Stephen Ministry

"Christ Caring for People through People"

When an event shakes up your world, you can either let it hurt you or help you. If you would like help in turning a life crisis into an opportunity of growth and faith, a Stephen Minister is ready to walk with you. A Stephen Minister is a trained lay volunteer;

a good listener; trained in confidentiality; supervised for quality care; ready to offer God's love through a Christian caring relationship on a one-to-one basis.

Having someone to care, to listen, and to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

To know more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Jana (503-577-9789)





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

-April 21, 2024-

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Come Let Us All Unite to Sing (VT 7)

Your Love Is Amazing (VT 96)

Together (VT 389)

Offering Blessing

Passing the Peace

WORD

Congregational Singing

I Will Sing for Joy

We Are One In the Spirit

Children's Story

Scripture Presentation: Acts 17:1-9

Sermon

RESPONSE

Response Song: Take My Life and Let It Be (VT 759)

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Benediction

Prelude: Kristin Oakes Worship Leader: Jana Gingerich Song Leader: Karie Smucker Children's Story: Jenna Oyer

Sunday:

8:30am Potluck Breakfast Fellowship

9:00am Sunday School classes for all ages

10:15am Worship Service

This Week:

Tuesday, 10:00am Bible Study via Zoom

Upcoming Events:

Zion Youth Food and Fun—April 28, 6-8pm

Potluck and Congregational Business Meeting—May 5, 11:30am

Worship Schedule:

April 28: Pastor Steve preaching May 5: Pastor Steve preaching

Nursery Schedule:

This Week: Karen Kropf, Luke Bomar Next Week: Nancy Histand, Josh Chupp **Budget Report**: Offering 4/14/24: \$17,896.54

Congregational Business Meeting

Sunday, May 5 11:30am Potluck | 12:15pm meeting

Agenda items include:

- Update on solar project, youth ministry, and Bolivia trip
- Budget Update
- Commission Reports
- Ballot

A copy of the proposed ballot was emailed this week. If you would like an absentee ballot prior to the business meeting, please contact the Church Office.

The Stewards of Children training session facilitated by Liberty House Children's Advocacy Center last Sunday was well attended and we thank the 21 people from Zion learning more about steps to preventing and keeping children safe from child sexual abuse.

Many thanks to John Garber and all the others who helped put the metal on our new structure last Saturday, as well as to Vonnie Oyer who provided a wonderful lunch. Everything went smoothly and the structure looks great! It was a great community effort! The next steps are to get the solar on line as well as running electrical lines for Zion's needs.

In Prayer.

We look on with horror at the ever-escalating violence that grips the people and their nations in the Middle East. We mourn the faith placed in military might and in violence, as if that can bring about right relationships. Christians are called to embody a faith that seeks the welfare of others, that lays down arms; to embody the ways of peace, to love our enemies.

Rockets will not bring peace.

Invasion will not bring peace.

Violence will not bring peace.

Enough!

God, the father of heaven, have mercy on us.

from A Prayer for Peace by Andrew Suderman,
 Peace Commission Secretary, Mennonite World Conference