

## Nurturing Church Family

### Birthdays This Week:

Anya Snyder-Miller, Kate Newswanger,  
Sina Penner, Anna Lehman

### Anniversaries this Week:

none this week

## For the Record

### Attendance Dec. 25, 2022:

In person: 37

Zoom: 14 devices (est. 18 people)

### General Offering received:

December 4	\$2,965
December 11	\$1,270
December 18	\$1,030
<u>December 25</u>	<u>\$na</u>
Month to date	\$7,270
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

**Soup Lunch next Sunday, January 8** after the worship service. Join us for a simple soup and bread lunch provided by the kitchen committee.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### FOR FUN AT SMC:

- January 8 - **Soup Lunch** after church provided by Kitchen Committee (in place of the potluck)
- January 21 - **Trivia Night** at 6:30 pm hosted by Jerrell with snacks provided
- February 12- **Superbowl Watch Party** at SMC

## Traveling Exhibit “Voices of Conscience” coming to Portland.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society, in partnership with Lewis and Clark College will be bringing an exhibit to the Lewis & Clark library July 28 to Sept 24, 2023. The “Voices of Conscience” exhibit lifts up the prophetic insights and the personal courage of World War I peace protestors, and suggests parallels to the culture of war and violence in our world today. The board and volunteers of the PNW Mennonite Historical Society have already contributed \$2,500 to the cost of bringing this exhibit, and they ask you to consider making a donation to the total \$8,500 needed. More information at [pnmhs.org](http://pnmhs.org).



## Salem Mennonite Church

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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 January 1, 2023

### We Gather

Prelude -  
Hymn -Chris Lehman  
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jim Pauls  
Hymns

### We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Jim Pauls  
Assurance of Pardon  
Hymn

### We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Marlene Bogard  
Scripture Matthew 2:13-23  
Message *Christ Comes to Us in All Our Distress* -Rev. Jerrell Williams  
Hymn

### We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -  
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

## Call to Worship Responsive Reading

Leader: As the shepherd gathers the flock before the coming storm, all are gathered and protected.

**People: God has not forgotten that which God created.**

Leader: O Lord, your compassion and kindness are for us, even in our distress.

**People: Even in suffering we remember your love.**

Leader: You have become fully human; you call us brothers and sisters. You, Lord, will gather your people again for the day of redemption.

**All: Let our repentance give you glory. Let our praise give you joy, until you come again.**

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:** In this new year, may we be channels of God's love and light to our neighbors and, through Mennonite Mission Network personnel and partners, to our brothers and sisters on six continents.

## Coming Up

### This Week: January 2-7, 2023

Wed 7:00 am Women's Breakfast Meeting (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, January 8, 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 provided by Kitchen Committee

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

Ushers today: Sarah & Ciela Acosta

Sound/Zoom Tech: Jason Sell

## **Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)**

<sup>13</sup>Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

<sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”