

## Nurturing Church Family

### Birthdays This Week:

Linda Pauls, Beth Sell, Mary Boshart,  
Marj Mobley-Oorthuys

### Anniversaries this Week:

Jon & Joyce Yoder (August 2)  
Joseph Penner & Erin Boers (August 4)  
August & Kelsey Preuit (August 6)

## For the Record

### Attendance July 24, 2022:

In person: 49

Zoom: 25 devices (est. 35 people)

### General Offering received:

July 3	\$3,181
July 10	\$921
July 17	\$5,366
July 24	\$605
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General Fund Total for June:	\$10,073

Total monthly requirement \$14,691

## Mennonite Village's 75th Anniversary Celebration

continues this afternoon with a special worship service at 3 pm with a message, music by the Joyful Noise Choir, and refreshments.

## Summer Happenings

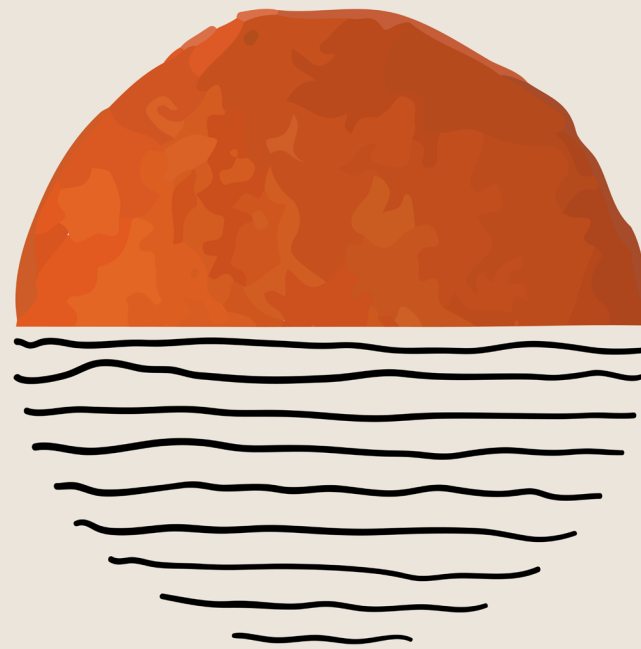
### Children's Sunday School Get-Together August 14

Children, plan to join the fun at the summer get-together at the home of Ryan and Melissa Nisly on Sunday afternoon, August 14.

### Church Picnic August 28

Come worship, fellowship, play and enjoy a potluck outdoors on Sunday, August 28 at Willamette Mission State Park. We have reserved the Filbert Grove picnic shelter for our use. (Day use fee at park will be covered by the church.)

# Salem Mennonite Church



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**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.

**School Kit Donations Needed.** SMC is collecting funds to purchase supplies for the MCC school kits. You can donate either online or put a check in the offering designated for "School Kits." Notebooks, pencils and basic school supplies are treasures for families who struggle to afford these basics. School kits are often requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. Last year 51,549 school kits in bags were shipped to Ecuador, Jordan, Syria, Ukraine and Zambia.

Plenty of fabric bags have already been sewn for the school kits, and once the specific supplies have been purchased **we will gather as a congregation to assemble the bags on September 25 immediately following the church service.** Contact Lori Christy or Julie Graber for more information.

**Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale is October 8.** Plan to join us this fall for the in-person fall festival, featuring a live auction (with some items auctioned online the week before), several shops, kids activities, and delicious food. Find us on Facebook at "Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale" and on Instagram at "oregonmccsale". More information at [www.oregonmccsale.org](http://www.oregonmccsale.org)

**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.

### Prayer Corner

- **Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón as they mentor leaders and support church plants in the Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for Freddy as he pastors a congregation, and Margrit as she coordinates Christian education.
- **Prayers for Faith and Learning (Mennonite Education Agency):** Pray for God's Spirit to guide the hiring processes for several open positions at schools including Kraybill Mennonite School in Mount Joy, PA, Shalom Christian Academy in Chambersburg, PA, and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN.

## Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service July 31, 2022

### We Gather

Prelude -Claudia Beechy  
Hymn HWB 16 "God is here among us" -John Beechy  
Call to Worship and Invocation -Beth Sell  
Hymns HWB 46 "I sing the mighty power of God"  
HWB 356 "Breath on me, breath of God"

### We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Beth Sell  
Assurance of Pardon  
Hymn HWB 139 "Far, far away from my loving Father" -John Beechy

### We Hear God's Word

Message for Children VT 511 "Come on Children" -Brent Mobley-Oorthuys  
Scripture Matthew 22:35-39  
Message *Love Thy Neighbor(hood)* - Sam Skillern  
Hymn HWB 327 "Great is thy faithfulness"

### 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 VT 703 "Rain Down"  
Sending Words

Ushers today: Ron and Debbie Pauls

Sound/Zoom Tech: Jason Sell

**We welcome our guest speaker Sam Skillern today.** Sam Skillern is the executive director of Salem Leadership Foundation, a ministry founded in 1996 to engage people-of-faith and people-of-goodwill to transform Salem-Keizer, neighborhood by neighborhood. SLF works with 50 partnerships to help kids, families, schools and neighborhoods thrive. Their signature program is CaN Centers program, which encourages churches to serve as neighborhood centers. Sam is a “Saxon grad and Viking dad” recognizing his love for South and North Salem high schools. He and his wife Jennifer attend Salem Alliance Church and volunteer at Grant Elementary school, among other community engagements.

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## Menno Snapshots

When Cindy Angela moved from Java, Indonesia, to Pennsylvania, she was pleasantly surprised that she was able to experience pieces of her Indonesian culture in her new city. When she was baptized into Christ, she was even more excited that, through her diverse church, she was able to incorporate her Indonesian identity into her Christian walk. Read her Menno Snapshot blog “Pieces from back home”: [mennoniteusa.org/pieces-from-back-home](http://mennoniteusa.org/pieces-from-back-home)

### Coming Up.....

#### **This Week: July 31 - August 6, 2022**

Today noon Free lunch in Fellowship Hall, celebrating the Southeast Keizer Community Center

Wed. 7 am Women’s Breakfast Meeting (Zoom)

#### **Sunday, August 7 2022**

Sunday School Classes on break until September

10:15 am Coffee Time in Fellowship Hall

10:45 am Worship Service - message, Rev. Jerrell Williams

#### **Sunday, August 14, 2022**

afternoon Children’s Sunday School Get-Together

#### **Sunday, August 28, 2022**

Church Picnic at Willamette Mission State Park (no in-person service or zoom connection)

**Full calendar of events available on the church website:  
[www.salemmennonitechurch.org](http://www.salemmennonitechurch.org)**

## Matthew 22:35-39 (NRSV)

<sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

## Mateo 22:35-39 (RVR1995)

<sup>35</sup> Y uno de ellos, intérprete de la Ley, preguntó para tentarlo, diciendo: <sup>36</sup> —Maestro, ¿cuál es el gran mandamiento en la Ley?

<sup>37</sup> Jesús le dijo:—“Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente.” <sup>38</sup> Éste es el primero y grande mandamiento. <sup>39</sup> Y el segundo es semejante: “Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.”