

For the Record

Attendance April 21, 2024:

In person: 58
Zoom: 15 devices (est. 18 people)

General Offering received:

April 7	\$3,070
April 14	\$3,658
April 28	\$1,420
Monthly total	\$8,148
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Total monthly requirement	\$15,933

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Jim Pauls

Anniversaries this Week:

Jeff and Margaret Aeschliman,
Myron and Pat Harms

Looking Ahead:

The Youth Committee plans to have a time in the **June 9** service to recognize all our graduates.

And, save the date, **August 18** for our annual church picnic.

The plan is to meet on the church lawn and have a joint service with the Vida Nueva congregation.

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.



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 28, 2024

We Gather

Prelude -Paul Lehman
Hymn **VT 764** "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues" -Chris Lehman
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jon Newswanger
Hymns **VT 411** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" -Chris Lehman
VT 83 "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Jon Newswanger
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 518** "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us" -Chris Lehman

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Debbie Pauls
Scripture 1 John 3:16-19; Matthew 25:35-41
Message *From My Brother's Keeper to Who Is My Neighbor?* -Pamela Lyons-Nelson
Hymn of Response **VT 392** "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Paul Lehman
Birthday Blessing - Joseph Penner and Dillon Newswanger
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (**VT 989A**) -Joseph Penner

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 774** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" vs 1,5
Sending Words

Pamela Lyons-Nelson M.A., M.S., has referred to Matthew 25 to guide her even before she realized that was what she was doing. It began with a trip to a mid-west reservation at 16 and was vision changing. To this day it continuously refines and defines her life work, starting as a Spanish teacher, then administrator, counselor—she is spectacularly failing at retirement, to again starting another 501(c)3, Housing Our Neighbors. In 2014 she joined the Commission on Poverty and Homelessness, a commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Oregon. In 2017 Episcopalians voted overwhelmingly to pass a resolution to bring publicly-funded universal health care to our state, and to join with Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) to do it, and that landed on her desk. Our partner, HCAO, is a grassroots colation of churches, people and organizations which represents well over 350,000 Oregonians and their families, who work to bring high-quality, accessible, affordable health care to everyone living or working in Oregon. We are exactly on track to do this.

Ms. Lyons-Nelson's mandate is to help congregants with some of the many scriptural references and understandings that underpin this very Christian way of "healing the sick," moving it out of partisan politics and overwhelmingly into the Way.

Coming Up

This Week: April 28-May 4, 2024

Wed 9:30 am Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
Wed 6:30 pm Worship Committe Mtg (Zoom)
Thurs 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs 6:30 pm LGBTQ+ info/support meet with Sylvia (Zoom)
Thurs 7:00 pm Sacred Circle
Fri 6:00 pm Community Center Family Night

Sunday, May 5

9:30 Sunday School for children, youth and adults
10:45 Worship, message by Gwen Gustafson-Zook

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: Charles and Jennie Kauffman Sound/Zoom Tech: Martin Klein
Nursery Volunteer Today: Sim Brubaker

1 John 3:16-19 (NRSV)

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him.

Matthew 25:35-41 (NRSV)

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.