

For the Record

Attendance April 7, 2024:

In person: 45
Zoom: 14 devices (est. 17 people)

General Offering received:

April 7	\$3,070
Monthly total	\$3,070
Total monthly requirement	\$15,933

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Heather Kropf, Shanti Kauffman

Anniversaries this Week:

none this week

CHURCH DIRECTORY Our church directory is always available online at www.salemmennonitechurch.org, and allows you to update your information and photo as needed. **If you would like a printed copy of the directory, or need help accessing the directory, please contact the church office.**

Coming Up

This Week: April 15-20, 2024

Mon	2:00 pm	Book Club at Margaret Aeschliman's
Tues	6:00 pm	Elder's Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
Wed	7:00 pm	Leadership Board
Thurs	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	7:00 pm	Sacred Circle
Fri	6:00 pm	Community Center Family Night

Sunday, April 21

9:30 Sunday School for children, youth and adults
10:45 Worship, message by Marlene Kropf

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Change of Dates for Church Retreat

Our annual all-age Salem Mennonite Church Retreat has been moved up to the weekend of September 6-8 to accommodate scheduling a much larger group on the other date. For more information contact Brent Mobley-Oorthuys at gratefulmobley@gmail.com (503)763-1807 or Karen Perez at kenagyperez@gmail.com



Hearing Assist Headsets are available for your use during the service. Just ask an usher if you'd like to use one.



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Salem Mennonite Church

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Education Hour: Sundays at 9:30 am • Worship: Sundays at 10:45 am

Salem Mennonite invites all to join us for worship and fellowship. Our prayer is that everyone who enters here may be received as Christ. We celebrate the image of God in all people and publicly affirm that persons of every gender identity and sexual orientation are welcome to participate in our life and ministry.

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.

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service

April 14, 2024

We Gather

Prelude	-Jennie Kauffman
Hymn	-Jeff Aeschliman
Call to Worship and Invocation	-Beth Yutzie Sell
Hymns	-Jeff Aeschliman

We Confess

Prayer of Confession	-Beth Yutzie Sell
Assurance of Pardon	
Hymn	-Jeff Aeschliman

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children	VT 511 "Come on Children"	-Lori Christy
Scripture	2 Kings 5:1-14, Luke 7:1-10	-Beth Yutzie Sell
Message	<i>Jump in the Jordan</i>	-Teresa Moser
Hymn of Response		-Jeff Aeschliman

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count	-Jennie Kauffman
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (VT 989A)	-Beth Yutzie Sell

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn	-Jeff Aeschliman
Sending Words	

2 Kings 5:1-14 (NRSV)

The Healing of Naaman

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Teresa Moser is an ordained minister in the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference. She was a chaplain at Mennonite Village retirement community in Albany for over 20 years. She is currently semi-retired and works with seniors at Visiting Angels. She lives in Albany with her husband, Phil Rempel and their young adult daughter, Sara.

Ushers today: Dennis Kauffman & Florence Gingrich **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jennifer Gingerich
Nursery Volunteer Today: Margaret Aeschliman