

For the Record

Attendance Nov. 26, 2023:

In person: 45
Zoom: 11 devices (est. 18 people)

General Offering received:

November 5	\$2,100
November 12	\$4,650
November 19	\$ 4,505
November 26	\$ 1,130
Month to date	\$12,385
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:


Olivia Dalke, Bryson Devine,
Ciela Acosta, Melvena Hostettler


Anniversaries this Week:


None this week

Mennonite Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society invites you to our 2024 Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Zion Mennonite Church, 6124 S. Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, Oregon. A luncheon will be served at Noon followed by the annual business meeting. The cost for the meal is \$15 per person. RSVP for lunch only to Jerry Barkman at jbarkman@canby.com or 503-871-6413 by February 9. A program featuring Dr. Abraham Friesen will follow at 1:30 pm. His presentation is titled "Russian Mennonites & the Recovery of an "Anabaptist Vision." Dr. Friesen is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

 You are invited to **fill baskets to give to Community Center families** at the December 22 Christmas Party. New or gently used items may include small toys, games, books, socks, household items, non-perishable food or other items families might enjoy. Please return filled baskets by Sunday, December 17.

 You are also invited to bring items to fill the barrel for **Church at the Park's "Room in the Inn" project**. Look for the red barrel located in the foyer. Requested items include new pillows, hooded sweatshirts, socks & underwear, hats & gloves. Please bring your items by Sunday, December 17.

 For a more global perspective, consider a gift from the **MCC Giving Guide**, designed to spark a change around the world. Go to mcc.org/christmas to choose your gifts.



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 December 3, 2023- 1st Sunday of Advent

We Gather

Prelude -Al Nisly
Hymns **VT 218** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" -Trudy McKinnell
VT 213 "Poor of the Earth"
Call to Worship and Invocation -Mitchell Daily
Advent Candle Lighting -The Sinks Family
Hymns **VT 221** vs. 1 & 2 "The Angel Gabriel " -Trudy McKinnell

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Pat Harms
Scripture Luke 1:26-38
Message *Waiting 101* -Marlene Bogard

We Respond

Congregational Response at the Manger
Hymn of Response **VT 228** "Wait for the Lord" -Trudy McKinnell
Offering /My Coins Count -Al Nisley
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 570** vs 1 & 3 "We Walk by Faith"
Sending Words

Ushers today: Dennis Kauffman & Florence Gingrich Sound/Zoom Tech: Jim McKinnell
Nursery Volunteer Today: Ryan Nisly

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

This is The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you. ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Coming Up

This Week: December 4-9, 2023

Tues 6:30 pm LGBTQ+ Support Meeting (Zoom)
Wed 6:30 pm Worship Committee (Zoom)
Wed 9:00 am Quilting/MCC Projects
Thurs 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Sunday, December 10, 2023

9:30 am Sunday School for children, youth (no adult class until Jan.)
10:45 am Worship Service, message by Eric Massanari

Saturday, December 16

6:00 pm Christmas Potluck - bring your favorite festive foods

Sunday, December 24

no morning worship service
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org