

SALEM MENNONITE CHURCH
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March 7, 2010

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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

- Don Reimer-Berg

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")

- Kim Brandt

Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-9; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Message

- Jack Knox

WE RESPOND

Hymn of Response

Offering

- Olivia Dalke

Special Offering for Isaac Cota

Sharing and Prayer ending with Lord's Prayer

("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

- Ruth Steffen

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Ushers Today

- Stan & Ruth Steffen

Nursery Volunteers

- Byron Birss & Parent

Sound System

- Aaron BreMiller

Pastor: Jack Knox

1045 Candlewood Drive NE, Salem, OR 97303

Education Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Dial-up Worship:

Youth Leader: Joseph Penner

Phone: 503-390-2715

Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.

Access code 637800#

THIS WEEK, March 7, 2010 – March 13, 2010

Today

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30 a.m. Blood pressure checks in library

10:45 a.m. Worship – Jack Knox

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

5:00 p.m. MYF @ Russell & Camille's

Monday

6:00 p.m. Spanish class

Tuesday

6:30 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)

3:30 p.m. Homework Club

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

3:30 p.m. Homework Club II

6:00 p.m. Spanish class

Friday

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

Sunday, March 14, 2010 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30 a.m. MYF baked goods silent auction

10:45 a.m. Worship – Leo Hartshorn

2:30 p.m. PNMC Historical Society meeting at Albany MC

5:00 p.m. JYF @ Andrew's

6:00 p.m. Evening Service at Mt Angel Towers

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

Youth Class

- Chad Hochstetler

Adult Class: Fellowship Hall

- Jack Knox

Birthdays this week:

Khoben Crossley, Roxanne Crossley,
Gabino Perez, Macario Espinoza, Skye McKinnell,
Pedro Olvera, Stan Steffen

Anniversaries this week:

Ron & Debbie Pauls (March 8)
Jim & Linda Pauls (March 8)

FOR THE RECORD	February 28, 2010	Attendance: 116
General Offering		\$5,615.92
Total received for February		\$13,832.92
Monthly Challenge		\$15,187.41
Hesston College "Bel Canto Singers" Offering.....		\$441.00
Penny Power for February.....		\$131.28

We are taking a special offering today for Isaac Cota, a minister in the Hispanic Mennonite Churches in northern Mexico. He is a respected pastor who has been reduced to living in poverty (he receives no pay for his ministerial duties). Hospitalization and treatment of black lung has exhausted his financial resources and has made it impossible for him to earn a living. He is at home, now unable to work or preach, and his family does not expect him to live much longer. The money that we contribute will help him and his family to pay part of his medical bills.

Habitat for Humanity **Work Day at Windsor Island** site is Saturday, March 13, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. House dedication ceremony is on March 27, 1:00 p.m. Let's support this!

MCC---Help for Haiti

Thanks to your generosity, the following items were taken to the Zion Church MCC Northwest Collection Center, and will be sent to Haiti:

- 51 Relief Kits
- 25 comforters
- 4 sheets
- 1 bag of misc. items for kits, (soap, tooth paste, toothbrushes etc)

In addition, 35 Relief Kits from the Lighthouse Charter School from North Bend, OR, were brought to SMC and were taken with our items to the NW Collection Center.

Oregon Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31st, at 6 pm (with dinner) at Calvary Mennonite Church, Aurora, Oregon. Features: Volunteer reports, progress at Dulzura, CA, MDS work in American Samoa, and volunteer needs. Please bring your friends and your appetite and share in the joy of our experiences with MDS. Call Wendy Colvin, 503-266-1636 to respond or for more information.

Do you have unused or expired drugs in your home? Dispose of them safely! **"Prescription Drug Turn-In Event"** at Roth's, 5013 River Rd N, Keizer, Saturday, March 13, 10am-2pm. See bulletin board for more information.

You are invited to sing in the Oratorio "The Holy City" this spring. A performance of this musical work is scheduled at the First Assembly of God church in Albany on Friday, April 30th at 7:30pm. Many voices are needed to sing in this beautiful oratorio. If you are interested, please call Velma Ropp at 541-928-3094 or email at jervfr@yahoo.com. Rehearsals begin March 14 (*complete schedule available from the church office*). — Louis Lehman

Western Mennonite School is accepting applications for a middle school and high school **choral music director**. Requirements: Bachelor's in Music, two years experience, hold or able to acquire Oregon Teaching License. Position starts August 30, 2010. Accepting applications until March 19, 2010. Contact Darrel Camp at (503) 363-2000 or dcamp@westernmennoniteschool.org. More information at www.westernmennoniteschool.org

Western Mennonite School A cappella choir will be performing their annual benefit concert on Saturday, March 13, at 3:00 & 7:00 PM. The proceeds will go to send the A cappella choir to Ontario, Canada, for the National Music Festival sponsored by the Mennonite Schools Council. To order tickets contact Charlene Schultz at Western Mennonite School, 503-363-2000 or any A cappella choir member.

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society invites you to attend our Spring Meeting on March 14, 2010 at Albany Mennonite Church, Albany, OR at 2:30pm. Speaker: Melanie Springer Mock, Subject: **"Writing Against the Old Lie: Mennonite Objectors and the Great War"**. If you have an interest in peace and justice issues related to war and the draft, you won't want to miss this! See the church bulletin board for more information.

A dinner to benefit Drift Creek Camp is scheduled for Friday, March 19th, 6:30pm at Zion Mennonite Church. Guest speaker, Luke Gascho, director of Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center will highlight how experiences at special places, like DCC, foster a holistic understanding of caring for creation as a response to God's gifts of love. Proceeds will go toward capital improvements. For more information or to register, please visit www.driftcreek.org.

The MYF is planning to have **a retreat to the beach** on the weekend of March 20th for fellowship and spiritual renewal. If you know of a suitable home that they could rent, please notify Joseph or a member of the youth committee.

Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat - April 23-25 at Drift Creek Camp. Are you considering a gift to the woman in your life for Mother's Day or birthday or for just a wonderful gesture of appreciation? Give her the weekend at women's retreat. Inspiration and relaxation are planned into this time with Teresa Moser speaking and activities to experience new ideas. Registration \$90 www.driftcreek.org (early registration by March 15 has a discount).

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST – Mar. 7/10:

Recruiting teachers for LCC International University, a four-year Christian liberal arts college in Lithuania, is becoming increasingly difficult due to the global recession and new migration laws. Pray for Robin Gingerich, director of LCC's English language programs, and for a complete staff for the coming academic year.

PRAYERS FOR PEACEMAKERS – Wed., Mar. 03, 2010:

Pray for the national elections to be held in Iraq on March 7. There has been significant pre-election violence. Iraqis are concerned about the shape of their next government as the USA prepares to draw down its troop levels.

On the Bulletin Boards:

- "Resting in the Rifted Rock": A Gathering of Mennonite Women at Drift Creek Camp, April 23-25, 2010
- The Knox Brothers concert at Zion MC (March 14 @ 7pm)
- Retirement of Jerry Barkman from Hope Village, Mar 14, 2pm
- The Immigrant Farm Workers' Struggle: A dialogue with Salem Faith Leaders: Saturday, March 20, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Food donations needed! Please bring NON-perishable food items (canned and otherwise) and drop them into the blue barrel that is located in the foyer. Items will be distributed to families in the Salem-Keizer area who are in need of assistance.

Campbell's Soup Labels are being collected for Western Mennonite School. There is a box on the shelf above the coat racks off the foyer for the labels.

Salem Progressive Film Series, Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7p.m.:

Manufactured Landscapes: From its stunning eight-minute opening shot to the remarkable documentation of China's Three Gorges Dam, Manufactured Landscapes is an impressive experience. That's partly due to the size and space of the landscapes, but mostly because of the beauty of the images--their composition and color. The goal of the photographer is to portray humanity's relationship to nature as we pursue progress. His images are striking and picturesque, leaving viewers on their own to comprehend the negative global ramifications. Location: Grand Theater, 191 High Street NE; cost: \$3/\$2(students). See Peace Cabinet bulletin board or www.salemprogressivefilms.net for more info.

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Prayer and Sharing requests (from this past Sunday, Feb. 28th):**Where we see God and/or hear God calling:**

- in the opportunity to work as a camp/cabin counselor at Drift Creek Camp this summer (see our bulletin board for details)
- in the opportunity to learn more about baptism, following Christ, being a Mennonite and being a member of Salem Mennonite Church (those interested should contact Jack)
- in making us a church that cares (many people from our congregation made donations for relief kits that will go to Haiti, others put the kits together, others made comforters, etc.)
- in teaching children to serve (students at the Lighthouse School in/near Coos Bay, who were encouraged by Julie Graber) collected and put together 35-40 relief kits and dropped them off here at Salem Mennonite Church
- in seeing prayer work (Marj Mobley-Oorthuys reported that the teachers at North Salem High School who meet for prayer have seen a minor miracle in one of the students for whom they have been praying)
- in the preparations being made here in the Salem area to help people in the event of a disaster (Cy Smith talked about classes that are available for those who want to help, and Jack Knox noted that Salem Mennonite Church has an agreement with the Red Cross to let our facility be used as a disaster relief center)

Where we seek help from God and/or have difficulty seeing God:

- we ask for God's comforting presence with Eunice King and the rest of her family as they celebrate what Eunice's brother, Howard, meant to them and as they mourn his death
- we also ask for God's comforting presence with the family and friends of John Yoder as they celebrate his life and mourn his death
- we ask for God's support and strength for the people in Chile and Argentina whose lives have been dramatically disrupted by last week's earthquakes
- we ask for God to help Bonnie Lehman's sister's mother-in-law, Mrs. Thiessen, to be able soon to fly home from Chile where she is stranded and having to sleep outdoors because of the earthquake (she finally arrived back into Canada on Thursday)

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