



Our Stephen Minister trainees (Ken Beachy, Jodi Hansen and Julie Yoder) are learning new concepts and applying their gifts and skills to share God's love and care with others. May their time together provide learning, community, nurturing and spiritual growth. May God bless the caring relationships with our current Stephen Ministers (Karen Kropf, Chris Keady, Carolyn Yoder and Luanne Berkey) as they make God's presence known to those they walk with. If you are interested in Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Jana (503-577-9789)

In Prayer:

Pray for students of all ages as they study, learn and grow in knowledge. Pray for those who are beginning the reading mentorship program with 91 School. May young hearts and minds be opened to many new possibilities through reading.

May this Lenten season be a time to stop for a moment and reflect, for our own hearts to take notice of how we are living our faith and to notice the needs of others in our church and our community. In these forty days, may we be reminded of our dependence on God and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ, many around the world who are suffering.

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke. (Isaiah 58:6)



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 26, 2023-

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Congregational Singing

God Is Here Among Us (VT 62)

God of Grace and God of Glory (VT 716)

Prayer for the Offering

Passing the Peace

WORD

Congregational Singing

How Firm a Foundation (VT 592)

In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting (VT 619)

Children's Story

Scripture Presentation:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

(from Common English Bible translation)

Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song: *When Peace Like A River (VT 617)*

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Benediction

Prelude:

Worship Leader: Andy Coulombe

Song Leader: Seth Gingerich

Children's Story: Chris Keady



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Office hours: 9am-noon Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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
12:30pm Stephen Ministry, Teams 1 and 2
Thursday 9:00am Mennonite Women
4:00pm Pastoral Leadership Team

Nursery Schedule:

Today: Kara Kropf, Jenna Oyer
Next week: Mary Masingila

Worship Schedule:

March 5: Steve Bomar
March 12: Steve Bomar

Budget Report: Offering 2/19/23—\$6,173.29

Leadership Table and Elder Update:

We are glad Stan Oyer has accepted the Administrative Chair position on Zion Leadership Table. Rather than leave a vacant position on the Pastoral Leadership Team for the remaining 10 months of Stan's term, both the Pastoral Leadership Team and Zion Leadership Table have recommended Dave Yoder serve on the PLT as an Elder for the remainder of this year. Dave's past experience as an Elder and continued nomination for PLT make him uniquely suited to step in. Rather than put this vote off until our next congregational meeting we are planning to conduct a special affirmation vote via Google form. Please both be in prayer for congregational discernment and watch your email inbox for a link to the Google form this Tuesday, February 28th.

Donations for Relief Kits and Dignity Kits

This week: 4 adult toothbrushes in manufacture's packaging and 1-2 good quality nail clippers

Next week's items for collection include

4 new bath towels, medium weight, dark/bright colors, approx. 29x60inches

*clothes pins and laundry soap collection is moved to March 19 due to limited supply and anticipated restock later in the month.

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.