

For the Record

Attendance April 14, 2024:

In person: 58
Zoom: 11 devices (est. 14 people)

General Offering received:

April 7	\$3,070
April 14	\$3,658
Monthly total	\$6,728
Total monthly requirement	\$15,933

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Ruth Reimer-Berg, Sarah Sinks,
Laurie Holland-Klein

Anniversaries this Week:

Leo and Mim Zook

Nomination Forms Due

April 28 Please prayerfully consider who has the gifts and skills to fill various roles needed for our church body to function, remembering that it could even be you. The discernment committee distributed nomination forms last week, both on paper and an online form via email. Please turn in your completed forms by April 28. (Extra forms can be found on the ledge in the foyer.)

PNMC Annual Meeting:

A 3-day gathering of our conference for worship, fellowship, service and discernment together.

June 21-23 in Bend, Oregon

Register online at pnmc.org

Reminder of Food Donations:

Food donations can be brought to the church at any time and put in the barrels in the foyer. Any non-perishable foods can be donated but the food bank reminds us that some foods are preferred, such as shelf-stable dairy products, cereals, canned/shelf stable fruits and vegetables, peanut butter and tuna. Please keep food in original packaging. Our donations go to Marion Polk Food Share for distribution throughout the two counties.

MCC Fundraising Events

Mark your Calendars for these fundraising events for Mennonite Central Committee

- **West Coast Bike Ride**, August 4-8, 2024. Four days filled with loop rides in the Willamette Valley, returning to Albany each evening. For info, go to oregonmccsale.org
- **Mennonite Country Auction**, in Ritzville, WA, will take place on Saturday, October 5, from 9 am - 5 pm. For info, go to mennomennonite.org/mca/
- The 2024 **Oregon Mennonite World Relief Sale** will take place on Saturday, October 13 from 8 am - 2 pm at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, OR. Your contributions of items for the auction, Menno Marketplace, Sew Much, or used books are welcome. For info, go to oregonmccsale.org



Statuette in the Pius-Christian Museum in Vatican City, an eighteenth century reworking of a fragment from a sarcophagus

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.

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.**

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.

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service

April 21, 2024

We Gather

Prelude -Julie Graber
Hymn **VT 1** vs 1, 2, 5 "Summoned by the God Who Made Us"-Trudy McKinnell
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jim Pauls
Hymns **VT 88** vs 1, 2, 4 "Praise to the Lord" -Trudy McKinnell
VT 137 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Jim Pauls
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 718** "Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us" -Trudy McKinnell

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Joseph Penner
Scripture Psalm 23 -Leah Nisly
Hymn **VT 660** "The Lord's My Shepherd"
Scripture John 10:11-18 -Jim Pauls
Message *Gentle Shepherd* -Marlene Kropf
Hymn of Response **VT 574** "We Shall Walk Through the Valley"

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Julie Graber
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (**VT 989A**) -Joseph Penner

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 601** "Lead Me, Guide Me"
Sending Words

Marlene Kropf has recently returned to Oregon after living in Elkhart, Indiana for 29 years and then in Port Townsend, Washington for 11 1/2 years. She and her husband Stanley reside at Mennonite Village in Albany. A spiritual director and ordained Mennonite minister, Marlene served as Minister of Worship and Spirituality with Mennonite Church USA and was also Associate Professor of Spirituality and Worship at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Marlene is co-author of several books and most recently wrote Faith Travels: Trusting God in Life's Transitions, a Bible study guide published by MennoMedia. She and Stanley have led a number of Celtic spirituality pilgrimages to Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland. They are the parents of two adult children, who live too far away in Chicago and Pittsburgh.

Coming Up

This Week: April 22-27, 2024

Wed 9:30 am Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
Thurs 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Fri 6:00 pm Community Center Family Night

Sunday, April 28

9:30 Sunday School for children, youth and adults
10:45 Worship, message by Pamela Lyons Nelson

Saturday, May 11

10:30 Celebration of Life for Carl Newswanger, followed by light lunch in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited.

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Ushers today: Brent & Marj Mobley-Oorthuys **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Ryan Nisly
Nursery Volunteer Today: Melissa Nisly

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
 for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil,
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff,
 they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
 my whole life long.

John 10:11-18 (NRSV)

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."