

For the Record

Attendance March 31, 2024:

In person: 99
Zoom: 10 devices (est. 12 people)

General Offering received:

March 3	\$23,765
March 10	\$3,665
March 17	\$3,005
March 24	\$1,980
March 31	\$2,871
Monthly total	\$26,636

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Charles Kauffman, Miriam Showalter

Anniversaries this Week:

none this week

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

Coming Up

This Week: April 8-13, 2024

Wed	8:00 am	Women's Breakfast (contact Florence G.)
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 14

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

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

MCC Fundraising Events

Mark your Calendars for these fundraising events for Mennonite Central Committee

- The 2024 **Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival** will take place on Saturday, April 20 in Nampa, ID.
- **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
- The 2024 **Oregon Mennonite World Relief Sale** will take place on Saturday, October 13 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

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 7, 2024

We Gather

Prelude -Claudia Beechy
Hymn **VT 22** "What is This Place" -Merv Kropf
Call to Worship and Invocation -Mitchell Daily
Hymns **VT 57** "Holy Spirit, Come with Power" -Merv Kropf
VT 390 "In Christ There is No East or West"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Mitchell Daily
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 91** "We Praise Thee O God" -Merv Kropf

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Sarah Acosta
Scripture John 20:19-31
Message *Unity is a Commitment to One Another* -Micah Ralston
Hymn of Response **VT 719** "Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace"

We Respond

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

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 831** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" -Merv Kropf
Sending Words

Ushers today: Sarah Acosta and Shawn Newswanger **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Martin Klein
Nursery Volunteer Today: Florence Gingrich

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

About Micah Ralston: Micah and his wife Amy moved to Oregon in 2019 so Amy could work at George Fox University, now in the George Fox Digital and they moved to Keizer in the fall of last year. They've been married since 2018 and been together for 12 years. They met at their University through mutual friends and by working as RAs.

Micah has been attending Mennonite churches since 2017 including Columbus Mennonite Church, Portland Mennonite Church, and Salem Mennonite Church. Micah has a Bachelors degree in Pastoral Ministries from Mount Vernon Nazarene University and works in the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities field as a professional guardian and advocate at The Arc of Oregon.

We love board games, our wild young dog Eleanor Bixby, hanging out with our friends on Wednesday night to watch Survivor, coordinating weddings, finding good food and making our house feel more like home.