

**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**

- Pedro Olvera

**Call to Worship**

- Chris Lehman

**Invocation**

**Hymns**

- Merlin Aeschliman

**WE CONFESS**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Hymn**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Message for Children**

("The Blessing Song")

- Karen Perez

**Scripture**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

**Message**

- Jack Knox

**WE RESPOND**

**Hymn of Response**

**Offering**

- Ruby Berg

**Back to School Blessing**

**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**

- Linda Dalke

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**Ushers Today**

- Russ & Maribeth Kennel

**Nursery Volunteers**

- Joseph Penner

**Sound System**

- Macario Espinoza

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, September 5, 2010 – September 11, 2010**

**Today**

**FOOD DONATION SUNDAY**

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

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 (Potluck)

Friday

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at McGrath's

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

Saturday

6:30 p.m. Peace Cabinet Movie: "Made in L.A."

**Sunday, September 12, 2010**

10:45 a.m. Worship – Jack Knox

12:30 p.m. Peace Cabinet meeting (brown bag lunch)

1:00 p.m. Young Adult Potluck (location t.b.a.)

5:00 p.m. JYF (location t.b.a.)

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

Youth Class: Youth Room

- Melissa Nisly

Adult Class: Fellowship Hall

- John Beechy

**Birthdays this week:**

Glen Byers, Piet Fretz, Leon Eshleman,  
Isaac Acosta, Ken Johnson, Brent Mobley-Oorthuys, Betty Russell

**Anniversaries this week:** Tony & Brenda Kauffman (Sept 10)

**FOR THE RECORD**

**August 29, 2010**

**Attendance: 116**

General Offering \$2,763.00

Total received for August \$13,642.60

Monthly Challenge \$15,187.41

Shortage after 8 months: \$7,246

Penny Power for July and August.....\$354.43

The **affirmation ballot** for most of the remaining unfilled church positions has been placed in your boxes today. Please mark your ballot and return it to Jerry Stutzman as soon as possible. Results will be tallied following the church service on September 19, 2010.

**Peace Cabinet movie** on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 in Fellowship hall. Made in L.A. is an Emmy award winning documentary that follows the story of three Latina immigrants working in Los Angeles sweatshops as they work to win basic labor protections. It is a story about immigration, the power of unity, and the courage it takes to find your voice.

**THE BARGELLO QUILT** on display today was quilted by Salem Mennonite Quilters and will be auctioned at the MCC World Relief sale on October 2. (The top was purchased in Pennsylvania by Dianna Eshleman.)

There will be a **Peace Cabinet meeting** on, Sunday, September 12 after the Worship service (brown bag lunch). **Everyone is invited to attend.**

**Third Way Media** (formerly Mennonite Media) is encouraging congregations and individuals to join in a world-wide prayer for peace day, September 21. It is organized through Odyssey Networks, a Third Way Media partner in funding and producing media projects. Find a link on the home page at [www.ThirdWayCafe.com](http://www.ThirdWayCafe.com) or go to [www.AMillionMinutesForPeace.org](http://www.AMillionMinutesForPeace.org) to sign the pledge. We invite you to share what you or others are doing in homes, neighborhoods, cities and the world to work toward peace on Third Way Café's Facebook page.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** will resume on Monday, Sept. 19 at 7:00pm at Miriam Showalter's home. The book is entitled "In the Land of Invisible Women" by Qanta Ahmed. New members are always welcome and you are invited to come even if you have not read the book.

You are invited to attend the **Fall Quilt & Scrapbook Retreat** at Drift Creek Camp, October 7-10, where women of all ages will work independently on projects of their choosing. Camp will provide the space, delicious food, fun door prizes, tasty coffee & time for fellowship...we'll do the dishes so you can have time to be creative! Registration information is available at [www.driftcreek.org](http://www.driftcreek.org). Meanwhile **volunteers are invited to work on facility projects** before the winter rains begin. Please call 541-992-2556 if you wish to volunteer. We hope to see you there!

SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED! The **Salem Mennonite Church Annual Retreat** will be held Sept. 25-26, 2010 at Drift Creek Camp. Please sign up by Sunday, September 19, 2010 so that we can provide the number of attendees to the camp. The per-person cost is posted on the sign-up sheet. HOWEVER, we do not want the costs to prevent anyone from attending the church retreat. We ask that you pay what you can, and come have fun! If you are able to pay a little extra to help someone else attend, that would be wonderful.

**TIMBREL SUBSCRIPTIONS:** The order for Timbrel magazine needs to be sent in by mid-September. Anyone wanting to be 'added to' or 'off' the list should inform Miriam by September 12. No response indicates that the order will remain the same as last year.

**MEDA Update and Ukraine program:** Howard Good, Vice President for Mennonite Economic Development Associates, will give an update on MEDA programs with a special focus on MEDA's horticulture project in Ukraine on September 25 at 7pm. The free dessert event will be hosted by Dale and Anita Classen at their home -- 1791 Sunburst Terrace NW, Salem, OR 97304. RSVP to the Classens at (503) 362-5902.

**Sister-Care: Women, Time, Caring and the Church.** Sister-Care is about listening and caring, friendship and mentoring, scripture and prayer, within the context of a table of sister-friends to discover who God calls us to be for each other: October 15-16 at Salem Mennonite Church. Registration forms available at [www.pnmc.org](http://www.pnmc.org) or from Phyllis Lind. Registration cost is \$35, the deadline to register is September 22.

**Fall 2010 Mushroom Retreat**, Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>: DCC is happy to join Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center to sponsor this new event where guests are invited to learn from a local mushroom expert on Saturday, October 23. The one day class will begin at 10:00am on-site and wrap up by 4:00pm. Guests are invited to stay for dinner and overnight if they choose. The schedule for fees is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child (age 4-11). The optional dinner is \$10 for adults/\$5 for kids with lodging \$20/\$10 respectively. Brunch will be available on Sunday morning for \$10/\$5. Bring along a sack lunch for Saturday and bedding if you plan to spend the night.

**MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST – Sept. 5/10:**  
For Angela and Tomoki Yamanaka in Hokkaido, Japan, August was filled with children's camps, concerts and special events. Pray that seeds planted during this month will bear an eternal harvest.

**PRAYERS FOR PEACEMAKERS – Wed., Sept. 1, 2010:**  
Give thanks for the recent retreat and undoing racism workshop experienced by many Christian Peacemaker Teams workers. Pray for more workers and for the finances needed to support them.

**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 Church USA: Nov 29-Dec 2: ESC Fall Meeting. MC USA is a member denomination of the **Ecumenical Stewardship Center (ESC)**. The theme for the 2010 Leadership Seminar is "Preaching and Teaching Christian Stewardship." This is designed for leaders involved in teaching others how to present stewardship concepts and ideas. The plenary speakers will give valuable insight for presenting stewardship in your ministry setting. Visit [www.escleadershipseminar.com](http://www.escleadershipseminar.com) for more information.

MEDA Convention: "**Unleashing Entrepreneurship**" Join MEDA for 4 days of inspiration, information and networking in Calgary, AB during November 4-7, 2010. Plenary sessions feature Frank O'Dea, David Miller, Jane Hooper Peifer, Ukraine Festival and the MEDA Year-in-Review. Go to [www.businessasacalling.org](http://www.businessasacalling.org) for full descriptions of the plenary sessions, seminars, tours and on-line registration, or call 1 (800) 665-7026 for more information.

The **Salem-area drop off location** for quilts, comforters, wall-hangings, etc for the quilt auction at the MCC Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, Oct 2, 2010 will be on Wednesday, Sept 15 from 10:30am to noon at Salem Mennonite Church. If you have any questions, contact Miriam Showalter, or call the church office. For additional drop off sites or information, go to [www.oregonmennofest.org](http://www.oregonmennofest.org)

**MCC Fall Festival baked foods division...**It's time again to make preparations for the MCC Fall Festival to be held October 2, 2010 at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center in Albany, OR. Items needed include: Angel food cakes, brownies, cookies, wheat or white breads, yeast breads, quick breads, Fruit pies (cherry, peach, blackberry, marionberry, apple, rhubarb, etc), zwiebacks, dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls, etc. Please keep in mind, no cream pies, pies with eggs such as pecan pies are ok. Cookies should be packaged in 1 or 2 dozen packages. Please label items. If you are interested in helping in the baked foods booth or if you have questions please contact Wanda Scheler at 541-928-9033. (*Complete letter is posted on the bulletin board.*)

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*"Nonviolence, when it becomes active, travels with extraordinary velocity, and then it becomes a miracle."*  
- *Gandhi*

Sunday, September 5, 2010

Today is the first Sunday of the month. **During the offering, please bring your NON-perishable food items** (canned and otherwise) forward and place them in the blue barrel at the front of the sanctuary. The collected food will be made available to our neighbours in need.

Now is the time to update your subscription to any of the following periodicals: **Rejoice, Purpose and Leader**. Please contact Bonnie Lehman in the church office ([smcoffice@qwestoffice.net](mailto:smcoffice@qwestoffice.net) or 503-390-2715) and let me know whether you wish to start a new subscription, to renew, or to cancel your subscription. If you have questions, contact Bonnie Lehman.

**Rejoice!** - A daily devotional magazine offering encouragement for individuals, families, and groups. Each day's entry includes a scripture reading, a short inspirational message, and a prayer of response.

**Purpose** - Filled with inspirational articles, illustrations, and verse Purpose offers a practical guide for daily Christian life. Purpose includes regular columns on food, peace, humor, and resources for faithful living.

**Leader** - Written for all congregational leaders, Leader includes stories of real congregations and leaders, and articles on key issues in the church. Regular columns on pastoral ministry, leading worship, faith formation, church management, and more, offer practical ideas and enrichment for a broad range of leadership needs. In addition, each issue offers seasonal worship resources.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour: **The Kitchen Committee needs help** in the on-going responsibility of serving coffee and snacks between Sunday School and Church. It was decided to follow the Kitchen Committee's Job Description and post a sheet for individuals and Care Groups to sign up to host the Coffee Hour. The duties will be --make the coffee, serve the snack and clean up afterwards. A member of the Kitchen Committee will be available to help during the first time of doing the Coffee Hour. Please consider this opportunity to serve by signing up for a Sunday or a month on the designated sign-up sheet.

**DONATIONS FOR MARTA'S HOUSE**, the fabric store at the MCC Auction, should be brought to church by September 12 and placed in the designated box in the foyer.

Sunday September 12 is the **first day of fall Children's Sunday School classes**. The kids will be back to meeting in their separate rooms for age groups - pre-school, primary (K-2), middlers (3rd-5th) and Jr. High.

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