

For the Record

Attendance January 21, 2024:

In person: 61

Zoom: 13 devices (est. 16 people)

General Offering received:

January 7 \$1,560

January 14 \$2,325

January 21 \$3,865

Month to date \$7,750

Total monthly requirement \$15,933

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Steve Penner, Shawn Newswanger

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.

TODAY - after church:

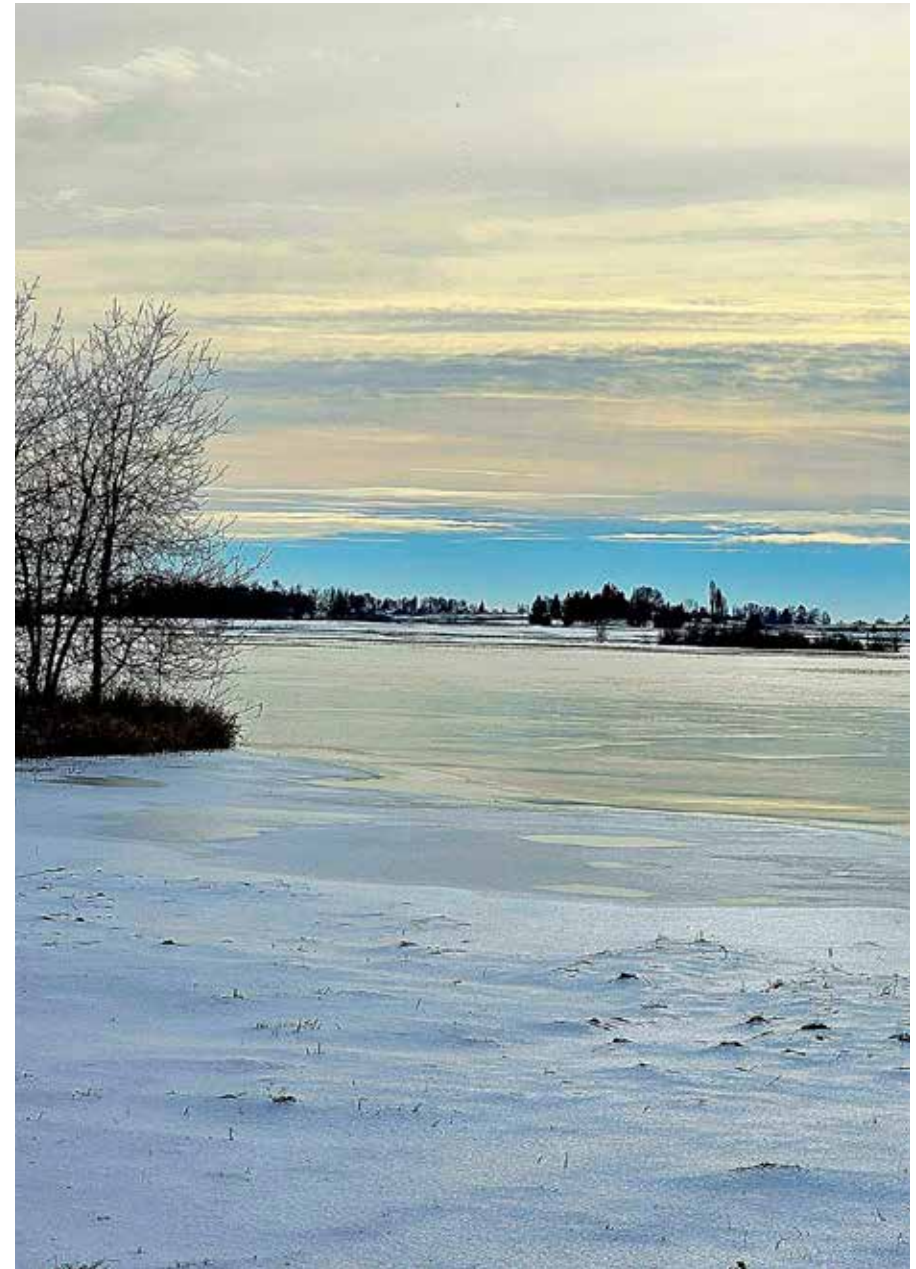
The Great Winter Warmup

Comforter Tying. A light lunch will be provided, then all are invited to help tie comforters for MCC.

Save the Date: Sept 20-24 for the church retreat. Mark your calendar now for the annual all-age Salem-Mennonite Church Retreat. Join your church family for a time of renewal at Drift Creek Camp on the weekend of September 20-22, 2024. For more information contact Brent Mobley-Oorthuys at gratefulmobley@gmail.com (503)763-1807 or Karen Perez at kenagyperez@gmail.com

PNMHS Annual Meeting

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society invites you to our 2024 Annual Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at Zion Mennonite Church, 6124 S. Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, Oregon. There will be a luncheon at noon followed by the annual business meeting. The meal is \$15 per person. RSVP (for lunch only) to Jerry Barkman at jbarkman@canby.com or 503-871-6413 by Feb. 9. The program, at 1:30 pm, features Dr. Abraham Friesen presenting on "Russian Mennonites & the Recovery of an "Anabaptist Vision." Dr. Friesen is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of California, Santa Barbara.



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 January 28, 2024

We Gather

Prelude -
Hymn **VT 1** "Summoned by the God Who Made Us" -John Beechy
Call to Worship and Invocation -Beth Sell
Hymns **VT 95** "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" -John Beechy
VT 37 "Be Still and Know"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Beth Sell
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 84** "To God Be the Glory" -John Beechy

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Pat Harms
Scripture Mark 2:1-12
Message *The Stretcher* -Terry Rediger
Hymn of Response **VT 778** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -
Birthday Blessing **HWB 422** -led by Dillon Newswanger
My Experience with Mennonite Action - Ciela Acosta
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (VT 989A)

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 832** "The Lord Lift You Up"
Sending Words

Ushers today: Mallory Turner and Mitchell Daily **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jennifer Gingerich
Nursery Volunteer Today: Debbie Pauls

Mark 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—he said to the paralytic—¹¹"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." ¹²And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Coming Up

This Week: January 28 - Feb 3, 2024

Today 12:15 pm Comforter Tying for Great Winter Warmup
Wed 9:30 am Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
We 1:00 pm Telling Our Stories Workshop 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, February 4

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

**SALEM MENNONITE CHURCH
PASTORAL ELDER DISCERNMENT**

January 28, 2024

It is time for Salem Mennonite Church to discern persons to serve as Pastoral Elders. The following information will help members of Salem Mennonite as they participate in this process. Please take time for prayerful consideration as we discern together and seek guidance throughout the steps of the process.

The Process:

At present, there are three elders who are serving 3-year terms: Beth Sell (2025), Joseph Penner (2025), and Marj Mobley-Oorthuys (2025). We seek to add one elder to serve a 3-year term, as allowed by SMC bylaws and in accordance with our historical practice of having four elders.

On the back of this sheet is a nomination form to fill out and return by Sunday, February 11. The Discernment Committee will focus on the responses from the congregation along with the gifts identified for each person mentioned, and then continue the Discernment process.

The Qualifications:

The Pastoral Elders are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the congregation. Persons who are called to this office may demonstrate a variety of gifts including administration, counseling, teaching, and shepherding. Above all, they need to be persons who demonstrate good character, faith and spiritual wisdom.

No one person, of course, has all of the gifts mentioned above. Thus, the Pastoral Elders work as a team in such a way that their individual gifts complement each other. The gifts of Pastoral Elders are found in both men and women.

The Responsibilities:

Pastoral Elders are responsible to:

- foster vision and growth in the spiritual life of the congregation.
- assist in providing for the pastoral care needs of the congregation.
- facilitate the formation and functioning of small groups within the congregation.
- provide counsel for congregational education and training programs.
- serve in a supportive and advisory relationship to the pastor.
- be spiritual leaders, embodying the vision and faith of the congregation with an Anabaptist understanding.

Discernment Committee: Jeff Aeschliman, Lori Christy, Lois Oesch

**SALEM MENNONITE CHURCH
CHURCH CHAIRPERSON DISCERNMENT**

January 28, 2024

It is time for Salem Mennonite Church to discern a person or persons to serve as Church Chairperson. The following information will help members of Salem Mennonite as they participate in this process. Please take time for prayerful consideration as we discern together and seek guidance throughout the steps of the process.

The Process:

At present, Juel Russell serves as Church Chairperson. Juel's term will end on August 31, 2024. We are seeking someone to serve a 2-year term as Chairperson. We would also consider two people serving as Co-Chairs.

On the back of this sheet is a nomination form to fill out and return by Sunday, February 11. The Discernment Committee will focus on the responses from the congregation along with the gifts identified for each person mentioned, and then continue the Discernment process.

The Qualifications:

The Church Chairperson facilitates congregational decision-making and assures that the actions and assignments made by the congregation, Leadership Board, and Finance Committee are carried out. The Chair serves as the corporate administrative officer for the congregation.

No one person, of course, has all of the gifts mentioned above. The gifts of Church Chairperson are found in both men and women.

The Responsibilities:

The Church Chairperson is responsible to:

- organize the congregational agenda.
- represent the congregation in all business concerns.
- serve with the Chair of the Pastoral Elders to implement the pastor-congregation accountability.
- provide leadership in review of the pastor's job performance.
- assure adequate staffing of the church secretary and other positions as needed.

A more detailed description of the Church Chairperson responsibilities is available in the Member Access portion of the SMC website.

Discernment Committee: Jeff Aeschliman, Lori Christy, Lois Oesch

**Salem Mennonite Church
January 28, 2024**

Pastoral Elder Discernment Form

After prayerful consideration, I submit the name(s) of the following person(s) as candidate(s) for Pastoral Elder at Salem Mennonite Church. (Please note that only members of SMC may serve in this role).

1. _____

I believe he/she has the following gifts and skills for this position:

2. _____

I believe he/she has the following gifts and skills for this position:

Please return this form to a member of the Discernment Committee by Sunday, February 11, 2024.

Discernment Committee

(Jeff Aeschliman, Lori Christy, Lois Oesch)

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January 28, 2024**

Church Chairperson Discernment Form

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1. _____

I believe he/she has the following gifts and skills for this position:

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