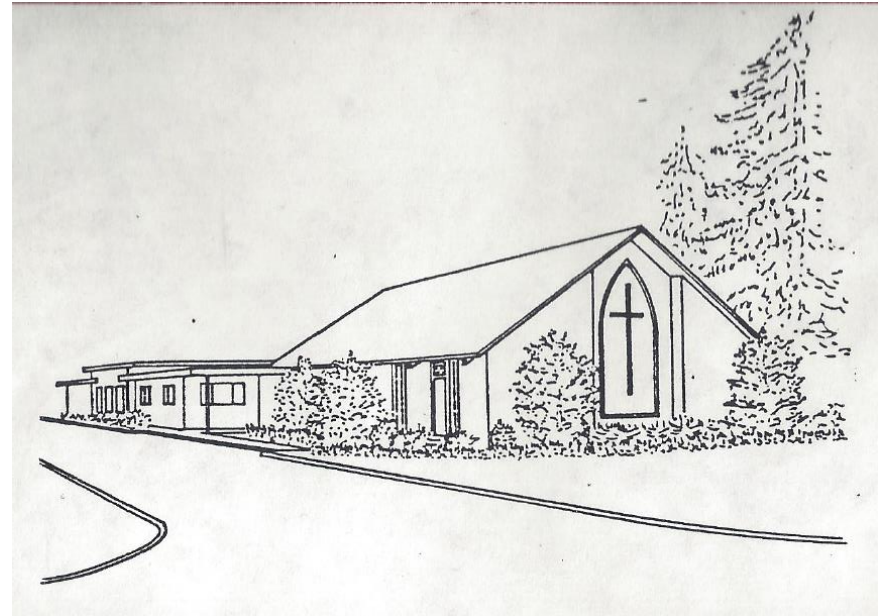


Mennonite Church USA Executive Board reappointed Amy Gingerich for a second four-year term as executive director of MennoMedia, the denominational publishing arm. Read more here: www.mennoniteusa.org/mennomedia-reappointed/

Mennonite Men, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, invites all men to join them for a week-long Oregon Eco-excursion on June 11-19. Explore wild spaces, learn about God's creation and help with newly planted trees along the Zena Forest. For more information and to register (by April 11), visit: <https://oregon-eco-excursion.mailchimpsites.com/>

Menno Snapshots:

- For Eric Massanari, chaplain and spiritual director, writing poetry is more than a spiritual practice – it's a leap of faith! Read his blog, "Raids on the inarticulate: writing poetry as an act of faith," here: www.mennoniteusa.org/writing-poetry-faith
- Adriana Celis, writer for MenoTicias, journaled about her trip to Indiana in "MenoTicias in Indiana strengthens bonds for IBA and SeBAH biblical and theological education." MenoTicias is the Spanish-language digital newsletter of Mennonite Church USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency. Read Celis' blog here: www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias-in-indiana
- In "An invitation to be born again," Joanna Harader echoes Scripture's call to repentance and encourages readers to turn toward a more life-giving way of being God's people by celebrating the faith, the gifts and the presence of LGBTQIA people. Read more here: www.mennoniteusa.org/invitation-born-again



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Education Hour: 9:15 a.m. / 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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Youth Leader: Sina Yang

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*Thank you for silencing your cell phone.
For those attending via Zoom, thank you for remaining muted.*

Third Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER

Prelude - Jennie Kauffman
Call to Worship - Jon Newswanger
Hymn VT 300: "I Will Arise" - Florence Gingrich

WE CONFESS

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Instrumental Hymn - Jennie Kauffman

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Message for Children - Brent Mobley-Oorthuys
Scripture Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Message - Katherine Jameson Pitts

WE RESPOND

Hymn of Response VT 797: "We are People of God's Peace"
Offering - Jennie Kauffman
Sharing and Prayer ending with Lord's Prayer - Karen Perez
(Respond with: "Lord, we thank you" / "Lord, hear our prayer")
(Responde con: "Senor, te damos gracias" / "Senor, escucha nuestra oracion")
(*"Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us"*)

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn VT 163: "Amazing Grace"
Sending Words

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Ushers Today - Ron & Debbie Pauls
Sound & Zoom Tech - Jim McKinnell

Nursery care is currently unavailable. The nursery is available for parents to use as needed.

Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School class (Zoom only): *Church & Politics*
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School class (*contact Dave Engle for details*)
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School (In-person only):
Pre K & Kindergarten - Ryan Nisly, teacher
Elementary (Grades 1-4) - Melissa Nisly, teacher
Junior Youth (Grades 5-7) - Juel Russell, teacher

THIS WEEK, March 20, 2022 – March 26, 2022

Today Third Sunday of Lent
10:45 a.m. Worship Service (In-person & Zoom)
Monday 2:30 p.m. Book Group @ K. Aeschliman's
"The Nickel Boys"
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Women's breakfast meeting (Zoom)
Thursday 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Friday *No SEKCC*

Sunday, March 27, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:45 a.m. Worship Service (In-person & Zoom)
Birthday Blessing

Birthdays this week: Cesia Olvera

FOR THE RECORD March 13, 2022 Worship service

In person Attendance: 33
Zoom attendance: 35 devices, estimated at 44 people

General Offering totals received in March

March 6: \$4,415
March 13: \$3,961
General Fund total for Mar.: \$8,376
Total monthly requirement: \$14,691

Pastor Jerrell is on parental leave and will be back in the office on Tuesday, April 5. During his absence, please contact one of the Elders (Lois Oesch, Karen Perez, Dave Engle, Joseph Penner).

We welcome Katherine Jameson Pitts to our worship service today.

Katherine is the Executive Conference Minister for the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference. She served as a pastor in Kansas, Pennsylvania, and California before moving to Oregon 10 years ago. She will end her time as our conference minister after the PNMC Annual Meeting in late June. She and her husband live in Portland and the best thing about the pandemic has been the relocation of two of her 3 adult children and their families to the area in the past two years.

Please have all **April 2022 calendar** items in to the church office by noon on Thursday, March 24. Thank you.

Do we need sabbath as we move into a new phase of the global pandemic? Over the past two years, we have been bombarded with uncertainty, isolation, shut-downs, and fear. Many of us are exhausted physically, spiritually and emotionally. What is the 'new normal' that we are moving into now that mask mandates are being lifted? The **2022 Women's Retreat at Drift Creek Camp** is following the theme "Rhythm of Rest." The weekend will provide time to simply breathe. And in the words of pastor/theologian Molly Baskette, we can spend time letting God 'love us back'. God loves us back as we remember to let go and let God be God... Join us as we gather among the big trees, play, rest, renew, and spend time letting God love you back... Together, we will cultivate community while enjoying DCC's rich surroundings. The book discussion will be Sabbath Keeping: Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest by Lynne M. Baab. Jesus called his disciples to "come away and rest" during their active ministry on earth. Can you hear Jesus calling you to 'come away and rest'?

Please join us to **celebrate Roger's 90th birthday** on April 3rd. Come eat cake, no gifts please, cards are welcome. It will be from 2 to 4 at the clubhouse at the Ridge at Madrona Hills on Ratcliff Dr. The parking is limited so come, eat cake and make room for next group, thank you. To RSVP and for information or directions call Colleen Schmidt at 503-747-3039.

If you are participating in the **Adult Sunday School class** (or if you are not but would like to be included in the discussions), please contact Bonnie Lehman at office@SalemMennoniteChurch.org to be added to the Adult Sunday School email group (google group). This group is designed for continuing the conversation from class or adding additional thoughts you may have on the topics under discussion. Thank you.

Join us for the **Oregon MCC Winter Warm Up!** We will be knotting comforters to send to MCC to be used for refugees around the world on Monday, March 21 from 9 AM - 2 PM at Zion Mennonite Church. Open to all ages, you just need know how to tie a square knot - or we can teach you! Come for any part or all of the day. Questions? Contact Gail Manickam at gail@manickam.net.

Prayer Corner

Pray for...Ukraine.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Austin Roberts, who has worked with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland since 2016. Pray for him as he juggles teaching locally and internationally with pursuing a mostly online doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

Prayers for Faith and Learning (Mennonite Education Agency):

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: On this first day of spring as the weather warms and children begin to spend more time outdoors, pray not only for their safety, but also for a curiosity (of the soul) to get to know God's world in new ways. May caring adults discover with children, the wonders of creation as they run, play, and explore the out-of-doors.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NRSV)

¹Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³ So he told them this parable: . . . ¹¹ Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²²But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32 (RVR1995)

¹ Se acercaban a Jesús todos los publicanos y pecadores para oírlo, ² y los fariseos y los escribas murmuraban, diciendo: —Éste recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos. ³ Entonces él les refirió esta parábola, diciendo: . . . ¹¹ También dijo: «Un hombre tenía dos hijos, ¹² y el menor de ellos dijo a su padre: "Padre, dame la parte de los bienes que me corresponde." Y les repartió los bienes. ¹³ No muchos días después, juntándolo todo, el hijo menor se fue lejos a una provincia apartada, y allí desperdició sus bienes viviendo perdidamente. ¹⁴ Cuando todo lo hubo malgastado, vino una gran hambre en aquella provincia y comenzó él a pasar necesidad. ¹⁵ Entonces fue y se arrimó a uno de los ciudadanos de aquella tierra, el cual lo envió a su hacienda para que apacentara cerdos. ¹⁶ Deseaba llenar su vientre de las algarrobas que comían los cerdos, pero nadie le daba. ¹⁷ Volviendo en sí, dijo: "¡Cuántos jornaleros en casa de mi padre tienen abundancia de pan, y yo aquí perezco de hambre! ¹⁸ Me levantaré e iré a mi padre, y le diré: 'Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti. ¹⁹ Ya no soy digno de ser llamado tu hijo; hazme como a uno de tus jornaleros.'" ²⁰ Entonces se levantó y fue a su padre. Cuando aún estaba lejos, lo vio su padre y fue movido a misericordia, y corrió y se echó sobre su cuello y lo besó. ²¹ El hijo le dijo: "Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti, y ya no soy digno de ser llamado tu hijo." ²² Pero el padre dijo a sus siervos: "Sacad el mejor vestido y vestidle; y poned un anillo en su dedo y calzado en sus pies. ²³ Traed el becerro gordo y matadlo, y comamos y hagamos fiesta, ²⁴ porque éste, mi hijo, muerto era y ha revivido; se había perdido y es hallado." Y comenzaron a regocijarse. ²⁵ »El hijo mayor estaba en el campo. Al regresar, cerca ya de la casa, oyó la música y las danzas; ²⁶ y llamando a uno de los criados le preguntó qué era aquello. ²⁷ El criado le dijo: "Tu hermano ha regresado y tu padre ha hecho matar el becerro gordo por haberlo recibido bueno y sano." ²⁸ Entonces se enojó y no quería entrar. Salió por tanto su padre, y le rogaba que entrara. ²⁹ Pero él, respondiendo, dijo al padre: "Tantos años hace que te sirvo, no habiéndote desobedecido jamás, y nunca me has dado ni un cabrito para gozarme con mis amigos. ³⁰ Pero cuando vino este hijo tuyo, que ha consumido tus bienes con ramerías, has hecho matar para él el becerro gordo." ³¹ Él entonces le dijo: "Hijo, tú siempre estás conmigo y todas mis cosas son tuyas. ³² Pero era necesario hacer fiesta y regocijarnos, porque este tu hermano estaba muerto y ha revivido; se había perdido y ha sido hallado." »