

Stephen Ministry offers members of Zion Mennonite church, the skills and training to help provide Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community. This multiplies the amount of caring ministry Zion can provide through a whole team of skilled caregivers equipped to bring Christ's healing

love to people who are grieving, in crisis or experiencing other stresses in life. This week, those in training (Ken Beachy, Julie Yoder and Jodi Hansen) are focused on scripture and prayer as a means of special care. Give thanks for active Stephen Ministers at Zion, (Karen Kropf, Carolyn Yoder, Chris Keady, and Luanne Berkey), who provide the gifts, skills and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who most need it.

In Prayer:

Pray for healing and strength for Pat Hershberger who is home recovering from hip surgery.

Continue to pray for those in the world who are hurting and desperate for relief, in particular those suffering from the ongoing war in Ukraine and those living in the aftermath of earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. May God's Spirit bring hope, comfort, and peace.

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday, we begin a journey of remembering Jesus' walk toward the cross. Pray that God illumines us so that our lives provide a witness to the light that springs from the ashes.

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens... (Ecclesiastes 3)

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 19, 2023-

Prelude GATHERING Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship: based on Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved." <u>People</u>: Let us worship you, O beloved God. Leader: God said, "Listen!" <u>People</u>: We want to hear your word anew this day. Leader: God said, "Do not be afraid." <u>People</u>: We lay our worries at your feet. Leader: And after all this was spoken, God was quiet. <u>People</u>: Still our souls, quiet our minds, and prepare us to be transformed, holy God.

Congregational Singing Over My Head (VT 594) The River Is Here Bless the Lord, O My Soul Prayer for the Offering Passing the Peace WORD **Congregational Singing** Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him (VT 30) Lord Lead Me On Children's Story Scripture Presentation: Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9 Sermon RESPONSE Response Song: Joys Are Flowing Like A River (VT 375) Prayers of the People SENDING Sending Words Prelude: Karen Tro. Kristin Oakes

Prelude: Karen Tro, Kristin Oakes Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich Song Leader: Stan Oyer Children's Story: Jana Gingerich

Sunday:

8:30am Potluck Breakfast Fellowship
9:00am Sunday School classes for all ages
10:15am Worship Service (Zoom available)
6:30pm Middle School/High School BUNCO at the Church This Week:
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom

Nursery Schedule:

Today: Anne Bomar Next week: Kara Kropf, Jenna Oyer **Worship Schedule:** February 26: Steve Bomar; First Sunday of Lent March 5: Steve Bomar

Budget Report: Offering 2/12/23-\$10,790.94



February 22, 6:00pm Scrípture—Reflection—Action

As well as marking the beginning of the Lenten season our Ash Wednesday service invites participants into a unique experience that engages scripture, reflection, and tactile actions. We will begin with a time of singing, scripture reading, and the imposition of ashes (optional) followed by the opportunity to participate in six self-guided stations that cover topics like covenant memory, being formed by God, praying for others, forgiveness, being salt & light, and cleansing.

Families and all ages are welcome (younger participants and nonreaders will need some guidance while using the stations).

Lent at Home 2023 Worship Guide is available from Mennonite Education Agency (MEA). Lent at Home 2023 (mennoniteeducation.org)

There are 2 tables of duplicate books from the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall that need readers and a home. This includes numerous song books and hymnals, Mennonite history, memoirs, and more. Several have suggested prices and the rest are available for a donation to match your interest. Contact John Gingerich(gingerichjohn67@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Annual Zion Campout

Friday, August 25 & Saturday, August 26 Silver Falls Campground, Loop A

Last year over 40 people enjoyed a beautiful weekend in the woods with games, bike riding, campfires and great conversations. We're planning to camp again this year! Please let Andy Coulombe know by February 24 if you would like to camp and the type of site you would like to reserve. Tent site: \$50. Trailer: \$70. Reservations will be made the morning of February 25.

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Thank you so much for the Valentines package! I appreciate it so much and it made me feel so loved. I miss you guys. —Daphne Kropf

I wanted to thank everyone for the care package. I appreciate everyone who included so many cookies and snacks. —Brady Hansen

Thank you for thinking of me and sending a Valentine care package. I enjoyed opening it and appreciate everyone's generosity. —Hunter Hansen

Thank you to everyone involved in the lovely homemade pastries and various other Valentine's gifts! It means a lot to me knowing that there are lovely people back at home keeping me in their prayers and I want to wish everyone a happy Valentine's day! —Avery Coulombe

Donations for Relief Kits and Dignity Kits

This week: 1 or 2 bottles of shampoo, totaling more than 20oz and 2 wide toothed combs, 6-8in long

Next week's items for collection include

- 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

Children will gather items and place them in an MCC bucket during children's story time. A complete collection schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Everence Webinar Series:

These four webinars will be held on Wednesdays **starting March 8**. Attendees will hear how Everence[®] can help them make important financial decisions that reflect their faith values.

March 8: Everence 101: our story

March 15: Invest in a better world

March 22: What will your final statement be?

March 29: Understanding Medicare

If you have more questions about these informative and inspiring webinars, talk to Pastor Jana who is Zion's Everence representative.

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.