

For the Record

Attendance March 3, 2024:

In person: 71
Zoom: 16 devices (est. 19 people)

General Offering received:

February total: \$16,581

March 3 \$15,115

Monthly total \$15,115

Total monthly requirement \$15,933

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Gabino Perez, Macario Espinoza,
Skye Shlaffer, Pedro Olver,
Stan Steffen

Anniversaries this Week:

inone this week

Coming Up

This Week: March 10-16, 2024

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| Today | noon | “Pack the Backpacks” for the houseless. |
| Wed | 8:00 am | Women’s Breakfast Meeting |
| Wed | 9:30 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, March 17 - 5th Sunday of Lent

9:30 am Sunday School for children, youth and adults

10:45 am Worship Service, message by Kristen Swartley

Thursday, March 28, 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service. Joint service with Albany Mennonite, at Albany Mennonite Church.

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday, including 9 am Easter Breakfast

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

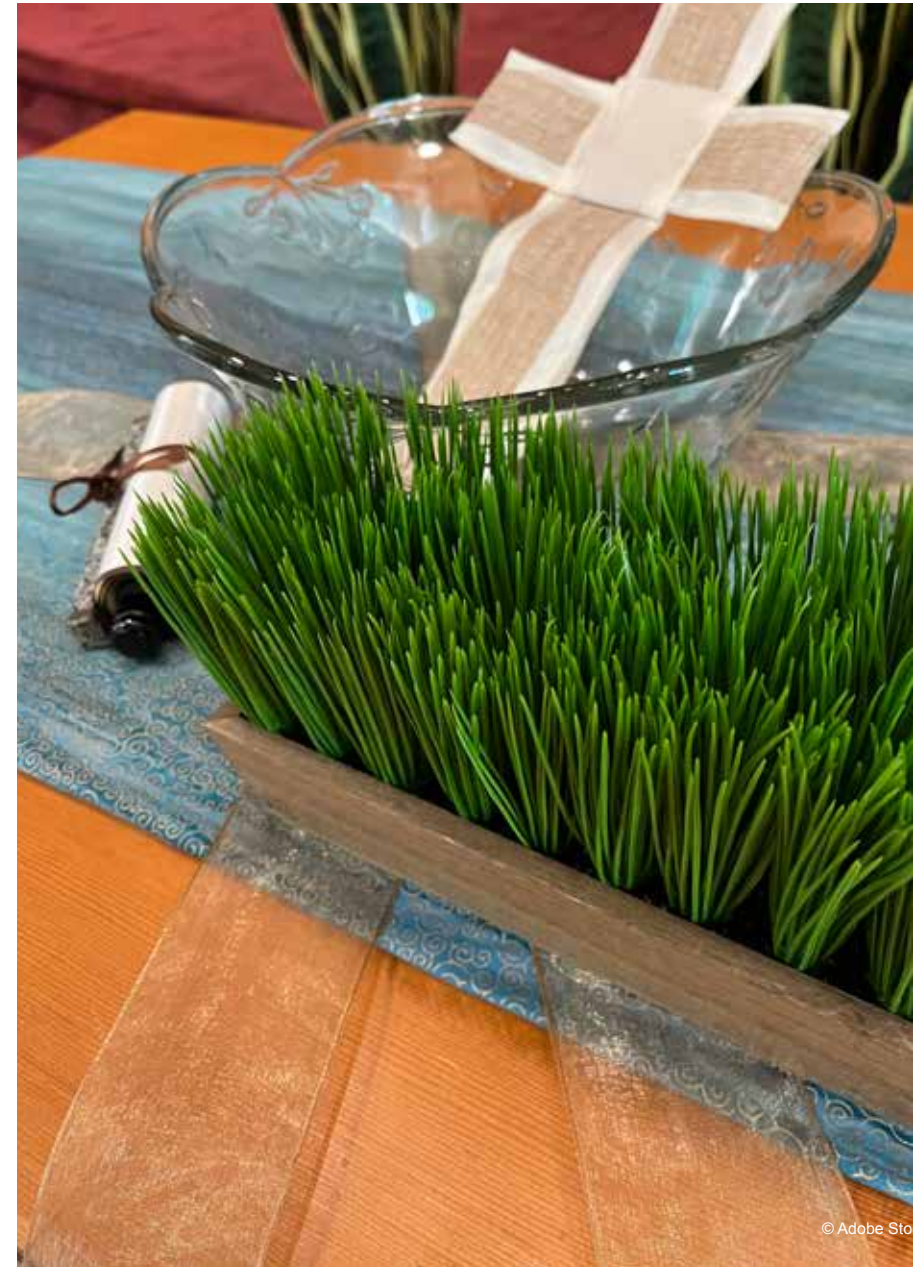
Help “Pack the Backpacks”

Today. Thank you for supporting the backpack project for Church at the Park. One last way to help - stay a few minutes after church today and help pack the backpacks.

Plan to Come to the Easter

Breakfast. We will have an Easter Breakfast at 9 am on March 31, Easter Sunday. Please bring a plate of fruit or bread, cut up and ready to serve in a potluck line. The kitchen committee will prepare a hot breakfast casserole and provide coffee, tea and milk.

The “Lost and Found” bin, located under the mailboxes, is filling up. Take a minute to check for any left behind items that might belong to you. The items left in the bin after a couple of weeks will be donated to UGM.



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

March 10, 2024

Christ Among Us, The New Covenant

Visual Symbol this Week: To have Christ within us, we must die to self. We must throw off all the external things that get in our way and look within. For a seed to produce anything, it has to die. Then, and only then, will it bear much fruit (John 12:24). We are like that seed. Patiently and lovingly, God waits for us to surrender. This week's symbol is a seed, that has newly sprouted.

We Gather

Prelude -Leah and Bryan Anderson

Hymn **VT 129** "O Worship Our God" -Trudy McKinnell

Call to Worship and Invocation -Beth Sell

Responsive Reading: based on *Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33*

One: "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord!' because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest."

Many: This new covenant is being offered to us.

One: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

Many: Death must come before resurrection. A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can become life for many.

All: This new covenant is being offered to us: to lay down our life and follow.

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One: The life-giving ways of God placed within our minds and written on our hearts, where we are forgiven and our sins remembered no more, where we are God's people and God is our God.

Hymns **VT 1** "Summoned by the God Who Made Us" -Trudy McKinnell
VT 737 "Breathe on Me Breath of God" vs, 1-3

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Beth Sell
Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Prayer adapted from *Psalm 151*

One: O God, we gather before you, seeking your mercy. Hear us, we pray.

Many: We confess that we sin against you.

One: O God, wash us, make us clean, create in us a new spirit.

Many: Stay close to us, restore us to your truth.

All: So that we can cry out with joy, cleansed in your abundant mercy.

Hymn **Hymn Sheet** "O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" -Trudy McKinnell

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Jennifer Gingerich

Scripture John 12:20-33, Hebrews 5:5-10

Message *Called to Deep Growth Where Everything is Upside Down!*
-Brent Kauffman

Hymn of Response **VT 412** "My Soul Cries Out"

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Leah and Bryan Anderson

Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (**VT 989A**) -Beth Sell

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 849** "We Your People, Sing Your Praises"

Sending Words

Ushers today: Sarah Acosta and Shawn Newswanger **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jennifer Gingerich
Nursery Volunteer Today: Margaret Aeschliman

John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Hebrews 5:5-10 (NRSV)

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son; today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Our guest speaker today is Brent Kauffman. He tells us about himself: I grew up in our PNMC sister congregation “Mountain View Mennonite Church” in Kalispell, Montana. I attended and graduated from Western Mennonite School a little over 50 years ago.....and 49 years ago this month I married Debbie Miller from Salem Mennonite Church.

I served as Pastor at Lebanon Mennonite Church from 1993 to 2020 and still serve the PNMC as a District Pastor for 5 churches (Albany, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene and Western). I also help out Pastor Peter Epp as a Visitation Pastor to the Albany Mennonite Church congregation’s seniors about a day per week.

Debbie and I have two daughters (Adrienne and Alison) who both live here in Oregon, and also three grandchildren. Macy is 19 and a junior at OSU, studying Oceanography, Maddox is 16 and a junior at South Albany High School and Lucie is 10, a 5th grader and lives with us in Lebanon.

I enjoy riding bicycle and I am registered to participate in the MCC benefit bike this summer to be held at Mennonite Village in Albany.