, your input and insight is valued and appreciated. **A short survey seeking your feedback can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JBYZDZ6>.**

Please complete a survey by January 28. There will also be a time set for a Zoom meeting which you can join in the discussion. Your prayerful reflection and response on this matter is so appreciated. Working together, we desire to fulfill Zion's mission even during this challenging time.

Hey Kids – Here's your Sunday School Lesson for 1-24-21



Your ancestors were once children like you. Ask your grandparents to tell you about life when they were kids. Write down their story and add it to the FamilySearch.org.

God's Story God's Song, Week 31:

godsstorygodssong.com Password: Meta1234

Old People and Kids

Kids--Have you ever noticed that older people call everyone younger than they are a "kid"? How old is an old person anyway? 45? 65? 95? While I was in school, I really thought of everyone over 25 as old! Have you noticed how you and other kids really enjoy talking to older people? I think that might be because older people take the time to really listen when kids talk. They also take time to tell stories that kids enjoy. Both kids and older people take time to really think things over and wonder about them while parents or people in middle years might be too busy to take time for this.

We're going to flip back this week to Lesson 31. In your Bible you can read Luke 2 about Simeon and Anna, some older people who waited all their lives to see Jesus.

This video is one of the most enjoyable I've come across for making the Bible story seem real and personal—except for Mary's odd hair color—I'm not sure about that! Watch <https://youtu.be/leN-xNrkiBo>.

Did you hear that the Bible tells us that "faith is being sure of what we hope for, and being sure of what we can not see". Talk to your parents, grandparents or any older person about a time when they've had to have faith. Boys and girls-- we hope you remember this week to have FAITH that God loves you and that God ALWAYS keeps his promises.

—Love, Stacy and Karen

Children's Sunday School Drive-up Event Sunday, February 7 from 1-2pm



We will have a special Sunday School curriculum pick-up at Zion. There will be packets for all Sunday School aged kids, including Jr. Hi and MYF. Please plan to drive-in and say Hi and pick up your Valentine-themed packet.

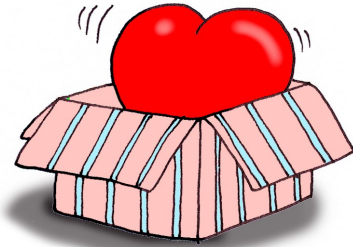
In addition, from 1:15—1:45pm, Junior High kids are invited to hang out with Anna Park on the covered patio for a distanced Hot Cocoa Party.



If anyone has items for the Valentine Care Packages for college students, you are welcome to drop them off during this time. (See additional announcement for more information)

Valentine Care Packages: We want to carry on our tradition this year of sending care packages to college students. Please consider donating small treats (homemade or purchased sweets, snacks, drink mixes, tea), cards (homemade by kids or adults are great!), personalized messages, trinkets, gift cards, or other items that will be gathered into boxes and sent or delivered to the students by Valentine's Day.

You can drop off your donations at the church, (typically Tuesdays and Fridays, 9-noon someone is in the office) or at the Oakes or Oyer homes by "appointment." There is also a drive-up gathering on February 7 when you can drop off items (see additional announcement)



You may also donate cash to use toward purchase of items. These are the eleven students we will send boxes to: Drew Berkey, Emma and Harrison Gingerich, Brady Hansen, Elizabeth Masingila, Camryn, Jayce, and Jaclyn Roth, Tristan Oakes, Jared Oyer, and Kenny Tro. Kristin can be reached at oakeskr@gmail.com or text/call 503-807-9067. Boxes will likely be shipped on 2/9 or 2/10.

Burkina Faso update from Mathew Swora:

As Zion MC has a relationship with the Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso (Don and Kelly Yoder went there with me in Nov. 2018, and they have hosted and supported some pastors and ministries there) I wanted to pass on news of the ordination and consecration on Sunday, January 17, of 8 new, but already serving, pastors in the Mennonite churches of Burkina Faso in their main sanctuary of Orodara. This ordination effectively doubles the number of ordained and consecrated pastors in the Eglise Evangelique Mennonite du Burkina Faso. They welcome our prayers of thanksgiving to God for this milestone in their growth, and for the support, empowerment and protection of their churches, members and leadership.

In Prayer:

Pray for the pastor search process and the candidate that is currently being considered.

Claudia Lapp will be moved to Marquis Hope Village Memory Care in Canby next week. This will allow her to be closer to Floyd (on Hope Village campus) and her family. Floyd and Claudia appreciate your continued prayers.

Ken Beachy has been diagnosed with an aneurism and will have a consultation with a cardiologist on February 10. Please pray for him and Nancy as they navigate through this health issue

Remember Carolyn Neuschwander who praises that she was able to receive her last chemo treatment. Her next PET scan is at the end of February. Pray for clear results and that she continues to gain her strength and energy back.

Dear God, Grant us your peace this day. Help us to be effective instruments of your peace as we live out our call. Help us to love our neighbor and trust in your transforming power. Grant us wisdom in conversations. Let us appreciate each and every one of your creations. Watch over us and protect us in this time of uncertainty. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Glen Guyton, Executive Director MCUSA

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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