

## Nurturing Church Family

### Birthdays This Week:

Orly Williams, Ruth Steffan,  
Heidi Brubaker

### Anniversaries this Week:

none this week

## For the Record

### Attendance Feb. 19, 2023:

In person: 59  
Zoom: 20 devices (est. 25 people)

### General Offering received:

Feb. 5	\$1,980
Feb. 12	\$17,502
Feb. 19	\$7,101
Month to date	\$26,583
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

### Potluck next Sunday!

### Nursery Volunteer this week:

Debbie Pauls

## 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 CONTINUES THIS THURSDAY.

Claire Synder is leading 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 each Thursday evening, at 6:30 on the Fellowship Hall through the end of March.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HOUSELESS.

Thank you SMC congregation for your support in helping the houseless in our very own community this past year. We are ready to help out again this first quarter by purchasing diapers, pull-ups and wipes. We would like to see the houseless fund build up again so that we can continue to help the most needy in our community during March. Donations designated for “Houseless” can be given to the church treasurers. Eveeance will match donated funds up to \$225,000.



## Salem Mennonite Church

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

# Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service

## February 26, 2023 - First Sunday of Lent

### We Gather

Prelude -Claudia Beechy  
Hymn -John Beechy  
Call to Worship and Invocation -Juel Russell  
Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!  
**People: God protects us from all our trouble.**  
Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.  
**People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.**  
**All: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.**

Hymns

### We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Juel Russell  
Assurance of Pardon  
Hymn

### We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -John Beechy  
Scripture Matthew 4:1-11  
Message *Shaped by the Wilderness* -Rev. Jerrell Williams  
Hymn

### We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Claudia Beechy  
Baby Dedication  
Birthday Blessing  
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  
Sending Words

### Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**Mark your calendar now for the revival of the all-ages Salem Mennonite Church Retreat, Sept. 22-24, 2023.** Join your church family for a time of renewal at Drift Creek Camp. Contact Brent for more information: [gratefulmoble@gmail.com](mailto:gratefulmoble@gmail.com) or 503-763-1807.

### Coming Up

#### This Week: February 26-March 4, 2023

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

#### Sunday, March 5, 2023

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

Full calendar of events at [www.salemmennonitechurch.org](http://www.salemmennonitechurch.org)