

For the Record

Attendance Dec. 31 2023:

In person: 55

Zoom: 15 devices (est. 20 people)

General Offering received:

December 3	\$5,507
December 10	\$ 5,200
December 17	\$4,000
December 24	\$4,600
December 31	\$3,290
Month to date	\$22,597
Total monthly requirement	\$15,9331

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Anna Lehman

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.

Call to Worship Responsive Reading

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around; they gather and come to you.

High voices: You shall see and be radiant;

Low voices: your heart shall thrill and rejoice and proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader: The mystery of Christ has been revealed by the Spirit. We have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise of Christ through the gospel.

People: We know this through faith in Christ. May our lights shine!

(pause)

All: Together we carry the light.



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 7, 2024 - Epiphany Sunday

We Gather

Prelude -Paul Lehman
Hymns **VT 273** "Arise, your light is come!" -Chris Lehman
VT 213 "Poor of the Earth"
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jim Pauls
Hymn **VT 277** "As with Gladness" -Chris Lehman

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Brent Mobley-Oorthuys
Scripture Matthew 2:1-12
Message *Together We Carry the Light* -Marlene Bogard

We Respond

Congregational Response at the Manger
Hymn of Response **VT 275** "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" -Chris Lehman
Offering /My Coins Count -Paul Lehman
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (Lord's Prayer **VT 989 A**)

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 159** "Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand"
Sending Words

Ushers today: Brent & Marj Mobley-Oorthuys Sound/Zoom Tech: Jim McKinnell
Nursery Volunteer Today: Margaret Aeschliman

Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

The Visit of the Magi

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Coming Up

This Week: January 8-13, 2024

Wed 8:00 am Women's Breakfast Mtg (contact Florence Gingrich)
Wed 9:00 am Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
Thurs 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Fri 6:00 pm Community Center Family Night

Sunday, January 14

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

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org