

Zion's Stephen Ministers offer care and support for people experiencing life difficulties such as the death of a loved one, job crisis, aging, separation or divorce, long-term illness, or for those needing the support of a Christian friend. They have received 50 hours of intensive training covering topics such as effective listening, confidentiality, the stress of hospitalization, feelings,

and utilizing community resources. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry; those receiving care can be sure that their identity and what goes on in the caring relationship will remain private. These lay caregivers meet once a month for continuing education and supervision support as they strive to offer quality Christian caregiving. Contact Pastor Jana (503-577-9789)

In Prayer:

God, we ask for your special blessing upon our Stephen Ministry. Make your presence known as our Stephen Ministers meet with their care receivers so that each Stephen Minister and care receiver can experience the power of your healing love. Bless their time together as they grow in relationship with one another and with you. Help us work together to make Zion a community where people feel welcome, loved, and connected to you.

May God guide us on our faith journey this Palm Sunday, as Holy Week begins, to deeply reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May our hearts be open to share Jesus' message of love, mercy and forgiveness with anyone in need and offer them hope and comfort.

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)

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 Palm Sunday -April 2, 2023-



Prelude GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Children's Palm Processional. Hosanna. Loud Hosanna (VT 313) Call to Worship **Congregational Singing** You Are Exalted (VT 86) Holy, Holy, Holy (VT 76) Prayer for the Offering WORD Children's Story Passing the Peace Scripture Presentation: Matthew 21:1-11 Sermon RESPONSE Response Song: My Lighthouse (VT 597) Communion SENDING Benediction



Prelude: Kelsey Sommer Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich Song Leader: Stan Oyer Children's Story: Steve Bomar

Sunday:

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

Tuesday 10:00amBible Study via ZoomWednesday 12:00Red Cross Blood Drive happening in Fellowship HallThursday 9:00amMennonite Women Workday and Potluck4:00pmPastoral Leadership Team meetingFriday6:30pmGood Friday Service

Nursery Schedule:

Today: Kelsey Sommer, Kelly Yoder Next week: Karen Kropf, Anna Park **Worship Schedule:** April 9: Easter Sunday. Steve Bomar April 16: Steve Bomar

Budget Report: Offering 3/26/23-\$10,220

Join us as we observe Good Friday with a service of Shadows and Stone. This service includes scripture readings, songs, and time for silent reflection.



Good Friday Service April 7, 6:30-7:30pm Easter Breakfast Potluck April 9, 8:15-9:00am Please bring a prepared dish to share Easter Worship April 9, 10:15am

We will be singing The Angel Rolled the Stone Away at our Easter service. We will practice today from 11:30-12:00 in the Sanctuary. All are welcome, especially any first-timers. Those with experience, please come support those who want to learn and participate.



Here's a link to listen, learn, practice, or just enjoy. <u>The Angel Rolled the Stone Away -</u> YouTube

Mennonite Disaster Service Oregon Unit Annual Meeting Saturday, April 22, 10am—2pm at Calvary Mennonite Church It's been some time since meeting in person and everyone is welcome to join. Special guest Glen Hillard, MDS Bi-National Finance Director will overview finances, grants, and donations. Board Chair Michele White Eagle will update on regional MDS projects and John Colvin will update on Oregon Unit's response to 2020 Oregon Wildfire Recovery efforts. Please RSVP. Lunch provided. Contact Clyde Hockman, chockman@canby.com or 503-592-4490