

SALEM MENNONITE CHURCH

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Mission Statement:

Salem Mennonite Church commits to hear and live God's call to be followers of Jesus Christ and to grow as a worshipping community of faith and reconciliation, where peace, joy and healing are experienced in the church and shared with others.

Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE GATHER

Prelude

- Julie Graber

Hymns

- Ruby Berg

Call to Worship & Invocation

- Jennifer Gingerich

Hymn

STS 15

Candlelighting for 2nd Sunday of Advent: Emily Perez

WE CONFESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Message for Children

("The Blessing Song")

- Chris Lehman

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Isaiah 40:1-5 (*read by Shanti Kauffman*)

Message

- Todd Lehman

WE RESPOND

Hymn of Response

Offering

- Jennie Kauffman, Shanti Kauffman & Julie Graber

Sharing and Prayer ending with Lord's Prayer

(Respond with: "Lord, we thank you" / "Lord, hear our prayer")

(Responde con: "Senor, te damos gracias" / "Senor, escucha nuestra oracion")

(*"Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us"*)

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn

Sending Words

Postlude

- Sy Graber

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Ushers Today

- Brent & Marj Mobley-Oorthuys

Nursery Volunteers

- Ruth Reimer-Berg & Parent

Nursery care (birth-4 years) is available during our Worship Service

Sound System

- Hendrik Mobley

Pastor: Todd Lehman

1045 Candlewood Drive NE

Youth Leader: Brice Larson

Salem, OR 97303

SEKCC Coordinator: Sandy Smith

Phone: 503-390-2715

Education Hour: 9:30 a.m.

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Worship: 10:45 a.m.

(Dial-up: Ph.641-715-3300, Access code 637800#)

Education Hour: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

A warm welcome to all children and adults!

Early Childhood (2-5 years) - Room 2

Primary Class (Kindergarten-grade 2) - Room 4

Middler Class (grades 3-5) - Room 7

Junior Youth (grades 6-8) - Room 5

High School Youth (grades 9-12) - Youth Room

Adult Class 1: *CANCELLED TODAY ONLY* - Fellowship Hall

Adult Class 2 (*Spanish*): *Estudio de Pablo y su Teologia* - Room 3

Coffee Time: 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Volunteers

- Eilene Snyder

THIS WEEK, December 7, 2014 – December 13, 2014

Today

Second Sunday of Advent

Food Donation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Local Gifts Christmas Bazaar

(*Adult English Sunday school class cancelled*)

10:45 a.m. Worship Service (*message – Todd Lehman*)

12:30 p.m. Senior Lunch at McGrath's

6:30 p.m. MYF @ Church

Tuesday

6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Busick Court

Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast at Busick Court

9:00 a.m. Quilting (potluck)

6:30 p.m. JYF @ Church

Friday

6:00 p.m. SE Keizer Community Center - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 14, 2014 – Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks in the library

10:45 a.m. Worship Service (*message – Todd Lehman*)

6:30 p.m. MYF @ Church

Birthdays this week:

Ciela Acosta, Melvena Hostetler,
Joyce Yoder, Ken Snyder, Dolores Miller,
Lee Snyder, Carol Kauffman

FOR THE RECORD

November 30, 2014

Attendance: 112

General Offering \$8,201.00

Total received for November \$20,441.05

Monthly Challenge \$16,061.25

Shortage (as of Oct. 31) \$7,577

November Food Donations for Marion Polk-Food Share.....102 lbs

If you would like to **bring a meal to the Dalgas family**, please contact Shawn Newswanger for details. A "meal train" has been set up for the family and the link was sent out to the church email list this past week (if you did not get that email, Shawn can resend it to you).

Food Donations Needed! Salem Mennonite Church is collecting NON-perishable food items (canned and otherwise) on the First Sunday of every month. During the offering TODAY, please bring your donations forward and place them in the blue barrel at the front of the sanctuary.

SMC Christmas Dinner: Saturday Dec. 20 at 6 pm. Full-course, traditional Christmas dinner, (served by the MYF), and program of stories, re-enactment of the Christmas story, singing and special music (and a promise there will be NO 12-days of Christmas). Please sign up in early December. Donations accepted for meal.

Please visit the **Giving Tree** in the lobby to help support community families with presents this Christmas. Take a tag and attach it to an unwrapped gift and bring to church by Friday, December 19. Gifts will be wrapped and delivered on Saturday, December 20. Questions? See Sandy Smith.

Register now for **PA 2015, the Mennonite World Conference Assembly** to be held July 21-16, 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Nearly 1,000 persons have registered already, including 150 from Zimbabwe! What about you? Make plans now. Go to www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015 to visit the Assembly web page, then select "Register Now".

The International Guest House, a Christian hospitality ministry operated by Allegheny Mennonite Conference to provide a "home away from home" for DC visitors, is in need of volunteers. In the past year, the Guest House served 2,443 guests from 66 countries and the United States. Guest house hosts are needed beginning July 2015 for a one-year term. Other volunteers (one month or longer) are also needed. Volunteers receive room and board; full-year volunteers receive stipend and health insurance. Responsibilities include welcoming guests, serving breakfast & tea, baking, cleaning, laundry, maintenance. Enjoy sightseeing during free time. Contact: International Guest House igh-dc@juno.com (202)726-5808.

On the Bulletin Boards:

- PNMC e-Bulletin/e-Boletin: December 1, 2014 edition
- Salem Progressive Film Series, "Just Eat It", Dec. 11

Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers often describe their service as being "the hands and feet of Jesus". Last weekend, the hands and backs of more than 300 volunteers were working hard, shoveling the historic snowfall in New York. They worked to save roofs and help homeowners clear the massive snow drifts from their properties. Volunteers came from nearby in New York and many volunteers crossed the border from Ontario to help their neighbors in the West Seneca, NY, area. A group of 41 MDS volunteers also drove six hours from Grantsville, MD, to help with the work. MDS Early Response Team (ERT) coordinator, Glenn Weiler, of Wolcott, NY, reported that volunteers were working in trailer courts, shoveling snow off trailer roofs. They cleared driveways and walkways for elderly and handicapped persons and did some sandbagging in preparation for possible flooding. They also worked at two farms, clearing off massive barn roofs. Weiler reported that at the trailer park, "There were lots of elderly people and (local contractors) were charging them \$400 to \$800 to clean off their roofs. When we came through and did it for free, they thought we were angels. They kept asking if it was free, and what was the catch? They were flabbergasted that we would do this work for free." The volunteers were thanked over and over again, and the messages of thanks continue to pour into the MDS Facebook page.

Upcoming events from Western Mennonite School:

- Pastors' Appreciation Day | December 9, 2014
- Grandparents' Day | December 11
- Alumni Celebration Day | December 18 | 9:00 a.m.

Join us as we honor two alumni and one individual from the WMS community. Faculty and staff voted to recognize nominees in three categories: Young Leader, Lifetime Achievement, and Distinguished Service. Come celebrate alumni and friends who are making an impact in their communities!

- Choir Performances:
 - Middle School Winter Concert | December 16 | 7:00 p.m.
 - Choirs at the Capitol | December 17 | 12:00 p.m.
 - High School Christmas Concert | December 18 | 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Corner:

Pray for...

...Mary Beyler (serving in Japan with MMN)

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request – December 7, 2014:

Pray for the transition government in Burkina Faso after violent demonstrations forced Blaise Compaoré to relinquish presidential power. Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network, requests us to pray "that the Lord will lead to a wide consensus for a person full of integrity and wisdom and courage to lead the country to elections next year."

Empty toner cartridges are being collected for Drift Creek Camp. Please put them in the box in the foyer.

Campbell's Soup Labels are being collected for Western Mennonite School (please make sure to include the barcode). There is a box on the shelf above the coat racks off the foyer for the labels.

Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Marcos 1:1-8 (RVR1995)

¹ Principio del evangelio de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios. ² Como está escrito en el profeta Isaías: «Yo envío mi mensajero delante de tu faz, el cual preparará tu camino delante de ti. ³ Voz del que clama en el desierto: "Preparad el camino del Señor. ¡Enderezad sus sendas!"» ⁴ Bautizaba Juan en el desierto y predicaba el bautismo de arrepentimiento para perdón de pecados. ⁵ Acudía a él toda la provincia de Judea y todos los de Jerusalén, y eran bautizados por él en el río Jordán, confesando sus pecados. ⁶ Juan estaba vestido de pelo de camello, tenía un cinto de cuero alrededor de su cintura, y comía langostas y miel silvestre. ⁷ Y predicaba, diciendo: «Viene tras mí el que es más poderoso que yo, a quien no soy digno de desatar, agachado, la correa de su calzado. ⁸ Yo a la verdad os he bautizado con agua, pero él os bautizará con Espíritu Santo.»

Isaiah 40:1-5 (NRSV)

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaías 40:1-5 (RVR1995)

¹ «¡Consolad, consolad a mi pueblo!», dice vuestro Dios. ² Hablad al corazón de Jerusalén; decidle a voces que su tiempo es ya cumplido, que su pecado está perdonado, que doble ha recibido de la mano de Jehová por todos sus pecados. ³ Voz que clama en el desierto: «¡Preparad un camino a Jehová; nivelad una calzada en la estepa a nuestro Dios! ⁴ ¡Todo valle sea alzado y bájese todo monte y collado! ¡Que lo torcido se enderece y lo áspero se allane! ⁵ Entonces se manifestará la gloria de Jehová y toda carne juntamente la verá, porque la boca de Jehová ha hablado.»