

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 28, 2021



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Greetings and sharing from Karen Amstutz and the staff at Vida Feliz Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia

Song: *HWB 75 Holy holy holy*

Call to Worship—Kiara Yoder

Pastoral Prayer and candle lighting for our collective grief of lives lost to the Covid19 virus

Song: *Be Still My Soul*

Children's Story—Gina Hansen

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:17-20

Message: "Jesus Fulfills..."

Song: *Guide My Feet*

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.*



8:30-9:30am

8:30am

8:45am

10:00am

11:00am

This Morning:

Soup Fundraiser Drive-Thru

Prayer Group meets via Zoom

Adult Sunday School Class via Zoom

Worship Service via Zoom

<https://zionmennoniteoregon.org/>

Annual Budget Meeting via Zoom

This Afternoon:

No Activities

This Week:

Tuesday 10:00 am

1:00pm

6:00pm

Women's Bible Study via Zoom

Stephen Ministers meeting

Worship Commission meeting

Worship Schedule:

March 7: Pastor Candidate will be preaching

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

Sunday, February 28:

Karen Amstutz and the staff at the Vida Feliz Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia will join us during the service to share current things happening at the Center. This month would have been our annual Quilting Workshop where our fundraiser has helped to support the Senior Center for many years.



From 8:30-9:30am there will be a drive-thru soup, bread and dessert meal offered for a donation to the Senior Center. Come by and pick up Beef Vegetable Chowder, rolls, and dessert for your family. Checks may be made to ZMC, with "El Torno" in the memo line.

Annual Budget Meeting

11:00am following the worship service

You received by email a copy of the 2020 budget actual expenses and the 2021 proposed budget. We will be covering our options for making up the \$6000 shortfall for 2020. Please stay on Zoom to join the meeting.

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. **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

Congregational Zoom Meeting

****Sunday, March 14, 11:00am****

Thank you to those who participated in the Zoom meeting on February 4 about opening the church for small Sunday morning in-person gatherings. The consensus was that it was good conversation and it would be beneficial to have another opportunity to listen to each other and to share thoughts and ideas. If you were unable to attend the prior meeting, or if you would like to be a part of this second conversation, please join the discussion. For your information, a list of Documented Interests from the last meeting were sent by email.

The Lenten season is upon us! Find Mennonite Church USA's **Lent at Home 2021** resource for home-based guided daily and weekly worship — for all ages — here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome

Beginning Wednesday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m. ET, Everence will host a free, four-part webinar series, *Balancing financial decisions and kids*, which is for parents who are interested in learning about how to prepare for retirement with kids at the heart of decisions. Throughout this series, attendees will learn about various topics ranging from life insurance to education savings. To view the webinar details or to register, please visit www.everence.com/national#webinars-and-events. If you have other questions, contact Jana Gingerich, our Everence representative.

Thanks to our Zion friends who sent cards, notes and remembrances for our 50th wedding anniversary. It's our friends that have been a significant part of our journey!

—John and Nancy Histan

Zion Family, thank you so much for your generous contributions to the college student care packages. They were packed especially full this year with homemade cards and cookies, candy, protein bars, snack foods, Starbucks cards, other miscellaneous items, and even some cash. We had enough cash donations to cover shipping as well. Thanks again for showing love in this way!

Hey Kids – Here's your Sunday School Lesson for February 28

God's Story God's Song, Week 40

godsstorygodssong.com Password: Meta1234

Do you ever wonder if you are important? This week, Jesus's words made me really think about that. Jesus's disciples tried to keep the kids back from him and let who they thought was most important be close to Jesus. But in Mark 10:13-16, Jesus said No! You don't get to pick who is most important. It really reminded me that Jesus thinks, like I do, that Kids are SO IMPORTANT! In fact I think he is telling us that NO ONE is more important than another to HIM.

¹³⁻¹⁶ *The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them. (The Message)*

https://youtu.be/QPDL_xFCqhw I hope you can watch and enjoy this youtube video as much as I did. Have a great week! Remember how much Jesus loves you!

—Love, Stacy and Karen



Congratulations to Owen and Wyatt Gingerich for winning a prize by finishing the Fishers of Men maze!

Congratulations to Felix Burleson on being the first one to contact his Sunday School teacher to recite his memory verse!

In Prayer:

Pray for strength, renewed mobility, and encouragement for Shirley Gingerich who has moved to PeaceHealth Inpatient Rehab in Vancouver.

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

It is not easy to consider "dying so that we might live," but there are times when it is what God calls us to. As we embrace the rhythms of the Church year as seasons of transformation hiddenness, self-examination fasting is what we are called to during Lent. Let's pray for ourselves and one another that we will hear God's call to us during this Lenten season journey. Perhaps this prayer from Henri Nouwen's work *A Cry for Mercy*, will help us in our praying.

Yes Lord, I have to die—with you, through you, and in you—and thus become ready to recognize you when you appear to me in your resurrection. There is so much in me that needs to die: false attachments, greed and anger, impatience and stinginess. O Lord, I am self centered and concerned about myself, my career, my future, my name and fame. Often I even feel that I use you to my own advantage...

O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.

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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