

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Marcos Espinoza

Anniversaries this Week:

Pedro & Ninet Olvera (August 8)

John & Claudia Beechy (August 9)

For the Record

Attendance July 31 2022:

In person: 37

Zoom: 23 devices (est. 28 people)

General Offering received:

July 3 \$3,181

July 10 \$921

July 17 \$5,366

July 24 \$605

July 31 \$1,445

General Fund Total for July: \$11,478

Total monthly requirement \$14,691

Our new church year begins in September with new officers and committee persons starting September 1, and with Sunday School for children and adults resuming on September 11.

We will have a blessing for Sunday School students, Sunday School teachers, church officers, elders and committee members during the church service on September 11.

You will find a list of the new officers/elders/committee persons in your church mailbox next week. Please keep this list for your reference.

Yes, my soul, find rest
in God; my hope comes
from Him.

Psalm 62:5



Salem Mennonite Church

Pastor: **Jerrell Williams**: 214-406-0865, pastor@salemmennonitechurch.org

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Worship: Sundays at 10:45 am

Summer Happenings

Children's Sunday School Get-Together August 14

Children, join the fun next Sunday at the summer get-together at the home of Ryan and Melissa Nisly.

Church Picnic August 28. Come worship, fellowship, play and enjoy a potluck outdoors on Sunday, August 28 at Willamette Mission State Park, starting at 10 am. We have reserved the Filbert Grove picnic shelter for our use, surrounded by shade trees, open grass play area and even a disc golf course! Water and electric plug ins are available at the shelter, restrooms nearby.

(Day use fee at park will be covered by the church.)

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 August 7, 2022

We Gather

Prelude -Reimer-Bergs
Hymn **VT 549** v. 1-3 "Be Thou My Vision" -Trudy McKinnell
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jennifer Gingerich
Hymns **VT 137** "Holy, Holy, Holy"
VT 397 "The Churches One Foundation"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Jennifer Gingerich
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 162** v. 1, 3 "The Love of God" -Trudy McKinnell

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Joseph Penner
Scripture **1 Peter 1:13-24**
Message *Making Difficult Choices* -Rev. Jerrell Williams
Hymn **VT 540** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Reimer-Bergs
Sharing and Prayer* Ending with Lord's Prayer
* forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 387** "We are One in the Spirit"
Sending Words

School Kit Funds Needed. SMC is collecting funds to purchase supplies for the MCC school kits. You can donate either online or put a check in the offering designated for "School Kits." Notebooks, pencils and basic school supplies are treasures for families who struggle to afford these basics. School kits are often requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. Last year 51,549 school kits in bags were shipped to Ecuador, Jordan, Syria, Ukraine and Zambia.

Plenty of fabric bags have already been sewn for the school kits, and once the specific supplies have been purchased **we will gather as a congregation to assemble the bags on September 25 immediately following the church service.** Contact Lori Christy or Julie Graber for more information.

Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale AUCTION! The auction for the 2022 Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale is quickly approaching. The **live auction** will take place at the Expo Center in Albany on Saturday, **October 8 beginning at 10 am and will close by 1 pm**, with Paul Schultz auctioneer.

The week prior to the live auction there will an **online auction, beginning at 9 am on Saturday, Oct. 1 and closing at 9 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 5.** Items that are purchased from the online auction can be picked up on Saturday, October 8 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany.

We are seeking items for the auction such as vacation stays, guided outings, hosted meals, tickets to sporting events or concerts, new household items and yard/gardening tools, gift certificates to restaurants and local shops, and handcrafted items. **Please contact Stan Oyer (oyer@canby.com) by September 6 to make arrangements for all item donated for the auction.**

Day-Use Passes for Church Picnic. (See picnic details on back cover) SMC is paying for the \$5 day passes needed at Willamette Mission State Park. To help us plan for the number of passes needed, please let Trudy in the church office know if you are planning to attend and will need a pass (we know some of you may already have a state parks annual pass.) This will allow us to buy the correct number of parking passes ahead of time. If you decide spur of the moment to come to the picnic, just call or text Jerrell and he can get you a parking pass the day of the event.

Menno Snapshots

- The Delegate Assembly is over, and decisions have been made. What has changed? What does it mean for my conference, my congregation and me? Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff members answer these questions and more in the “Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now?” webinar. Watch the recording here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whatnow
- Clayton Gladish, pastor of Silverwood Mennonite Church in Goshen IN, writes about how the passage of “A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation” can be an opportunity for us to widen the circle. Read his blog here: mennoniteusa.org/widening-circle
- Nature has a way of refreshing the soul, and Cheryl Mast has noticed this firsthand with students who have participated in the outdoor education program at Amigo Centre, a Mennonite Camp in Michigan. Read her blog, “The power of nature,” to learn more about how Mast has experienced students coming out of their shells while unplugging at camp. mennoniteusa.org/power-nature

Prayer Corner

- **Mennonite Mission Network:** Deb Byler, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, was invited to Guatemala five years ago to train women for leadership positions in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Praise God for the women who are currently providing leadership. Pray for them, and pray that God will give Deb the wisdom and energy to do what is essential before concluding her assignment next month.
- **Prayers for Faith and Learning (Mennonite Education Agency):** MEA’s Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA - Anabaptist Biblical Institute): Please pray for the five students from Manantial de Agua Viva Church in Omaha, NE, who are graduating and completing the IBA program today, August 7, 2022. May they continue to be a blessing through their leadership roles at their congregations and be an inspiration for others to follow and serve the church.



You are Invited to a reception celebrating Jonathan’s graduation from Eastern Mennonite University on Friday, August 12, 6-8 pm in the Reimer-Berg’s backyard: 1428 Cresthill Ave NW, Salem.

Coming Up.....

This Week: August 7-13, 2022

Today	10:15 am	Coffee Time in Fellowship Hall
Wed	7 am	Women’s Breakfast Meeting (Zoom)
Sat	10 am	Sacred Circle, hosted by Jennifer Gingerich

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Sunday School Classes resume September 11
10:45 am Worship Service - message, Rev. Jerrell Williams, and Blessing for returning college students
afternoon Children’s Sunday School Get-Together

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Church Picnic at Willamette Mission State Park (no in-person service or zoom connection)

**Full calendar of events available on the church website:
www.salemmennonitechurch.org**

1 Peter 1:13-24 (NRSV)

¹³Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' ¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls."

1 Pedro 1:13-24 (RVR1995)

¹³Por tanto, ceñid los lomos de vuestro entendimiento, sed sobrios y esperad por completo en la gracia que se os traerá cuando Jesucristo sea manifestado. ¹⁴Como hijos obedientes, no os conforméis a los deseos que antes teníais estando en vuestra ignorancia, ¹⁵sino, así como aquel que os llamó es santo, sed también vosotros santos en toda vuestra manera de vivir, ¹⁶porque escrito está: «Sed santos, porque yo soy santo.» ¹⁷Si invocáis por Padre a aquel que sin acepción de personas juzga según la obra de cada uno, conducíos en temor todo el tiempo de vuestra peregrinación, ¹⁸pues ya sabéis que fuisteis rescatados de vuestra vana manera de vivir (la cual recibisteis de vuestros padres) no con cosas corruptibles, como oro o plata, ¹⁹sino con la sangre preciosa de Cristo, como de un cordero sin mancha y sin contaminación. ²⁰Él estaba destinado desde antes de la fundación del mundo, pero ha sido manifestado en los últimos tiempos por amor de vosotros. ²¹Por medio de él creéis en Dios, quien lo resucitó de los muertos y le ha dado gloria, para que vuestra fe y esperanza sean en Dios. ²²Al obedecer a la verdad, mediante el Espíritu, habéis purificado vuestras almas para el amor fraternal no fingido. Amaos unos a otros entrañablemente, de corazón puro, ²³pues habéis renacido, no de simiente corruptible, sino de incorruptible, por la palabra de Dios que vive y permanece para siempre, ²⁴porque: «Toda carne es como hierba y toda la gloria del hombre como flor de la hierba; la hierba se seca y la flor se cae.»