

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.

February 21, 2021

Prelude—"Voices Together" hymnal recordings
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship—Avery Coulombe and Paul Masingila
Opening Prayer—Avery Coulombe
*HWB 46 I sing the mighty power
Shine Jesus Shine*
Lighting of Mercy Justice Peace Candle
Children's Story—"Planting the Bulbs" Gina Hansen
Scripture reading: Matthew 5:13-16—Eva Park
Message: "Salty and Bright"
HWB 420 Heart with Loving Heart United
Prayer and Praise
Benediction: *HWB 118 Praise God from whom*

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.*



8:30 am
8:45 am
10:00 am

This Morning:

Prayer Group meets via Zoom
Adult Sunday School Class via Zoom
Worship Service via Zoom
<https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/>

This Afternoon:

No Activities

This Week:

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

Worship Schedule: Sermon on the Mount Series

February 28: Bill will be preaching. Mathew 5:17-20

March 7: Pastor Candidate will be preaching

March 14: Bill will be preaching. Mathew 5:21-26



Due to the storm and power outages, we are rescheduling the following to allow plenty of time for folks to get power, cell service, and internet connections working again.

Below are the NEW DATES:

Budget Meeting: Sunday, February 28 at 11:00am

Pastor Candidate Weekend: March 6-7

See more information in the corresponding announcements

In addition, we are scheduling a second meeting to discuss plans and ideas about opening the church for small Sunday morning in-person gatherings. If you were unable to attend the meeting on February 4, or if you would like to be part of this second conversation, stay on Zoom following the worship service.

Zoom Meeting: Sunday, March 14 at 11:00am

For your information, a list of Documented Interests from the last meeting were sent by email



Annual Budget Meeting

****Sunday, February 28 at 11:00am****
following the Zoom worship service

You received by email a copy of the 2020 budget actual expenses and the 2021 proposed budget. Since last announced that we had a surplus of about \$2800, we found that the retirement line item was missing from the actual expenses. With this adjustment, we had a short in 2020 giving of just over \$6000 versus actual expenses. We will be covering our options for making up the shortfall. We hope you can join the meeting.

—Facilities and Finance Committee and ZLT

Lead Pastor Candidate Weekend

****March 6-7****

We are still unable to share their name and introduction at this time, but we are eager for you to meet the candidate. **The candidate will be joining us to preach on Sunday, March 7.** On Saturday, March 6, you will receive an email with a letter introducing the candidate. Included will be a link to a video "interview" with the candidate, asking questions from the congregation and leadership. A paper copy of the letter will be sent to those who do not receive email.

On Sunday afternoon will have a drive-thru event where you can meet the candidate and family from your car. We are working on the details of that event. The plan is for families with **last names A-L to arrive between 12:00-12:45pm**, and families with **last names M-Z to arrive 12:45-1:30pm**. You will be staying in your cars.

We will be having an affirmation ballot on calling the candidate the week following Sunday, March 7. More details will be communicated.

—Zion Leadership Table

Upcoming Drive-Up Events at Zion

Sunday, February 28 from 8:30-9:30am

Soup Lunch Fundraiser for Vida Feliz Senior Center

Come by and pick up Beef Vegetable Chowder, rolls, and dessert for your family, packaged in containers for either 2 or 4 people. Donations will be accepted for the Senior Center in El Torno, Boliva. We will miss the Quilting Workshop this year and the donations received there for Bolivia.

You also may pick up your belated Valentine card and goodie bags for kids!

Sunday, March 7 from 12:00-1:30pm

Meet the Pastor Candidate from your car



I get by with a little help from my friends!

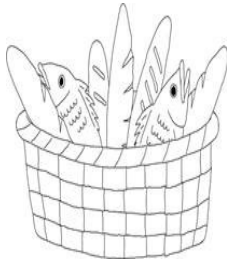
We all need a concerned caring friend at difficult time in our lives. A Stephen Minister can listen and care for you or someone you know who is going thru a tough time. Our congregation has 5 trained Stephen Ministers/lay people who offer a ministry of caring for those in need. They are Luanne Berkey, Chris Keady, Carolyn Yoder, Sheryl Mast and Karen Kropf. Contact Pastor Jana for more information.

Hey Kids – Here's your Sunday School Lesson for February 121

God's Story God's Song, Week 39

godsstorygodssong.com Password: Meta1234

This week's lesson includes two stories about Jesus and his disciples feeding people who came to hear him talk. You can find these in your Bible at Mark 6:30-44 and Mark 8:1-9. In Lesson 39, the author tells us to note the differences in these two similar



stories. One of the locations is a Jewish community. One is a place on the "margins" – a Gentile community. This reminds us that Jesus cares just as much about the richer people as the poorer people, the lighter skinned as the dark skinned! God created each one, and loves each one SO much!

Isn't it like what has happened this week? The trees, branches and power lines fell everywhere – not just where certain types of people live. Most in our church family are fortunate because we have people to look out for us and help us. But who can you think of that might need some extra help this week? Maybe you can help – pick up sticks, provide a meal, stop in to say hi – outside of course-- send a card to encourage them. Also --if you need help, don't forget to tell people about it! If you don't, they miss out on doing what God wants each of us to do – take care of and love each other! Don't think for even a minute that God has forgotten about you. He loves you more than you can imagine. When you are scared, rest easy in his big warm hand of love.

On youtube.com find the Ignite Kids series and watch the video about Jesus feeding the 5000 for some fun activities!

Let us know this week if we can help YOU!

—Love, Stacy and Karen

In Prayer:

Pray for those in our church and community who may still be without power and other resources. May God continue to provide for those needs and fill us with the strength, encouragement, and patience to meet these challenges.

Pray as we reschedule and await meeting the pastor candidate. May we put our trust in God's timing and His wisdom during this discernment process.

Your continued prayers for Shirley Gingerich are appreciated as she recovers from a stroke and plans are being made for her to move to a rehabilitation facility.

"Lent is a time of returning to God. It is a time to confess how we keep looking for joy, peace, and satisfaction in the many people and things surrounding us without really finding what we desire. Only God can give us what we want. So we must be reconciled with God...The season of Lent helps us in a special way to cry out for God's mercy."
—Henri Nouwen

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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