

SALEM MENNONITE CHURCH

November 30, 2014

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude	- Hendrik Mobley
Call to Worship & Invocation	- Brice Larson
Hymns	- Skye McKinnell
Scripture	Matthew 21:10-15, 23:37-39 - Jonathan Reimer-Berg
Message for Children	("The Blessing Song") - Chris Lehman
Special Music	
Scripture	Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-34 - Andrew Reimer-Berg Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Luke 10:25-27
Message	- Ruth Reimer-Berg, Hendrik Mobley, Spencer Aeschliman
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon	- Spencer Aeschliman
Lighting of the Advent Candle	- Shanti Kauffman
Hymn of Response	
Offering	- Andrew Reimer-Berg
Mutual Aid Offering	
Sharing and Prayer ending with Lord's Prayer	- Brice Larson (Respond with: "Lord, we thank you" / "Lord, hear our prayer") (Responde con: "Señor, te damos gracias" / "Señor, escucha nuestra oración") (<i>"Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us"</i>)
Closing Hymn	
Sending Words	- Amanda Olvera
Postlude	- Hendrik Mobley
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Ushers Today	- John & Sheila Hochstetler, Shanti Kauffman, Jonathan Reimer-Berg, and Amanda Olvera
Nursery Volunteers	- Melissa Nisly <i>Nursery care (birth-4 years) is available during our Worship Service</i>
Sound System	- Skye McKinnell

Pastor: Todd Lehman

Youth Leader: Brice Larson

SEKCC Coordinator: Sandy Smith

Education Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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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:	<i>John Beechy (Jesus and the Scriptures)</i>	- Fellowship Hall
Adult Class 2 (<i>Spanish</i>):	<i>Estudio de Pablo y su Teología</i>	- Room 3

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

Volunteers - Melvena Hostetler

THIS WEEK, November 30, 2014 – December 6, 2014

Today First Sunday of Advent

	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>message - Youth</i>)
		Mutual Aid Offering
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 (sack lunch)
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting at Church
Thursday	11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study Luncheon
Friday	6:00 p.m.	SE Keizer Community Center - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – Second Sunday of Advent

Food Donation Sunday

9:30 a.m.	Local Gifts Christmas Bazaar
	(<i>Adult English Sunday school class cancelled</i>)
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>message – Todd Lehman</i>)
12:30 p.m.	Senior Lunch at McGrath's
6:30 p.m.	MYF @ Church

Birthdays this week: Sue Martin, Debbie Pauls, Olivia Dalke

FOR THE RECORD November 23, 2014 Attendance: 110

General Offering	\$3,735.00
Total received for November	\$12,240.05
Monthly Challenge	\$16,061.25
Shortage (as of Oct. 31)	\$7,577
November Birthday Offering for Drift Creek Camperships.....	\$55.00

"Community" is a vital part of who we are and involves - among other things - sharing what God gives us with those among us who are in need. Accordingly we collect a special **Mutual Aid offering** on the last Sunday of months having five Sundays (TODAY) and give our Elders responsibility for distributing it as needed. May God bless you and our community for your participation in this offering.

SMC Local Gift Bazaar - Featuring the products of creative people in our congregation - Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour and after church. Come browse and buy locally made gifts and support the artisans of our church. (*Please note: The regular Adult English Sunday School class is cancelled for the morning of December 7 only.*)

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.

Marcus Smucker Memorial Gathering: Friends and family will gather on Saturday, December 6, to remember and give thanks for the life and ministry of Marcus Smucker. The service will be held at 3:30 pm at Portland Mennonite Church (1312 SE 35th Avenue, Portland, OR 97213). A reception with light refreshments will follow. Marcus was pastor of Portland Mennonite Church from 1963 to 1979. He went on to teach at what was then Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He served in many other capacities - counselor, consultant, coach - in many settings throughout the Mennonite Church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the PMC office (503-234-0559).

From Western Mennonite School...

"We hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving and want you to know that we are thankful for the ministry of Salem Mennonite Church and pray that the Lord continues to bless your congregation and the communities that you serve!"

Upcoming Event: Parent Night (Community members welcome)

Financing College: December 4, 2014 @ 7:00pm. All are invited to come learn about college savings plans for elementary/middle school students (it's never too early to start saving), college scholarships, grants, loans, and federal financial aid (FAFSA). Presented by Kyle Mast '03 from Clarity Financial, LLC and Jeff Linder from Grand Canyon University. Invite your friends and neighbors, please RSVP to the school by calling 503-363-2000.

Other upcoming Events:

Pastors' Day: December 9, 2014

Grandparents' Day: December 11, 2014

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 on December 7, please bring your donations forward and place them in the blue barrel at the front of the sanctuary.

Prayer Corner:

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request – November 30, 2014:

Nearly 50 participants are three months into their Mennonite Voluntary Service assignments, a Christian Service program of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for these young adults as they adapt to life in community and work in fields that include public health, immigration law, and home repair.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NRSV)

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomio 6:4-9 (RVR1995)

⁴»Oye, Israel: Jehová, nuestro Dios, Jehová uno es. ⁵»Amarás a Jehová, tu Dios, de todo tu corazón, de toda tu alma y con todas tus fuerzas. ⁶»Estas palabras que yo te mando hoy, estarán sobre tu corazón. ⁷Se las repetirás a tus hijos, y les hablarás de ellas estando en tu casa y andando por el camino, al acostarte y cuando te levantes. ⁸Las atarás como una señal en tu mano, y estarán como frontales entre tus ojos; ⁹las escribirás en los postes de tu casa y en tus puertas.

Luke 10:25-27 (NRSV)

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

Lucas 10:25-27 (RVR1995)

²⁵Un intérprete de la Ley se levantó y dijo, para probarlo: —Maestro, ¿haciendo qué cosa heredaré la vida eterna? ²⁶Él le dijo: —¿Qué está escrito en la Ley? ¿Cómo lees? ²⁷Aquél, respondiendo, dijo: —Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas y con toda tu mente; y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.

Matthew 21:10-15, 23:37-39 (NRSV)

21: ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." ¹²Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." ¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry.

23: ³⁷"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸See, your house is left to you, desolate. ³⁹For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Leviticus 19:9-18, 33-34 (NRSV)

⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. ¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. . . . ³³When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. ³⁴The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Mateo 21:10-15, 23:37-39 (RVR1995)

21: ¹⁰ Cuando entró él en Jerusalén, toda la ciudad se agitó, diciendo: —¿Quién es éste? ¹¹ Y la gente decía: —Éste es Jesús, el profeta, el de Nazaret de Galilea. ¹² Entró Jesús en el templo de Dios y echó fuera a todos los que vendían y compraban en el Templo; volcó las mesas de los cambistas y las sillas de los que vendían palomas, ¹³ y les dijo: «Escrito está: "Mi casa, casa de oración será llamada", pero vosotros la habéis hecho cueva de ladrones.» ¹⁴ Y en el Templo se le acercaron ciegos y cojos, y los sanó. ¹⁵ Pero los principales sacerdotes y los escribas, viendo las maravillas que hacía y a los muchachos aclamando en el Templo y diciendo: «¡Hosana al Hijo de David!», se enojaron.

23: ³⁷ »¡Jerusalén, Jerusalén, que matas a los profetas y apedreas a los que te son enviados! ¡Cuántas veces quise juntar a tus hijos como la gallina junta sus polluelos debajo de las alas, pero no quisiste! ³⁸ Vuestra casa os es dejada desierta, ³⁹ pues os digo que desde ahora no volveréis a verme hasta que digáis: "¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor!"»

Levítico 19:9-18, 33-34 (RVR1995)

⁹ »Cuando siegues la mies de tu tierra, no segarás hasta el último rincón de ella ni espigarás tu tierra segada. ¹⁰ No rebuscarás tu viña ni recogerás el fruto caído de tu viña; para el pobre y para el extranjero lo dejarás. Yo, Jehová, vuestro Dios. ¹¹ »No robaréis, no mentiréis ni os engañaréis el uno al otro. ¹² »No juraréis en falso por mi nombre, profanando así el nombre de tu Dios. Yo, Jehová. ¹³ »No oprimirás a tu prójimo ni le robarás. »No retendrás el salario del jornalero en tu casa hasta la mañana siguiente. ¹⁴ »No maldecirás al sordo, ni delante del ciego pondrás tropiezo, sino que tendrás temor de tu Dios. Yo, Jehová. ¹⁵ »No cometerás injusticia en los juicios, ni favoreciendo al pobre ni complaciendo al grande: con justicia juzgarás a tu prójimo. ¹⁶ »No andarás chismeando entre tu pueblo. »No atentarás contra la vida de tu prójimo. Yo, Jehová. ¹⁷ »No aborrecerás a tu hermano en tu corazón. »Reprenderás a tu prójimo, para que no participes de su pecado. ¹⁸ »No te vengarás ni guardarás rencor a los hijos de tu pueblo, sino amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Yo, Jehová. . . . ³³ »Cuando el extranjero habite con vosotros en vuestra tierra, no lo oprimiréis. ³⁴ Como a uno de vosotros trataréis al extranjero que habite entre vosotros, y lo amarás como a ti mismo, porque extranjeros fuisteis en la tierra de Egipto. Yo, Jehová, vuestro Dios.