

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Al Nisly, Ninet Olvera, June Boschman

Anniversaries this Week:

Carl & Eileen Snyder

For the Record

Attendance Feb. 5, 2023:

In person: 46

Zoom: 22 devices (est. 28 people)

General Offering received:

January Total \$14,020

Feb. 5 \$1,980

Month to date \$1,980

Total monthly requirement \$14,691

CHURCH NURSERY NOW OPEN

Our church nursery is available to provide care, by trained volunteers, for children 4 and under during the worship service each week.

Nursery Volunteer this week:

Florence Gingrich

SuperBowl Watch Party today at 3:00 pm.

Bring snacks to share and cheer on your favorite team.

Drinks provided by the
Kitchen Committee.

MCC's Great Winter Warmup

Everyone is invited to tie comforters today as part of MCC's Great Winter Warm-Up. This annual event is an effort to make as many comforters as possible to send for relief. No experience needed. We have two options: 1) stay after church for a soup lunch followed by a comforter-making time probably finishing by about 1:30; or 2) multi-task during the Super Bowl party to tie comforters set up in the back of the room. Come and take part in this great Mennonite tradition!

Learn more at <https://mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up>

College Scholarship Deadline

Everence offers college scholarship opportunities for members.

Eligible students can be chosen to receive scholarships of \$3,000, \$2,000, or \$1,000 for the coming academic year. Applications are accepted through February 28.

Visit everence.com/scholarships for more information.

Interested in a Church Retreat?

Brent reminds you to complete the short 3-question survey he sent via email (on Jan. 27) regarding the possibility of reestablishing the annual all-age church retreat. Check your email (from gratefulmobley@gmail.com) for the link to the survey. Email Brent if you have any questions.



Salem Mennonite Church

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

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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 to and reconciliation, where peace, joy and healing are experienced in the church and shared with others.

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service February 12, 2023

We Gather

Prelude -Jeanette Flaming
Hymn **VT 495** "Morning Has Broken" -Trudy McKinnell
Call to Worship and Invocation -Beth Sell
Hymns **VT 95** "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" v. 1, 2
VT 57 "Holy Spirit, Come with Power" v. 1, 3

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Beth Sell
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 778** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" v. 1 - 3

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -John Beechy
Scripture Matthew 5:21-37
Message *Building Human Relationships* -Rev. Jerrell Williams
Hymn

We Respond

Reflection on "Hope for the Future" - Mariana Acosta
Offering /My Coins Count -Jeanette Flaming
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 830** "Go, My Children" v. 1, 3
Sending Words

BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Anabaptism at 500 is a project of MennoMedia aimed at creating a Jesus-centered interpretation of the Bible, formed by study groups in Anabaptist faith communities. With this Christ-centered theology in mind, 500 study groups will get a "3-4-5" assignment: read three passages of Scripture (the entire Bible will be divided into 500 sets of three passages and assignments given), meet four times and respond to five discussion prompts. The goal is to have the 500 groups complete their assignments by June 15, 2023. If you are interested in forming a Bible study group for this project, talk to Jerrell. Go to <https://anabaptismat500.com/> to learn more and to register your group.

WORKSHOP SERIES ON INCLUSION

Claire Synder, a community leader and organizer of Keizer's Pride Fest, has been invited to lead an 8-week series of workshops here at SMC so that we can live into our resolution to be a welcoming congregation. The workshops will be on Thursday evenings, **starting February 23** at 6:30 on the Fellowship Hall.



We are having a joint **Ash Wednesday Service** with Albany Mennonite Church on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 pm at Albany Mennonite Church (3405 Kizer Ave NE, Albany, OR 97322)

Coming Up

This Week: February 12-18, 2023

Today	noon	Soup Lunch and Comforter Tying in Fellowship Hall
Today	3:00 pm	Superbowl Watch Party in Fellowship Hall
Wed	7:00 am	Women's Breakfast (Zoom)
Wed	7:00 Pm	Leadership Board (Zoom)
Thurs	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	7:00 pm	Sacred Circle
Friday	6:00 pm	Community Center (in Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 19, 2023

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

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Ushers today: Sarah & Ciela Acosta

Sound/Zoom Tech: Jason Sell

Matthew 5:21-37 (NRSV)

Concerning Adultery

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

Concerning Divorce

³¹ “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Concerning Oaths

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.