

## **SALEM MENNONITE CHURCH**

March 8, 2015

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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.*

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

#### **FIRST LOOK**

**Prelude**

- Ben Dalgas

**Hymn**

STS 124

- John Beechy

**Candle Lighting**

*We light a light in the name of the God who creates life,  
The savior who loves life, And the spirit who is the fire of life.*

**Call to Worship & Invocation**

- Al Lind

**Hymns**

MH 171, MH 620

**Message for Children**

("The Blessing Song")

- Pat Harms

**Offering**

**Scripture**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**Call to Authenticity**

**Special Music**

- MYF

#### **UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT**

**Call to Grace**

**Message**

- Todd Lehman

#### **SECOND LOOK**

**Readers Theater**

**Scripture**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**Hymn of Response**

HWB 337

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

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

*(Responde con: "Señor, te damos gracias" / "Señor, escucha nuestra oración")*

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

#### **WE GO FORTH**

**Closing Hymn**

MH 646

**Call to Commitment**

**Postlude**

- Ben Dalgas

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**Ushers Today**

- John & Sheila Hochstetler

**Nursery Volunteers**

- Hendrik Mobley & Parent

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

**Sound System**

- Macario Espinoza

Pastor: Todd Lehman

Youth Leader: Brice Larson

SEKCC Coordinator: Sandy Smith

Education Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:45 a.m. (Dial-up: Ph#712-775-7031, Meeting ID 333-414-627)

1045 Candlewood Drive NE

Salem, OR 97303

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### **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: *Faith: Persevering and Learning Discipline* - 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**

- Lila Byers

### **THIS WEEK, March 8, 2015 – March 14, 2015**

**Today**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

***Daylight Savings Begins***

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

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

6:30 p.m. MYF at 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 (*lunch at Thai Lotus*)

6:30 p.m. JYF at Church

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

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

Saturday 3:30 p.m. Baby Shower for Stauffers @ Trish Handrich's

### **Sunday, March 15, 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

10:45 a.m. Worship Service (*message – Bob Buxman*)

6:30 p.m. MYF at Church

### **Birthdays this week:**

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**

**March 1, 2015**

Attendance: 122

General Offering \$3,656

Total received for March \$3,656

Monthly Challenge \$17,130

Shortage (as of Jan. 31) \$4,917

**During the season of Lent we will have a different focal passage each week.** Please read John 3:14-21 once a day through Sunday, March 15. Take time to ponder the words, and perhaps to journal about them. May God bless you as you read and ponder.

**Congratulations to Linda Dalke** who was one of the top winners in the Mountain States Anabaptist Songwriting Challenge!

**DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE:** Elder nomination forms are due back next Sunday, March 15. Thank you for your prayerful consideration as you submit names for these positions.

**Quilters** will be having a lunch out at Thai Lotus instead of a potluck lunch this Wednesday.

Rose Marie Zook-Barber, pastor of Eugene Mennonite Church, is planning a **one-day silent lenten retreat** on Saturday, March 28, 2015. The retreat will take place at the Shalom Prayer Center, located at 840 S. Main St., Mt. Angel, OR 97362. A gathering session will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m., followed by a day of silence until the dinner gathering where verbal communication will resume. The \$30 cost includes lunch, dinner, use of the space and facilitation. For questions, contact Rose Marie at 541-689-5027.

**Mennonite World Conference** is preparing to gather in 2015, and you can help! Pray for planners and participants, that they will feel the Spirit's movement as they come together and share in this time. Support the assembly fund individually or as a congregation so that people from all over the world will be able to attend ([mwc-cmm.org/pa2015](http://mwc-cmm.org/pa2015)).

**Support our MYF as they raise funds to go to Mennonite World Conference** this coming July! How? Here are some ways:

- Each Sunday two of our youth will be providing baked goods for sale after the service.
- The youth are willing to hire themselves out for chores and odd jobs both as individuals or as teams. Please contact Brice with anything you'd like us to take care of for you.

*If you have questions, contact Brice.*

Pastor Todd will be **away from the office** Monday, March 9 to Sunday, March 15. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact one of the Elders (Tony Handrich, John Beechy, Florence Gingerich, Sara Lind).

Erica Garber, WMS art instructor, is **seeking old/damaged books to use for art projects**. These books will be completely repurposed, so please, nothing you weren't already planning on discarding or donating. *Hardcover books are best, but we will gladly take whatever you can give.*

**Anawim Christian Community** will be on a hiatus for a few months, beginning March 1. Services will be cancelled except for a work day/food distribution every Friday, beginning March 13 at the 19626 NE Glisan location in Gresham. We will continue to host a mobile shower unit on Fri-day mornings and an open meal on Wednesdays from 3 to 4pm. The "break" is driven by a decrease in volunteers and finances, but an increase in those needing services. Volunteer recruiting/training needs to be done, as well as the time to apply for grants. The length of the cut-back depends on the number of volunteers who can be recruited. If you are local to Portland or Gresham and you would like to be a long term volunteer, please contact Steve Kimes ([stevekimes@aol.com](mailto:stevekimes@aol.com)). Monetary and food donations are still needed as expenses will continue in spite of the break. Clothing and food donations will be accepted on Fridays from 10am to 2pm during the hiatus. Thank you all for your support during our time of reorganization so we can come back stronger and better than ever!

*From the Executive Conference Minister, Katherine Jameson Pitts:*

Plans are coming together for the **PNMC Annual Meeting in Lebanon in June!** We are excited to welcome Mike and Marlene Bogard as this year's speakers. The theme for our gathering is "Opening the Scriptures" from Luke 24:32. The Bogards are looking forward to meeting new people and making connections on the west coast. The couple is planning a move to Oregon this spring. Mike will be a bible teacher at Western Mennonite School this fall and Marlene is the incoming executive director of Mennonite Women. Marlene was also a major force behind "The Year of the Bible" resources from Western District and serves on the board of directors for Dove's Nest, a mission to empower and equip faith communities to keep children and youth safe in their homes, churches and communities.

### **Prayer Corner:**

Pray for...

...Kathleen Aeschliman as she recovers from her surgery last Friday.

...Juel Russell as she faces the 9th anniversary of her husband Dale's passing on Monday.

*Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request – March 8, 2015:*

Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network are using Alpha courses in Bolivia to strengthen existing Mennonite congregations and to lay the groundwork for new ones. Pray that God will water the seeds they are planting and that people will receive Jesus' healing and hope in their lives.

### **On the Bulletin Boards:**

- PNMC e-Bulletin/e-Boletín: March 2, 2015 edition
- Salem Progressive Film Series, "Pay 2 Play", Mar. 12

The next public **Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society** meeting will be April 19, 2015 at Lebanon Mennonite Church (2100 S. 2nd St.) at 2:30 pm. The gathering will celebrate thirty years of faithfulness in raising funds for Mennonite Central Committee through the Oregon Festival for World Relief. Long-time West Coast MCC board member, Bill Braun, will be the speaker. He was part of the original team that started the OR sale and he served with MCC in Kentucky. Visit [www.pnmhs.org](http://www.pnmhs.org), or email [pnwmennonite@canby.com](mailto:pnwmennonite@canby.com) for more information.

As cold temperatures and snow add another layer of deprivation to Syrians and Iraqis who have fled their homes because of violence, **Mennonite Central Committee is renewing its call for donations** to address their needs. Many Iraqis who fled the Islamic State group are staying in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, one of the coldest areas of Iraq in the mountains near Turkey. "Some people are living in unfinished shell buildings with no insulation and sometimes with open door and window spaces," said Kaitlin Heatwole, MCC's program coordinator in Iraq. "They use tarps, floor rugs and blankets for insulation. Kerosene heaters are the primary source of heat." These conditions are repeated with different details in many locations throughout the Middle East, especially in Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. The cold adds insult to injury, as if being forced from their homes by violence, losing family and friends, spending down all of their savings, and living in tents or empty buildings without a job aren't enough for displaced Iraqis and Syrians. From blankets to food vouchers, from relief kits to educational support, MCC works through churches and other community organizations to address basic needs of the most vulnerable families. "Although the needs feel overwhelming most days," said Naomi Enns, "our partners tell us repeatedly that receiving the blanket, the relief kit, or vouchers to pay rent or buy fuel is as much a *message of hope* as it is helpful in practical ways." Financial donations to MCC's Syria and Iraq crisis response can be made online at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org), by mail to P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501, or by phone, 888-563-4676. MCC needs donations of blankets, relief and hygiene kits to replenish supplies.

### **1 Corinthians 1:18-25** (NRSV)

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **1 Corintios 1:18-25** (RVR1995)

<sup>18</sup> La palabra de la cruz es locura a los que se pierden; pero a los que se salvan, esto es, a nosotros, es poder de Dios, <sup>19</sup> pues está escrito: «Destruiré la sabiduría de los sabios y frustraré la inteligencia de los inteligentes.» <sup>20</sup> ¿Dónde está el sabio? ¿Dónde está el escriba? ¿Dónde está el que discute asuntos de este mundo? ¿Acaso no ha enloquecido Dios la sabiduría del mundo? <sup>21</sup> Puesto que el mundo, mediante su sabiduría, no reconoció a Dios a través de las obras que manifiestan su sabiduría, agradó a Dios salvar a los creyentes por la locura de la predicación. <sup>22</sup> Los judíos piden señales y los griegos buscan sabiduría, <sup>23</sup> pero nosotros predicamos a Cristo crucificado, para los judíos ciertamente tropezadero, y para los gentiles locura. <sup>24</sup> En cambio para los llamados, tanto judíos como griegos, Cristo es poder y sabiduría de Dios, <sup>25</sup> porque lo insensato de Dios es más sabio que los hombres, y lo débil de Dios es más fuerte que los hombres.