

# Zion Mennonite Church

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Sunday school: 9:30 am • Worship service: 10:43 am



## John 15:1-17

### “The Father’s Fruitful Church: Making Our Home In Jesus”

Pastor Mike Metzler

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## WELCOME TO ZION MENNONITE CHURCH

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Summer Sermon Series “Witnesses To The Light:  
On Adventure With God & The Saints”

### GATHERING & PRAISE

Preservice Music

Gathering Song

*My soul cries out* STS 124

Welcome & Call to Worship - Psalm 1:1-6

Congregational Singing

*You are holy, You are mighty*

*Bless the Lord/10,000 Reasons*

*Thou true Vine, that heals*

HWB 373

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:22-25

### CONFESSION

INSERT

Congregational Song

*Lord Jesus, you shall be my song*

STJ 14

### PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-17

Sermon: “The Father’s Fruitful Church: Making Our Home In Jesus”

Communion

*You are holy*

STS 34

*I am the Bread of life*

HWB 472

Offering – Zion Mennonite Church

Metzler Family

### SENDING

Farewell blessing for Metzler family

Benediction/Sending Song

*The Lord bless you and keep you*

STJ 76



## ZMC – PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Week of July 28, 2019

“Rejoice always, pray continually...” ~1 Thessalonians 5:16,17

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

- \*Praise God for allowing us to bear fruit as we make our home in Jesus that reveals the goodness of God’s kingdom.
- \*Pray for Rebekah as she anticipates baptism. Pray for Micah and Alex to grow as disciples of Jesus as they stick with him each day.
- \*Ethan Gingerich, as he leads bridge building projects in Bolivia. Pray that he knows God is with him as he faces adversity.
- \*Ruth Alger, as she continues facing health challenges with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Pray that she would continue receiving peace and hope from God.
- \*Pray for campers and staff at Highland Retreat as they enjoy God in creation. Pray for safety and deeper relationships to form through shared adventures.
- \*Pray for teachers and students as they anticipate a new year of school. Pray for each person to know God is with them as they prepare for this transition.
- \*Pray for the Metzler family as they transition from Zion. Pray for God to provide for and guide them.
- \*Ervin & Bonnie Stutzman, as they prepare to serve as Interim Pastors for ZMC beginning this coming week.
- \*Pray for Zion Mennonite Church to continue being a fruitful congregation that trusts God and shares God’s love with others.

**God’s Mission and the wider church** – Pray for Mennonite Disaster Service and Kevin King as he gives leadership to Anabaptists responding with God’s love to people suffering the effects of disasters near and far.

**Birthdays this week:** Laura Kauffman, Wayne Showalter,  
Liliana Gingerich, Zoe Myers

**Next Sunday:** Preacher: Ervin Stutzman,  
Worship leader: Becky Brenneman, Music leader: Sara Halteman

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY** – Pray for wisdom and kindness for our nation’s leaders during a polarized time of mistrust.

**PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD** – Pray for the people of Myanmar, also known as Burma, a country slightly smaller than Texas. Since August 2017, an army operation against alleged terrorists has driven more than 500,000 Muslim Rohingyas to Bangladesh. The United Nations has described this situation as a “textbook example of ethnic cleansing.” Pray for the people being persecuted and for the members of the military.

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## CONFESSION

**Leader:** We thank you, gracious God, for Jesus Christ the true Vine, with His roots eternally grounded in you. We rejoice that by grace we have been grafted into Him, to be branches on a vine which bears the loveliest of all the fruits of earth. Yet we confess that all is not well with the way we live.

*All: Please forgive us for the occasions when we have been the ones to introduce disease into the Vine, preferring its contamination to the vigour of health. Forgive us for neglecting to draw deeply on the sap of Life, for our tendency to wander instead of growing on the framework you provide, for being content, and sometimes even proud of a few sparse or undersized fruits, for the apathy which lets us go through some seasons without bearing any fruit.*

**Leader:** Have mercy on us. Please do not lose patience or sever us completely from the true Vine. Rather heal our diseases, discipline and train our wandering tendrils, prune our unfruitful branches and cut away our diseased ones. May we remain in Christ and He in us, through all the changing seasons of life. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love which are our true purpose and joy.

*<pause for silent reflection>*

### Words of assurance

**Leader:** Jesus said: “If you reside in me, and my words reside in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you.” We have asked for forgiveness and correction. It has truly been done for us. It is being done for us. And it will be done for us.

*All: Thanks be to God!*