

For the Record

Attendance May 21, 2023:

In person: 76
Zoom: 12 devices (est. 17 people)

Attendance May 28, 2023:

In person: 64
Zoom: 11 devices (est. 14 people)

Attendance June 4, 2023:

In person: 84
Zoom: 18 devices (est. 22 people)

General Offering received:

May 7	\$2,812
May 14	\$221
May 21	\$7,991
May 28	\$2,122
May total	\$13,146
June 4	\$3,021
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Sandy Smith, Bethany Loberg

Anniversaries this Week:

Kyle Miller and Kendra Snyder,
Bernard and Miriam Showalter

Nursery Volunteer today:

Marj Mobley-Oorthuys

Plan to attend the Congregational Meeting, with potluck, on Sunday, June 25.

Bethany Loberg will present about her work with MCC, next Sunday, June 18 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast reception provided.



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.

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service June 11, 2023

We Gather

Prelude -Claudia Beechy
Hymn -Chris Lehman
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jim Pauls
Hymns

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Jim Pauls
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -
Scripture 2 Kings 7:3-15
Message -Rev. Jerrell Williams
Hymn

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

Community Center Update. Southeast Keizer Community Center's year will close this coming Friday. We will have been open 39 Friday's since September and served 90-100 different community guests. About 40 neighborhood family members and unaccompanied youth regularly attended. Weekly attendance usually ranged from 25-35 with more at Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. SMC support for the Haunted Hallway, Thanksgiving meal and Christmas baskets added to the fun those days. This year's Community Center success was due to the dedicated effort of regular volunteers. Special thanks goes to Louise, Florence, Brent, Marj, Sarah A, Julie, Mitchell, Mallory, Karen, Jason, Beth, and Joseph for welcoming neighbors and playing with kids. Thanks also goes to cooks for remaining flexible while preparing delicious meals: June & Tony, Kelly, Debbie & Ron, Margaret & Jeff, Maribeth, Sina, Lois & Glen, and Joyce. And finally, many thanks go to all the other SMC people who showed up to help when needed! Your caring helps create and support community.

Coming Up

This Week: June 12-17, 2023

Wed	7:00 am	Women's Breakfast (Zoom)
Wed	9:30 am	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
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, June 18, 2023

9:30 am Bethany Loberg presentation about her work
10:45 am Worship Service, message by Jerrell Williams

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

2 Kings 7:3-15 (NRSV)

The Arameans Flee

³Now there were four men with a defiling skin disease outside the city gate who said to one another, “Why should we sit here until we die? ⁴If we say, ‘Let us enter the city,’ the famine is in the city, and we shall die there, but if we sit here, we shall also die. Therefore, let us desert to the Aramean camp; if they spare our lives, we shall live, and if they kill us, we shall but die.” ⁵So they arose at twilight to go to the Aramean camp, but when they came to the edge of the Aramean camp there was no one there at all. ⁶For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, “The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to fight against us.” ⁷So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives. ⁸When these diseased men had come to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent, ate and drank, carried off silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them. Then they came back, entered another tent, carried off things from it and went and hid them.

⁹Then they said to one another, “What we are doing is wrong. This is a day of good news; if we are silent and wait until the morning light, we will be found guilty; therefore let us go and tell the king’s household.” ¹⁰So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city and told them, “We went to the Aramean camp, but there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied, the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were.” ¹¹Then the gatekeepers called out and proclaimed it to the king’s household. ¹²The king got up in the night and said to his servants, “I will tell you what the Arameans have prepared against us. They know that we are starving, so they left the camp to hide themselves in the open country, thinking, ‘When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive and get into the city.’” ¹³One of his servants said, “Let some men take five of the remaining horses, since those left here will suffer the fate of the whole multitude of Israel that have perished already; let us send and find out.” ¹⁴So they took two mounted men, and the king sent them after the Aramean army, saying, “Go and find out.” ¹⁵So they went after them as far as the Jordan; the whole way was littered with garments and equipment that the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned and told the king.