## In Prayer:

On this Labor Day, we thank you for the blessing of work. We ask for the strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we as that you be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us. (Source: re:worship)

As our students begin a new school year, we pray you keep them in your care. Send your spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others, and lead others to be kind to them. Bring them home safely at day's end. (Source: homeleticsonline.com)

You can make prayer concerns known by emailing or calling the Church Office (zionmc@canby.com or 503-651-2274)



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 -September 3, 2023-

Prelude **GATHERING** Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship Congregational Singing Seek Ye First (VT 471) Come, Now is the Time to Worship (VT 29) Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise (VT 98) Jesus Loves Me (VT 516) Prayer for the Offering WORD Children's Story **Scripture Presentation** Sermon **RESPONSE** Communion Thy Word is a Lamp **SENDING** Benediction

> Prelude: Kelsey Sommer Worship Leader: Stan Oyer Song Leader: Jana Gingerich Children's Story: Mary Masingila

Sunday:

10:15am Worship Service

This Week:

No Activities

Nursery Schedule: Not Staffed Worship Schedule:

September 10: Steve Bomar September 17: Steve Bomar

Budget Report: Offering 8/27/23: \$922.85

Pastor Jana will be on vacation September 5—18.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Church building will be closed September 5—7 for water system maintenance.

## We're trying something new in Worship.

Beginning September 10th our Sunday Morning Worship Services will mostly follow the Narrative Lectionary schedule. Each Sunday is assigned two scripture passages (a preaching passage and an accompanying passage) which rotate in a four year cycle. Beginning with the story of creation, the Narrative Lectionary touches on the major stories, characters, and plot points of the Old Testament. Then, just in time for Christmas, it follows one of the four Gospels (this year will be Mark) through Easter with Acts and the Letters after that.

Together as a congregation, this will help us connect bible stories and events chronologically and follow the compelling story of God.

Wendell and Karen Amstutz are visiting Oregon from Bolivia. On September 24, Wendell will be preaching during our morning worship service. At that time, we will be collecting a love offering for the Senior Center in El Torno.

## Sunday, September 10



RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SCHDULE: Potluck Breakfast 8:30am Sunday School 9:00am Worship 10:15am

Fundraiser Meal for Drift Creek Camp—11:30am
\*Pizza Rolls, Salad and Dessert\*

Help is needed in the kitchen. Please contact Jennifer Gingerich (503-201-5331) if you are available.



The total collected during August was \$235.35, for a total to date of \$631.32 We will continue collecting weekly until the Oregon Mennonite Relief sale in Albany on October 21. Remember to bring your spare coins because "we can make a difference in the world."

The sum of \$30,000 from the Vernon Gahler Trust was set aside into a fund for the purpose of meeting local community needs, which might include medical, food, and/or housing. In addition, a goal of using these funds is also to increase volunteerism among persons at Zion. A grant application form is available in the Church Office. All forms must be submitted by October 1, 2023, at which time Zion Leadership Table will determine which proposal(s) will be granted. If a plan for administration of these funds is not determined by December 31, the money will go to The Canby Center.