

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Shawn Newswanger, Katie McKinnell

Anniversaries this Week:

none this week

For the Record

Attendance Jan. 22, 2023:

In person: 48

Zoom: 34 devices (est. 47 people)

General Offering received:

Jan 1	\$1,775
Jan 8	\$2,856
Jan 15	\$2,140
Jan 22	\$na
Month to date	\$6,771

Total monthly requirement \$14,691

Everence recently reimbursed Salem Mennonite \$1,850 in matching funds for assistance to the homeless in 2022

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.

Visit everence.com/scholarships for more information.

MUTUAL AID OFFERING:

Community is a vital part of who we are and involves - among other things - sharing what God gives us with those among us who are in need. Accordingly, we collect a special Mutual Aid offering on the last Sunday of months having 5 Sundays and give our Elders responsibility for distributing it when needed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT SMC:

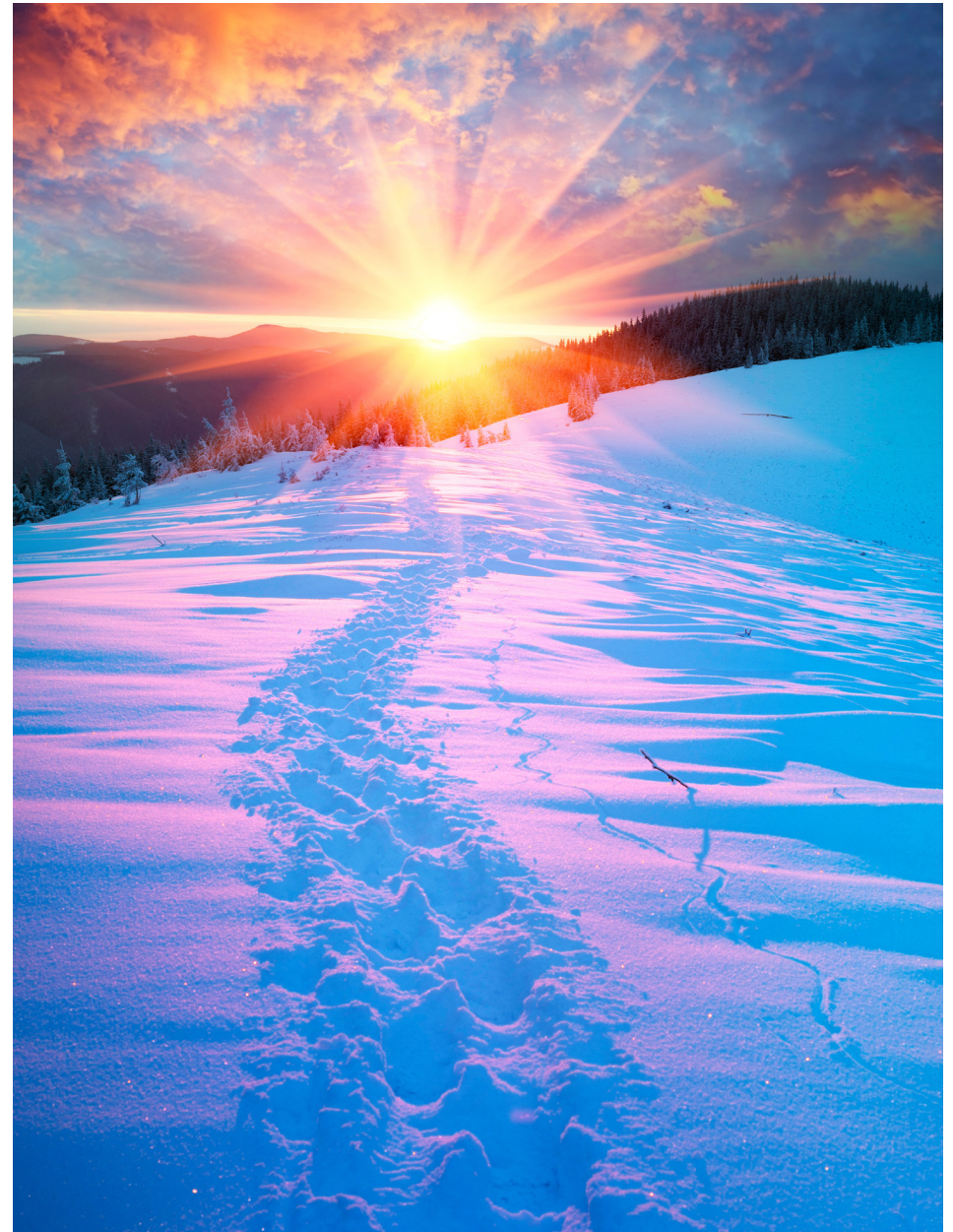
- Next Sunday, Feb. 5 - **Potluck**
- February 12- **Superbowl Watch Party** at SMC

CHURCH NURSERY NOW OPEN

Our church nursery opens today, Jan. 29, with trained volunteers and will provide care each week going forward. Care will be provided for children 4 and under during the worship service.

WORKSHOP SERIES ON LGTBQ+ INCLUSION

Claire Synder, a community leader and organizer of Keizer's Pride Fest, has been invited to lead 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 on Thursday evenings, **starting February 23** at 6:30 on the Fellowship Hall.



Salem Mennonite Church

Pastor: **Jerrell Williams**: 214-406-0865, pastor@salem-mennonitechurch.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 January 29, 2023

We Gather

Prelude -Claudia Beechy
Hymn -Florence Gingrich
Call to Worship and Invocation -Beth Sell
Hymns

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Beth Sell
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Brent Mobley-Oorthuys
Scripture Luke 18:1-8
Message *Do Not Give Up* -Terry Rediger
Part-time interim pastor at Western Mennonite Church

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Claudia Beechy
Mutual Aid Offering
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

Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Terry Rediger grew up in a Mennonite family on a farm in South Dakota. After high school he moved to Salem, OR to live with his brother and attend Chemeketa Community College. He then entered Voluntary Service and served for two years in LaJunta, CO. After that it was on to Goshen College and Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Terry met his wife Jerilee at Goshen College and they have two adult children and three grandchildren. Terry has served as pastor in five Mennonite congregations and now serves as part time Interim Pastor at Western Mennonite Church, Salem, OR. Terry enjoys riding motorcycles, reading novels, camping, eating out, and playing with grandchildren.

Coming Up

This Week: January 29-Feb. 4, 2023

Wed	7:00 am	Women's Breakfast (Zoom)
Wed	6:30 pm	Worship Committee 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, February 5 2023

9:30 am	Sunday school classes for all ages
10:30 am	Coffee Time
10:45 am	Worship Service, message by guest speaker.
noon	Potluck

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Ushers today: Mallorie Turner & Mitchell Daily Sound/Zoom Tech: Ryan Nisly