

For the Record

Attendance February 11, 2024:

In person: 59

Zoom: 10 devices (est. 13 people)

General Offering received:

February 4	\$3,255
February 11	\$2,635
Month to date	\$ 5,890
Total monthly requirement	\$15,933

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

June Boschmann, Trudy McKinnell,
Mallory Turner

Anniversaries this Week:

none this week

JERRY and SHARON S. have moved to a new address in Albany. Please consult the online directory for their new address.

CHURCH DIRECTORY Our church directory is always available online at www.salemmennonitechurch.org, and allows you to update your information and photo as needed.

If you need a reminder of how to access the online directory, contact Trudy in the church office.

If you would like to be added to this directory, please contact the church office: office@salemmennonitechurch.org

POTLUCK NEXT WEEK

Plan to attend the February 25 potluck as a “farwell” to Marlene Bogard as we recognize the end of her term as our interim pastor.

Save the Date: Sept 20-24 for the church retreat.

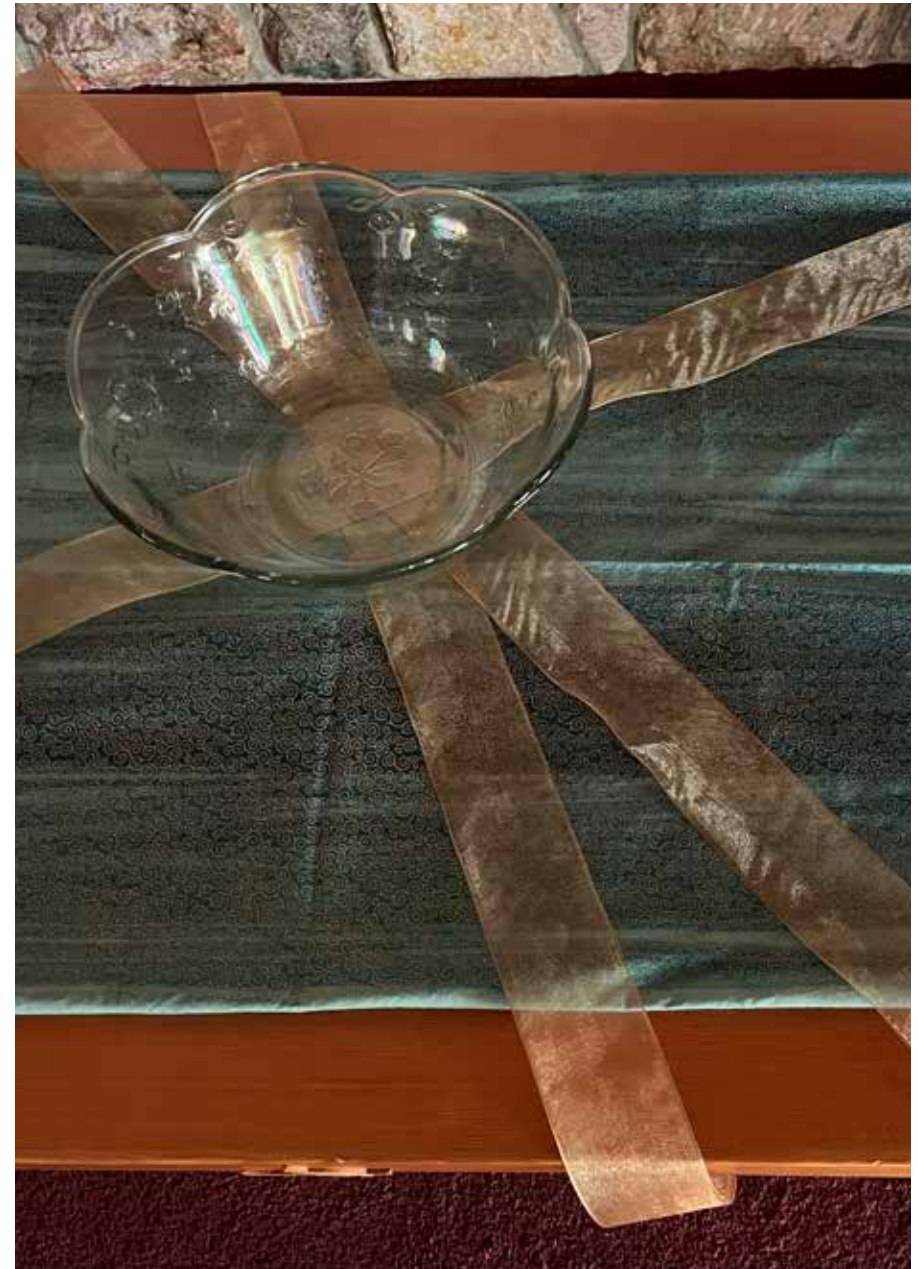
For more information contact Brent Mobley-Oorthuys at gratefulmobley@gmail.com (503)763-1807 or Karen Perez at kenagyperez@gmail.com

Help “Pack the Backpacks” by March 10. As Church at the Park serves people who move off the streets into micro shelters, new residents need basic supplies. In support, our church will fill 37 backpacks with toiletries and requested items mostly purchased with donated funds.

You can help in several ways:

- You may help replenish the “Help for Homeless” fund on our SMC website, or by marking your donation at church.
- Donate these food items for the backpacks: snacks (granola bars, juice boxes, crackers, etc.) and microwaveable foods that don’t need refrigeration (ravioli, instant mac & cheese, cup of noodles, etc.) Donated food items may be placed in the tub in the foyer by March 10.
- On March 10, volunteers are needed to “Pack the Backpacks” after church.

Thank you for being a caring community.



Salem Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: **Marlene Bogard**, 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 and reconciliation, where peace, joy and healing are experienced in the church and shared with others.

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service February 18, 2024

Christ Among Us, Repent and Believe

We Gather

Prelude -Jennie Kauffman
Hymn **VT 84** "To God Be the Glory" -Merv Kropf
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jim Pauls

Responsive Reading *based on Psalm 25:1-10*

One: Teach us your pathways, O God— our eyes and our souls are trained on you.

Many: For you are the greatest guide, and your map is always good.

One: Other paths have left us lost; other ways have left us confused.

Many: You guide us along the trail of your mercy, drawing sinner and saint down this wellworn way.

All: All your paths are love, made smooth by your faithful walking. We are led into your truth by following the tread of your feet.

Hymns -Merv Kropf

We Confess

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon -Jim Pauls

Ushers today: Charles and Jennie Kauffman **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jason Sell
Nursery Volunteer Today: Lori Christy

Responsive Prayer

Leader: God, on Ash Wednesday, we remembered our humanity, our fragility, our limits, our sinfulness, our need for repentance. Today, we come to you with this fresh on our minds as we continue our Lenten journey.

People: Be with us in this wilderness.

Leader: We so often focus on the difficulty of our walk with Christ.

People: Forgive our self-focused minds.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when on our journey, we forget your extensive, covenantal love for the world.

People: May we partner with you and your church to remember.

All: (looking at one another) You are beloved.

Hymn **Hymn Sheet** "O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" -Merv Kropf

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Brent Mobley-Oorthuys
Scripture Mark 1:9-15
Message *Christ Among Us, Repent and Believe* -Marlene Bogard
Hymn of Response **VT 540** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Jennie Kauffman
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (VT 989A)

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 590** "I Know Not Why God's Wonderous Grace"
Sending Words

Visual Symbol this Week: This week's symbol is a path (made of ribbon) and represents our journey toward God. We may stray off the path from time to time, but God is always with us, gently guiding us back. The round bowl in the center of the table reminds us of how God wants to fill us. The roundness of the bowl reminds us of God's never-ending love for each person.

Mark 1:9-15 (NRSV)

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Testing of Jesus

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Coming Up

This Week: February 19-24, 2024

Mon 2:00 pm Book Club at Bonnie H.
Tues 6:00 pm Elder’s Meeting
Wed 9:30 am Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
Wed 7:00 pm Leadership Board
Thurs 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (Zoom)
Fri 6:00 pm Community Center Family Night

Sunday, February 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30 am Sunday School for adults (youth and children not meeting)
10:45 am Worship Service, message by Teresa Moser
noon Potluck

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org