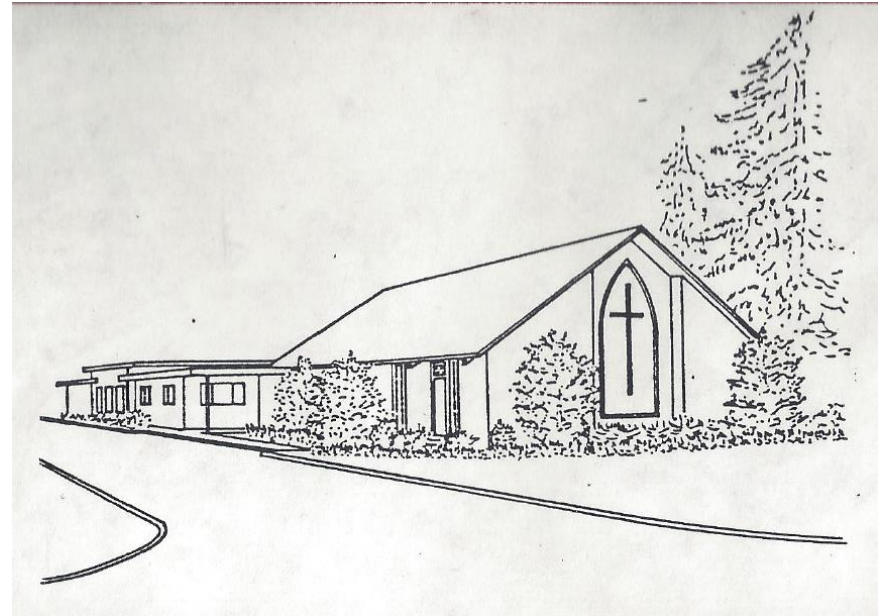


### Menno Snapshots:

- "Whaat? It's still Lent?" Read about author Talashia Keim Yoder's at-home Lenten experience and her family's joys and sorrows along the way. "Our family loved the Advent ritual of candle lighting," wrote the author of this year's Lent at Home guide, "and we naively assumed Lent would be just as beloved. Wrong. It felt like a long, long slog." Read more here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/seeking-jesus-lent](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/seeking-jesus-lent)
- Mary Lou Weaver Houser, artist and spiritual director, claims gardening as a metaphor for how she intends to nurture community on many levels, whether with personal/family relationships, neighborhood diversity/spirit, creative community at church, or biodiversity in our natural world. Read more about her "elemental love nature's beauty" in her blog, "Ferocious Love." [www.mennoniteusa.org/ferocious-love](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/ferocious-love)
- "I often tell people that my two primary identities are being Black and being Mennonite. Both identities have formed me into the person that I am today, and, although it may not be obvious to many, the two intersect in so many ways," writes Daniel Grimes in his blog, "Black history and the connection to Anabaptist faith values." Continue his story here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/black-history-connection-anabaptist](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/black-history-connection-anabaptist)



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Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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For those attending via Zoom, thank you for remaining muted.*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**WE GATHER**

**Prelude**

**Hymn** - Trudy McKinnell  
VT 1 (vs. 1, 3,5): "Summoned by the God Who Made Us"

**Call to Worship & Invocation** - Beth Sell

**Hymns** VT 716 (vs. 1,3,4): "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
VT 428: "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

**WE CONFESS**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Hymn** VT 322: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Message for Children** - John Beechy

**Scripture**  
**Message** - Angie Walker

**WE RESPOND**

**Hymn of Response**

**Offering** - Paul Lehman

**Sharing and Prayer ending with Lord's Prayer** - Dave Engle  
(Respond with: "Lord, we thank you" / "Lord, hear our prayer")  
(Responde con: "Senor, te damos gracias" / "Senor, escucha nuestra oracion")  
("Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us")

**WE GO FORTH**

**Closing Hymn** VT 847: "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

**Sending Words**

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**Ushers Today** - Charles & Jennie Kauffman

**Sound & Zoom Tech** - Chad Hochstetler

*Nursery care is currently unavailable. The nursery is available for parents to use.*

Sunday, April 3, 2022

**Sunday School**

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School class (Zoom only): *Church & Politics*

9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School class (*contact Dave Engle for details*)

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School (In-person only):  
Pre K & Kindergarten - Ryan Nisly, teacher  
Elementary (Grades 1-4) - Melissa Nisly, teacher  
Junior Youth (Grades 5-7) - Juel Russell, teacher

**Coffee Time: 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.** (*Fellowship Hall*)  
*First Sunday of the month only for April, May & June*

**THIS WEEK, April 3, 2022 – April 9, 2022**

**Today** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
10:15 a.m. Coffee time in the fellowship hall  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service (In-person & Zoom)

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Women's breakfast meeting (Zoom)  
9:30 a.m. Quilting  
6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Mtg (Zoom)

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. Sacred Circle

Friday 6:00 p.m. SE Keizer Community Center - Fellowship Hall  
*April 8-10 Women's Retreat at Drift Creek Camp*

**Sunday, April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday**  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service (*message – Jerrell Williams*)

**Birthdays this week:** Roger Schmidt, Myron Harms,  
Bernard Showalter, Sarah Acosta

**FOR THE RECORD** **March 27, 2022 Worship service**

In person Attendance: 53  
Zoom attendance: 26 devices, estimated at 38 people

**General Offering totals received in March**

March 6: \$4,415  
March 13: \$3,961  
March 20: \$2,651  
March 27: \$4,771  
General Fund total for Mar.: \$15,798  
Total monthly requirement: \$14,691

Special offering - MCC Ukraine.....\$4,078

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Participate in the **Virtual Borderlands Learning Tour** on April 18-22. This is designed so that Mennonites in the Pacific Northwest could be educated in the complexities of the US Immigration system and learn of the fundamental role that MCC and its constituency has to witness, provide support, raise awareness and advocate to modify policies and perspectives on this issue. Registration is limited, attendance all five mornings is essential. Fee of \$100 includes the delivery of a gift box.  
<https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/2022-virtual-borderlands-learning-tour>

**Pastor Jerrell is on parental leave** and will be back in the office on Tuesday, April 5. During his absence, please contact one of the Elders (Lois Oesch, Karen Perez, Dave Engle, Joseph Penner).

**There will be a time for coffee** in the Fellowship Room the first Sundays of the month, from 10:15am to 10:45am, starting in April and continuing in May and June. Enjoy some time in conversation with coffee and treats!

In 2021 the **Everence Sharing Fund** provided \$2250 in matching funds for Salem Mennonite's "Socks for the Homeless" project. John Beechy serves as the Everence advocate for SMC. Please contact him for more information regarding financial services provided by Everence.

On **Easter Sunday morning**, April 17th, there will be a simple breakfast served outside from 0945-1015 on the West entry porch. Bring chairs or tailgate as you chat with our community of friends! The Kitchen Committee needs to know how many plan to be there so please let June SmuckerHandrich know you are eating B'fast by email or phone: [juneinesalem@gmail.com](mailto:juneinesalem@gmail.com) or 503-930-8537. Thanks and hope to see you Easter morning!

Mennonite Education Agency of Mennonite Church USA has released its free **Lent at Home 2022 worship guide** and calendar for download. The annual guide provides options for individuals and households to follow daily or weekly rituals, which include guided Scripture readings, prayers and special activities for the Lenten season. Download it here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/lentathome](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/lentathome)

### **Prayer Corner**

Pray for...Ukraine

#### *Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:*

Tomorrow, Eastern Mennonite High School students will conclude their week-long Mennonite Mission Network civil rights tour in the southern United States through the Youth Venture program. Pray for participants as they apply their new perspectives to the injustice in their home communities and congregations. Pray also for participants in Youth Venture's two July civil rights tours and an immigration/borderlands tour. Application deadline is May 1.

#### *Prayers for Faith and Learning (Mennonite Education Agency):*

MEA's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA– Anabaptist Bible Institute): Pray for the five IBA students who will be graduating today at the Harrisonburg, VA, Study Center. May they continue to be a blessing for their respective congregations and communities, and may they be an inspiration to others to serve the church.

Are you attending the **Special Session of the Delegate Assembly** on May 27-30 in Kansas City? Then, you won't want to miss the "Expectations of the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly" webinar! Executive board and staff members will review the agenda and the voting process, provide tips for engagement, offer suggestions on what to bring, and highlight opportunities for worship and fellowship. Se ofrecerá servicio de intérprete al español. Register here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/register-expectations](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/register-expectations)

Mennonite Men, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, invites all men to join them for a week-long **Oregon Eco-excursion** on June 11-19. Explore wild spaces, learn about God's creation and help with newly planted trees along the Zena Forest. For more information and to register (by April 11), visit: [www.mennoniteusa.org/men-eco-excursion](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/men-eco-excursion)