

Team #2 Stephen Ministers in training have been practicing assertive behavior this past week. An authentic personal relationship is a relationship in which each person relates to the other with honesty and genuineness. Assertiveness usually improves communication because assertiveness means being honest, direct, and open in a natural way when relating to

others. Assertiveness helps with our own efforts at problem solving. When you can directly and honestly express your own thoughts, feelings and preferences, you encourage others to do so as well, contributing to the success of a conversation. Assertive behavior can bring out the best and most mature reactions in people.

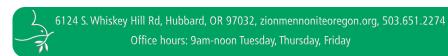
Ephesians 4:15-16, "Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

If you have interest, questions, or want more information on Stephen Ministry contact Pastor Jana (503-577-9789)

In Prayer:

Pray for students, teachers and families on spring break this week, that it would be a welcomed break with opportunity to rest and return to school with renewed enthusiasm to finish the rest of the school year.

Pray for Anabaptist-Mennonite church members in Malawi and Mozambique who are affected by Cyclone Freddy, an exceptionally long-lived tropical storm that battered the region for more than five weeks, leaving houses, roads, electricity poles and bridges washed away. Many are displaced and in crowded conditions, lacking food and sanitary facilities which threaten to worsen the cholera outbreak. (Mennonite World Conference)





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 26, 2023-

Prelude **GATHERING** Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Congregational Singing Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (HWB 582) My Life Flows On (HWB 580) Amazing Grace (HWB 143) Scripture Reading: John 11:42-45 Prayer for the Offering Passing the Peace WORD Children's Story Scripture Reading: Romans 8:6-11 Sermon **RESPONSE** Response Song: He Leadeth Me (HWB 599) Prayers of the People SENDING Benediction

> Prelude: Lois Yoder Worship Leader: Frank Howard Song Leader: Jana Gingerich Children's Story: Anna Park

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

12:30-2:00 Stephen Ministers Team 2 2:30-3:30 Stephen Ministers Team 1

Nursery Schedule:

Today: Stephanie Moyer

Next week: Kelsey Sommer, Kelly Yoder

Worship Schedule:

April 2: Palm Sunday. Steve Bomar April 9: Easter Sunday. Steve Bomar

Budget Report: Offering 3/19/23—\$14,225.70



Palm Sunday

April 2, 10:15am

Good Friday Service

April 7, 6:30-7:30pm

Easter Breakfast Potluck

April 9, 8:15-9:00am

Easter Worship

April 9, 10:15am

We will be singing The Angel Rolled the Stone Away at our Easter service. If you'd like to learn or practice the song, please join us on Sunday, April 2nd, from 11:30 -12:00 in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join us the following week on Easter morning to sing with the choir, or even from your seats, as we Roll the Stone Away.

Donations for Relief Kits and Dignity Kits

- 1 hand towel, medium weight, dark or bright color
- 1 wash cloth, medium weight, dark or bright color

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lenten collection for Mennonite Central Committee Relief and Dignity Kits! Supplies for the relief kits are complete. The remaining donation items (listed above) for the dignity kits will be collected today. Many enjoyed our collection effort, including the children gathering up items each week. Additional thanks to the middle and high school youth for sorting and bagging the supplies into kits today.

Anyone interested in sewing the waterproof base units and/or transport bags or cutting fleece inserts for the dignity kits should contact Chris Keady. Instructions are available and Chris will demonstrate at the next Mennonite Women workday on Thursday, April 6th—she welcomes help with this project!

—Kelly Yoder, MCC Representative