

# 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.

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February 7, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer and Praise—Jana

Lighting the Mercy Peace and Justice candle

Children's Story—Janice Miller

Call to Worship—Lynn Miller

*HWB 151 Marvelous Grace of our loving Lord*

*STS 124 My Soul Cries Out*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: "A Bad Deal?"

*HWB 411 I Bind My Heart this Tide*

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:**

Prayer Group meets via Zoom

Worship Service via Zoom

## **This Afternoon:**

Children's Sunday School Drive-up Event

Junior Hi Hot Cocoa Party on the patio

## **This Week:**

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

## **Worship Schedule: Sermon on the Mount Series**

February 14: Bill will be preaching. Matthew 5:13-16

February 21: Pastor Candidate will be preaching

February 28: Bill will be preaching. Mathew 5:27-20

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## **Annual Budget Meeting**

**Sunday, February 14 at 11:00am**  
**following the Zoom worship service**

A copy of the 2020 Budget Report and proposed 2021 Budget will be sent via email for review prior to the meeting. Note that we had an excess to the adjusted 2020 budget of a little less than \$3,000.

**Zion Student Aid Fund:** Zion matches grant funds up to \$2000 for students attending Mennonite colleges or universities. If you have a student returning or considering attending a Mennonite school this fall, please contact the church office for a Request for Student Aid Form. Forms should be returned by February 15.

I will be masked and available in the Quilt Room at Zion this Sunday, February 7, from 1-2pm to collect any kit bags or comforter tops that might be done. If anyone needs more material for these same projects, they can pick up fabric too. I will be looking for scraps for making masks as well.

—Chris Keady

### **Lead Pastor Candidate Weekend - February 20-21st**

The Pastor Search Committee and ZLT are enthusiastically recommending the candidate for lead pastor at Zion. We are unable to share their name and introduction at this time due to their current employment. The candidate will be joining us to preach on Sunday, February 21st. Typically we use the Sunday School hour and a fellowship meal afterward as a time to get to know them. However, due to Covid, we have had to get a little more creative.

On Saturday, February 20th, 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.

We ask that you please leave time open on Sunday afternoon, the 21st, as we are working on several ways for people to "distance" meet the candidate. We will be having an affirmation vote on calling the candidate the week following the 21st. As we get closer to the time, more details will be communicated.

**Action:** We need your help with gathering questions you might like to ask the candidate. ZLT will be taking some questions from our interviews with the candidate and some questions from the congregation and grouping them by like themes. This set of questions will then be asked to the candidate as part of the Interview Video we are creating for you to see. **Please reply by email to the Church Office ([zionmc@canby.com](mailto:zionmc@canby.com)) by end of day on Sunday, February 7th** with any questions you would like us to ask. Thank you for your help with this process!

—Zion Leadership Table

**Drift Creek Camp** has had a lot of down trees on the road and needed clean up from the recent storms. If you would like to help get firewood for the camp, move brush, or other types of clean up, please email Tony Kauffman at [info@driftcreek.org](mailto:info@driftcreek.org) to schedule.

### **FEBRUARY Drive-Up Events at Zion**

We are nearly a year into living with Covid-19 guidelines, and as difficult as it has been, we've also been blessed with new opportunities. One of those has been Drive-Up Events. We appreciate how you've embraced these activities and look forward to how they bring our church family together. Stay tuned for more!

#### **Sunday, February 14 from 8:30-9:30am**

There will be special treat bags for the kids, Valentine cards made by the MYF and chocolate cupcakes for each family.



#### **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, Bolivia. We will miss the Quilting Workshop this year and the donations received there for Bolivia.

### **Valentine Care Packages for College Students:**

***Please deliver all items by Sunday, February 7 if possible.*** You can drop off your donations at the church on Sunday afternoon from 1-2pm or at the Oakes or Oyer homes by "appointment."



All donations are appreciated, including 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. You may also donate cash to use toward purchase of items.

**Hey Kids** – Here's your Sunday School Lesson for February 7

### God's Story God's Song, Week 37:

[godsstorygodssong.com](http://godsstorygodssong.com) Password: Meta1234

I hope you and your families are able to read through Lesson 37. Based on Matthew 5-7, and focused on Matthew 5:14; 5:43-45; 7:12, there is so much good info helping us to understand these important words in the Bible. For example in my NIV Bible Matt 5:48 says for us to be "perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect". I was thinking, this is so unrealistic! – how can I be? even though of course I want to try! But the lesson explains that as it is written in Greek, perfect "implies wisdom and maturity more than our definition of perfection". I think it's important when we are reading our Bibles to pray about it when we don't understand something and also to investigate— I like to check several translations to figure out how it applies to me. One easy thing to do is go to [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) and plug in a verse and then flip through different translations. Try reading Matt 5:48 in "The Message" to see how different that reads.

We hope to see you Sunday from 1-2pm to pick up packets we've made for each of you. This Valentines week, consider how much **you are loved by so many, and most importantly by God!**

—Love, Stacy and Karen

**The Pacific Northwest Historical Society Annual Meeting** will be held online Saturday, February 20 at 1:30pm. Presentation by Sarah Augustine of Yakima, WA and Jonathon Neufeldt, from Seattle Mennonite. ***Who were the indigenous people here before settlers and Mennonites came to this land? What influenced our decisions in how and where we live?*** Please respond to Jerry Barkman at [treasurer-pnmhs@canby.com](mailto:treasurer-pnmhs@canby.com) to participate. The luncheon and program usually provide operating funds. Please consider PNMHS in your giving.

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### In Prayer:

Continue to pray for the pastor candidate process and for Zion and the candidate.

May God grant us wisdom and strength to meet day-to-day living with grace, courage, joy and eternal hope.

*Lord of Heaven, in You, we find true rest when we're weary. When we feel burdened, in You we find relief. We seek Your wisdom. We await Your direction. Teach us to be calm and patient especially when things are not turning out as expected or planned. In times of setbacks and failures, help us hold on to Your promise of guidance and blessing. Still our hearts and help us to keep trusting.*

Amen.

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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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