

Although a lot of people have a gift for helping others, they often don't know what to say or do when people go through difficult times. That's where Stephen Ministry training comes in. The training is very practical, hands-on learning with resources that provide Christ-centered care and meet the emotional and spiritual

needs of others. Anybody who can feel empathy for someone else can be a great Stephen Minister. The newest class of Stephen Ministers began training in February. Pray for their continued growth and continuing education. (Julie Yoder, Jodi Hansen, Ken Beachy). Zion has four active Stephen Ministers available to walk alongside others (Karen Kropf, Luanne Berkey, Carolyn Yoder and Chris Keady). Contact Pastor Jana for more information. (503-577-9789)

In Prayer:

Pray for our congregation, that people be sensitive to caring needs around them at church, home, work, and elsewhere, responding with a caring, listening ear and referring people to Stephen Ministry when appropriate. May people be open to receiving care from others, recognizing that God intended us not only to love and care for others but also to be loved and cared for by others.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

I Peter 4:10



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

-March 12, 2023-

Prelude GATHERING

Welcome, Passing the Peace and Announcements

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

No Be Shaken (see insert)

Open the Eyes of My Heart (VT 401)

Thy Word is a Lamp (VT 398)

Prayer for the Offering

WORD

Congregational Singing

Renew Your Church (VT 717)

We Are One in the Spirit (VT 387)

Children's Story

Scripture Presentation: Luke 4:16-19

Sermon: Elevating Empathy—Jana Gingerich

RESPONSE

Response Song: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (VT 778)

Pravers of the People

SENDING

Benediction

EMPATHY: "Our ability to understand and care about how someone is feeling even if we aren't feeling the same way. Equipped with empathy, we are better able to cultivate a connectedness with humanity, and have the skills to model, practice, and strengthen empathy, just like a muscle. Children first learn about empathy when they watch the actions of important adults in their lives. Modeling what it looks like to put ourselves in someone else's shoes, helps children learn and practice too, acts of kindness, compassion, and considerations for others." Let Empathy be your Superpower!!

From "Empathy Is your Superpower, Cori Bussolari

Prelude: Karen Tro Worship Leader: Tom Brenneman Song Leader: Karie Smucker Children's Story: Wanda Rohrer-Heyerty

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

6:30pm Worship Commission meeting via Zoom

Nursery Schedule:

Today: Julie Yoder, Kiara Yoder

Next week: Ally Weatherford, Eliza Gingerich

Worship Schedule: March 19: Steve Bomar March 26: Steve Bomar

Budget Report: Offering 3/5/23—\$

Pastor Steve will be on vacation March 10—17.

Leadership Table and Elder Update:

We received 100% affirmation vote for Dave Yoder. He will serve as Elder on the Pastoral Leadership Team and Zion Leadership Table until December 31, 2023. Other Elders are Andy Coulombe and Kara Kropf.

The Outdoor Space Task Force Committee has been meeting and is looking at options for installation of solar panels. We are considering ground installation of the panels or construction of an outdoor multi-use structure where the panels would be placed on the roof. If you have questions about these exciting possibilities please talk to one of the people on the committee. Kelly Yoder, Serenity Coulombe, Charlie Gingerich, Steve Masingila, Frank Howard, or Carolyn Yoder who is now chairing the committee.

Zion's group subscription to Anabaptist World magazine is coming due. If you currently have a subscription, it will automatically renew. If you would like to cancel your subscription or begin a new subscription, please let Jodi know by March 21.

Donations for Relief Kits and Dignity Kits

This week: 3-pk women's cotton briefs, size S/M/or L; thin maxi sanitary pads, minimum 28 count

approx. 29x60inches

Next week's items for collection include

- 4 wooden or plastic clothes pins
- 2 or 4 large bars laundry soap (Fels Naptha, Sunlight, Zote)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Sunday, July 16—Thursday, July 20

*NOTE: This is a week earlier than typical VBS dates. It follows the end of Drift Creek Summer Camp

MS USA MennoCon23 Youth and Young Adult Climate Summit,

July 7 in Kansas City. Experts in climate change, spiritual activism and social justice explore ways youth and young adults (ages 14-25) can put their faith to work to address this crisis. More information at:

Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit - MennoCon23 (mennoniteusa.org)



Blood Drive Vicki Iverson Memorial Drive Zion Mennonite Church

Gymnasium 6124 Whiskey Hill Rd Hubbard, OR 97032

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

To schedule your appointment please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Vickilverson

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Not Be Shaken

I will declare my choice to the nations I will shout for joy to the congregation I will worship God, worship God All my days

Those who love the Lord are satisfied Those who trust in him are justified I will serve my God, serve my God All my days

When the nations crumble (women)
The word of the Lord will stand (men)
Kings may rise and fall (women)
His love will endure (men)
Though the strong may stumble (women)
The joy of the Lord is strength (men)
To my soul

I will not be shaken
I will not be moved
I will not be shaken