

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Olivia Dalke, Bryson Devine,
Ciela Acosta, Melvena Hostettler,
Joyce Yoder

Anniversaries this Week:

None this week

For the Record

Attendance Nov. 27, 2022:

In person: 72

Zoom: 25 devices (est. 35 people)

General Offering received:

Nov. 6.	\$2,073
Nov. 13	\$5,735
Nov. 20	\$2,824
Nov. 27	\$ 2,047
Monthly total to date	\$12,679
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

The denominational **Advent at Home** worship guide offers weekly scriptures, background information, prayers, activities and rituals around this year's theme, "Restoration is Near." Find the advent guide here: mennoniteusa.org/adventathome. If you would like a printed copy, just ask Trudy in the church office.

Adult Sunday Class has begun a new series for Advent, using the book **Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way** by Joanna Harader. A few copies are still available.

This year we are giving **Family Christmas Baskets** to community center families. You are invited to choose a basket in the foyer and **return it filled by next Sunday, Dec. 11**. Suggested items to fill include non-perishable food, games, puzzles, socks, gloves, kids books, craft projects, household items, etc. Items can be new or gently used.

The SMC Library includes a fantastic collection of children's books. Got family coming for the holidays? Check out a stack to enjoy with little readers.

A big thank you for your support in helping the houseless in our community this past year. In the foyer, you'll see a display of some of the warm coats, hats, boots and scarves that will be delivered to the Church at the Park Warehouse. We have about 3 car loads! The scarves and headbands were made by Becky Eash.

The nursery room will soon be staffed with volunteers to care for children 4 years old and younger during the worship service. If you would like to help in the nursery, please contact Lori Christy.

In the meantime, the nursery room is available for use by parents with young children as needed.

PEACE



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Education Hour: Sundays at 9:30 am • Worship: Sundays at 10:45 am

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service

December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent

We Gather

Prelude - recording of Shawn Kirchner's "Lo How a Rose 'Ere Blooming"
Hymn **VT 218** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" -Jennifer Gingerich
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jeff Aeschliman
Hymns **VT 212** "Comfort, Comfort, O My People"
HWB 183 "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

Candle Lighting

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
People: Prepare the way of the Lord, make God's paths straight.

Hymn **VT 210** "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" vs. 1 and 2
(flame is brought to the front as we sing)

Leader: As we prepare, we light this candle as a sign of peace.
People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Debbie Pauls
Special Music -Paul Lehman
Scripture Matthew 3:1-1
Message *Prepare the Way of the Lord* -Rev. Jerrell Williams
Hymn **VT 220** "Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called"

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count - recording of Jacque Berthier's "Wait for the Lord"
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 **STS 8** "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"
Sending Words

The Advent theme for this year, "Restoration is Near" is reflected in our Advent visuals. As we seek and watch for restoration to take place in our lives and with all creation, note the changes to the visuals each week as more people figures from all ages, nationalities and differences join in the display on the Advent table. The origami cranes crafted by a number of people within and outside of our congregation, symbolize hope and peace during this season of restoration for everyone.



Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year and we will have a special morning worship **service beginning at 10am** (not 10:45) on December 25. There will be no Sunday School for children or adults on Dec 25.

Coming Up

This Week: Dec. 5 - 10, 2022

Wed	7:00 am	Women's Breakfast Meeting (Zoom)
Wed	7:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Thurs	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Friday	6:00 pm	Community Center (in Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Sunday school classes for all ages
10:30 am Coffee Time
10:45 am Worship Service, message, Rev. Jerrell Williams

Saturday, December 17 - Church Christmas Dinner (RSVP online)

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Ushers today: Dennis Kauffman and Florence Gingrich **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jason Sell

Today's bulletin cover was created by Anna Lehman.

Call to Worship Reading

Leader: A branch shall come forth from the stump of Jesse; its root shall bear fruit.

People: May we be ready, O Lord, ready to be fruit bearers of your harvest, bringing forth the fruit of dwelling, longing, unity, and peace.

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

People: Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us, bright as morning glory.

Leader: Prepare the way for new life that emerges in and through you, life that ripples out to your people, into all nations.

All: In you there is glorious rest.

Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”