

The Ministry of Listening

Think of a time when you really felt cared for. Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do. Listening is one of the more powerful ministry tools at your disposal. It

demonstrates that you care about the other person. Our Stephen Ministry trainees are practicing and applying listening skills this week, because of their importance as caregiving tools.. Pray for this ministry and those in training, Ken Beachy, Julie Yoder, and Jodi Hansen. Give thanks for our active Stephen Ministers, Carolyn Yoder, Karen Kropf, Luanne Berkey and Chris Keady.

In Prayer:

Pray for Richard and Karen Kropf who will be serving with SOOP (an outreach program of Mennonite Mission Network) in Phoenix, AZ. Their opportunities include a variety of assignments each day. May they be blessed by serving and be a blessing to those they meet and serve.

Pray for those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria: May first-responders working around the clock have energy and strength to reach those needing rescue; may there be treatment capacity and resources for those injured; comfort for those who have lost or are missing loved ones; and may relief workers and resources quickly reach those areas where provisions such as food, water, shelter, and winter essentials are needed most.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40)

Zion Mennonite Church

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Growing 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

> ORDER OF SERVICE -February 12, 2023-

Prelude GATHERING Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship Congregational Singing This Is God's Wondrous World (VT 180) Like the Murmur of the Dove's Sona (VT 56) Holy, Holy, Holy (VT 137) Praver for the Offering Passing the Peace WORD **Congregational Singing** God of Grace and God of Glory (VT 716) God Is Here Among Us (VT 62) Children's Story Introduction of Eric Massanari, PNMC Executive **Conference Minister** Scripture Presentation: Luke 17:20-21 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, 16-17 Sermon–Eric Massanari RESPONSE Response Song: Help Us To Help Each Other (VT 722) Prayers of the People SENDING Sending Words

> Prelude: Kelsey Sommer Worship Leader: Ken Kauffman Song Leader: Louise Gingerich Children's Story: Jenna Oyer

Sunday:

8:30am Potluck Breakfast Fellowship 9:00am Sunday School classes for all ages 10:15am Worship Service (Zoom available) **This Week:** Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom

Nursery Schedule:

Today: Serenity Coulombe, Virginia Broderick Next week: Anne Bomar

Worship Schedule: February 19: Steve Bomar February 26: Steve Bomar; First Sunday of Lent

Budget Report: Offering 2/5/23—\$8,537.46

Lent at Home 2023 Worship Guide is available from Mennonite Education Agency (MEA). The guide weaves weekly and daily Scriptures with worship rituals, prayers, activities, and background information to help individuals and households of all ages prepare for the season of Lent. <u>Lent at Home 2023 (mennoniteeducation.org)</u>

Valentine Care Packages for College Students

Donations (for 8) can include treats, (homemade or purchased) snacks, candy, drink mixes, etc. Gift cards are also appreciated and other trinkets or small gift items are fun additions. Feel free to include personal messages or notecards. Please leave items in the church kitchen or give to Kristin Oakes by today, February 12. Donations toward the cost of postage are also appreciated.

Ash Wednesday Service February 22, 6-7pm in the Sanctuary

Our Ash Wednesday Service will begin with a time of scripture reading and singing along with the traditional imposition of ashes (optional). Attendees will then be invited to visit multiple interactive stations spread throughout the sanctuary and foyer for a time of guided prayer and reflection.



Terracycle Recyclers: A friendly reminder that beauty product packaging is no longer accepted. Please EXCLUDE these items from your drop-offs: cosmetics; shampoo and lotion dispensers, pumps, caps, lids and tubes. These items may be taken to Nordstrom or Nordstrom Rack locations for recycling. ALSO NOT ACCEPTED: personal care items such as nasal spray and contact solution bottles, water filters, and tape dispensers. STILL ACCEPTED: toothpaste tubes, caps, and outer packaging, toothbrushes (except electric/battery), floss containers, mouthwash bottles and caps, deodorant containers and caps, and soap packaging.

When in doubt, ask Kristin (<u>oakeskr@gmail.com</u>) or pick up a flyer at the drop-off location in the Fellowship Hall.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE Service Partner Needs

Donations for Relief Kits and Dignity Kits

This year we are going to try something new. Each week during



Lent, (February and March, leading up to Palm Sunday) we will ask for one or two specific items.

During children's story time, children will gather items and place them in an MCC bucket (similar to My Coins Count but without the catchy song!)

Collection Schedule

- February 12:2 or 4 large bars of bath soap (in wrapper)min. 40 count box of asst'd adhesive bandages
- February 19:1 or 2 bottles shampoo, totaling more than 20oz
2 wide toothed combs 6-8 inches long
- February 26:4 wooden or plastic clothes pins
2 or 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha®
Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
(available at Ace Hardware, Walmart, or Amazon)
- March 5:4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright
colors, approx. 29x60 inches)
- March 12:Thin maxi sanitary pads, minimum 28 pads3 pack of women's cotton briefs, S, M, or L
- March 19:4 adult toothbrushes in manufacturer's packaging
1 (good quality) nail clipper
- March 26: 1 hand towel, medium weight, dark or bright colors 1 wash cloth, medium weight, dark or bright colors

If you have any questions, contact our MCC Representative Kelly Yoder, (6bikes1car@gmail.com)