

**SALEM MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**www.salemmennonitechurch.org**

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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.*

**WE GATHER**

**Prelude**

- Marj Engle

**Call to Worship**

- Joseph Penner

**Invocation**

**Hymns**

- Linda Pauls

**WE CONFESS**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Hymn**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Message for Children**

("The Blessing Song")

- Joseph Penner

**Scripture**

Exodus 3:1-11

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 5:1-11

**Message**

- Al Lind

**WE RESPOND**

**Hymn of Response**

**Offering**

- Peter Miller

**Birthday Offering**

**Sharing and Prayer ending with Lord's Prayer**

- Al Lind

*("Lord, we thank you" / "Lord, hear our prayer")*

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

**WE GO FORTH**

**Closing Hymn**

**Sending Words**

**Postlude**

- Ruby Berg

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**Ushers Today**

- Stan & Ruth Steffen

**Nursery Volunteers**

- Juel Russell

Pastor: Jack Knox

1045 Candlewood Drive NE, Salem, OR 97303

Education Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Dial-up Worship: Phone No. (641) 715-3300, Access code 637800#

Youth Leader: Joseph Penner

Phone: 503-390-2715

Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.

**THIS WEEK, July 25, 2010 – July 31, 2010**

**Today** 10:45 a.m. Worship – Al Lind

**Tuesday** 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Busick Court

5:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting

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

9:00 a.m. Quilting (sack lunch)

**Sunday, August 1, 2010 \*\*Food Donation Sunday\*\***

10:45 a.m. Worship – Dina Mardell Ruiz Valdez

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, 9:30 a.m.:**

Youth Class: Youth Room

- Leah Miller

Adult Class: Fellowship Hall

- John Beechy

**Birthdays this week:**

Sheila Hochstetler, Orvan Miller,  
June Handrich, Phil Lindberg, Amanda Olvera

**Anniversaries this week:**

Darrel & Charlene White (Jul 25)  
Merlin & Kathleen Aeschliman (Jul 26)  
Del & Lee Snyder (Jul 29)

**FOR THE RECORD**

**July 18, 2010**

**Attendance: 111**

General Offering \$2,096.05

Total received for July \$9,016.71

Monthly Challenge \$15,187.41

*Shortage after 6 months: \$5,613*

**Pastor Jack will be out of the office** from July 7 until July 26. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact one of the Elders: Al Lind, Eric Martin, Maribeth Kennel or Sharon Stutzman.

**Request for donations for MCC Auction:**

- Items for Marta's Haus, the fabric store at the MCC Festival for World Relief (October 2), include all types of fabric, sewing notions and quilt-related items. Fabric should be measured and labeled and put in designated box in foyer. See Miriam Showalter for more info.
- Material for making School Kit bags on August 11 & 25 should be durable and colorful. Suggested fabrics are light-weight denim or corduroy, medium-weight decorator fabric and other heavy cottons. Fabric for School Kit bags can also be placed in designated box in foyer.

Several of us from SMC are participating in the **MCC Bike Oregon** ride during the first week of August. The purpose of the ride is to raise money for MCC. We would invite you to support us in this with a contribution to MCC. If you are able and wish to contribute, make your check payable to Mennonite Central Committee and see Russ Kennel, Al Lind, Norm Lind, or Carl Snyder by Sunday, August 1. Thank you.

**Change of plans...** The reception for Leah Yoder and Rafael Chavez scheduled for Wednesday, August 4 is cancelled. Leah and Rafael will honeymoon elsewhere after their July 31 wedding. They will visit Oregon at a later time.

On Sunday, **August 1, our guest speaker** for both the Adult Sunday School class and the worship service will be Dina Mardell Ruiz Valdez. During the worship service, we will be taking a special offering for the Hispanic Mennonite Churches in Mexico.

On Sunday, **August 8 our Adult Sunday School guest speaker** will be Matt Friesen. He will be speaking on counter recruitment.

Matthew Wiebe and **Debbie Sprunger** will be wed on September 18, 2010 at Schänzli Mennonite Church in Muttentz. The Wedding invitation is posted on the bulletin board.

Western Mennonite School offers **Sports Camps** for all ages during August for: soccer, baseball, softball and volleyball. More information at [www.westernmennoniteschool.org](http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org), or call Dora at (503) 363-2000.

You are invited to a **barbecue dinner to raise funds** for the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief. Hosted by Harley and Marolyn Brenneman in North Albany, the barbecue will take place on Saturday, August 14, at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each, or \$45 per family. Contact Randall Toews to purchase tickets and for directions. Please don't wait; reservations must be sent to organizers by August 8.

**Bridging Cultures** is the new name for the well known Pac-a-Sac program which has been serving the Canby community for 10 years. Bridging Cultures will be the new umbrella organization for Pac-a-Sac and other ministries within the community of Canby. Bridging Cultures will work intentionally at building relationships between Canby's varied cultures. Bridging Cultures is applying for tax exempt status. We invite your prayers. The Bridging Cultures Board presently consists of Kiara Yoder, Wendell Amstutz, Jesse Villareal, Charlie Gingerich & Bob Buxman. For more information, feel free to visit with any of these folks.

**A word of deep gratitude and thanksgiving to God** and to the churches of the PNMC for their varied participation in the MCC Benefit Concerts promoted over the week end of July 16, 17 & 18, in Seattle, Portland and Albany respectively. Thank you for your prayers, gifts, interest, and for many...attendance. The events were rich in music by Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter-Barg, and rich in content regarding the work of MCC with HIV/AIDS in Africa, presented by Abe Janzen. The three events raised more than \$55,000 for the Women's Income Generation work of MCC in Nigeria. In addition, the purchase of CDs added \$2,425, all of which goes to MCC's Generations Program. A special thank you to the three committees who did the leg work on the local events. THANK YOU!! - Grace and Peace, Bob Buxman, MCC NW Rep.

**Volunteers for Senior Peer Counselor** Training are needed. Free training will be provided on Aug 24, 25, and 26 from 8am-415pm. Applications are due by Wednesday, Aug 18. See Posting on bulletin board. For more information or an application, contact Jeff Lukehart, Ph.D., Coordinator, Center for Successful Living in Salem: (503) 304-3414 or [jeff.lukehart@state.or.us](mailto:jeff.lukehart@state.or.us)

**Food Donations Needed!** Salem Mennonite Church is collecting NON-perishable food items (canned and otherwise) on the First Sunday of every month. **The next collection will be this coming Sunday, August 1.** The collected food will be made available to our neighbours in need.

**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.

**MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST – July 25/10:**  
A church in Anqing, China, that Michelle and James Stabler-Havener relate to is building a place to worship and renovating an old building into a community outreach center. Pray for the congregation as they share God's love and salvation with their neighbors.

**PRAYERS FOR PEACEMAKERS – Weds., July 21, 2010:**  
Pray for the people of Iraq. The fighting on their northern border among Turkey, Iran and Kurdish insurgents is worsening, and there is still no national government after the March 7 election.