

For the Record

Attendance January 7, 2024:

In person: 60
Zoom: 11 devices (est. 16 people)

General Offering received:

December total	\$24,780
January 7	<u>\$1,560</u>
Month to date	\$1,560
Total monthly requirement	\$15,9331

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Camdyn Kropf, Florence Gingrich,
Emily Perez, Sarah Lind

Anniversaries this Week:

none this week

Lord's Prayer (Voices Together 989A)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

SMC recently received \$2,250 in matching funds from Everence to be used in the church's program to assist our houseless neighbors.



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

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service January 14, 2024

We Gather

Prelude	-Claudia Beechy
Hymn	-Jennifer Gingerich
Call to Worship and Invocation	-Jeff Aeschliman
Hymns	-Jennifer Gingerich

We Confess

Prayer of Confession	-Jeff Aeschliman
Assurance of Pardon	
Hymn	-Jennifer Gingerich

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children	VT 511 "Come on Children"	-John Beechy
Scripture	1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139:1-6	
Message	<i>A Future That's Bigger Than the Past</i>	-Rev. Patricia Hughes
Hymn of Response		

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count	-Claudia Beechy
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

Reverend Patricia Wolf Hughes is a retired (ELCA) Lutheran pastor who enjoys the Pacific Northwest abundance by hiking, gardening, making jam and canning, caring for her 4 chickens and 2 dogs, and her spouse, a retired (LCMS) Lutheran pastor. Patricia is mom of two - one in Austin, Texas, and one in Vancouver, as well as a granddaughter in LaGrande, OR, as well as 2 step children and 4 step grandchildren who live in Chicago.

Star quilt. Six people in the Quilting/MCC Projects group pieced, marked, quilted, and bound the star quilt on display at the front of the sanctuary. They worked on it an average of one morning each week for nine months. The quilt was auctioned off at the MCC Relief sale in Albany last fall and has been donated back for auction again next fall.

The Great Winter Warmup Comforter Tying. You have the opportunity to participate in SMC's tying blitz for the MCC Great Winter Warmup on **Sunday, January 28** right after the worship service. There will be a light lunch provided, then all are invited to help tie comforters. Last year, MCC shipped 59,277 comforters created by people like you to places like Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Malawi, Syria and Ukraine. Your time and creative talents are helping to share the message of God's love with those in need. Our goal is to create as many comforters as possible in this year's Great Winter Warm-up.

Coming Up

This Week: January 14-20, 2024

Mon	2:00 pm	Book Club at Joyce Yoder's
Tues	6:00 pm	Elders Mtg
Wed	9:00 am	Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
Thurs	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	7:00 pm	Sacred Circle
Fri	6:00 pm	Community Center Family Night

Sunday, January 21

9:30 am	Sunday School for children, youth and adults
10:45 am	Worship Service, message by Marlene Bogard

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Ushers today: Jon and Shawn Newswanger Sound/Zoom Tech: Ryan Nisly
Nursery Volunteer Today: Lori Christy

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NRSV)

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Psalms 139:1-6; 13-18 (NRSV)

- ¹ Lord, you have searched me out;
O Lord, you have known me.
- ² You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- ⁵ You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
- ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.