

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:
Bruce Flaming, Virginia Roth,
Colleen Schmidt

Anniversaries this Week:
none this week

For the Record

Attendance Jan. 29, 2023:
In person: 51
Zoom: 25 devices (est. 34 people)

General Offering received:

Jan 1	\$1,775
Jan 8	\$2,856
Jan 15	\$2,140
Jan 15	\$2,140
Jan 22	\$2,185
Jan 29	\$2,064
Month to date	\$14,020
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Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

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.

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:
Margaret Aeschliman



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 5, 2023

We Gather

Prelude -Julie Graber
Hymn -Chris Lehman
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jeff Aeschliman
Hymns

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Jeff Aeschliman
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -John Beechy
Scripture Isaiah 58:1-12
Message -Bethany Loberg
MCC-supported worker at Serapaz, a Mexican peacebuilding organization

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Julie Graber
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

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The PNMHS Annual Meeting and program is next Saturday, Feb. 11, at Zion Mennonite Church. There is a lunch at noon (\$15 each and RSVP needed to Jerry Barkman at jbarkman@canby.com or 503-871-6413 by February 6.)

The program begins 1:30 and is free, no RSVP is required. Speakers Austin and Cherilyn Smucker, from Madras, OR, will share their experience of being held as hostages in Haiti in 2021. They were two of the 17 Christian missionaries who were kidnapped by the 400 Mawozo Gang. You can attend via Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81856443407?pwd=RVhVc1Npd0dkc1BaUzNKYmVFcGQxdz09>

MCC's Great Winter Warmup

Everyone is invited to tie comforters next Sunday, Feb. 12 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>

Coming Up

This Week: February 5 - 11, 2023

Today	noon	Potluck
Wed	7:00 am	Women's Breakfast (Zoom)
Wed	9:30 am	Quilting
Thurs	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Friday	6:00 pm	Community Center (in Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 12 2023

9:30 am	Sunday school classes for all ages
10:30 am	Coffee Time
10:45 am	Worship Service, message Rev. Jerrell Williams.
noon	Soup Lunch and Comforter Tying in Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Superbowl Watch Party in Fellowship Hall

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Ushers today: Jon & Shawn Newswanger Sound/Zoom Tech: Chad Hochtetler

Isaiah 58:1-12 (NRSV)

Then “Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. ² For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ³ ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. ⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, ¹⁰ and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. ¹² Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.