



SALEM MENNONITE CHURCH
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Education Hour: 9:15 a.m. / 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

WE GATHER

Prelude

Hymn VT 22: "What is This Place" - John Beechy

Call to Worship & Invocation - Sarah Acosta

Hymns VT 121: "My Hope is Built"
VT 37: "Be Still and Know"

WE CONFESS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn VT 138: "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Message for Children - Marlene Bogard

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9

Message - Patricia Hughes

WE RESPOND

Hymn of Response VT 156: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Offering

Birthday Blessing HWB 422: "May God grant you a blessing"

Sharing and Prayer ending with Lord's Prayer - Lois Oesch

(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 610: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Sending Words

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Ushers Today - Larry & Karen Graber

Sound & Zoom Tech - Ryan Nisly

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

Sunday, March 27, 2022

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 27, 2022 – April 2, 2022

Today Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Birthday Blessing

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Women's breakfast meeting (Zoom)

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday 6:00 p.m. SE Keizer Community Center - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 3, 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:15 a.m. Coffee time in the fellowship hall

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

Birthdays this week: Jerrell Williams, Chad Hochstetler,
Leo Zook, Carl Snyder

FOR THE RECORD March 20, 2022 Worship service

In person Attendance: 47

Zoom attendance: 25 devices, estimated at 35 people

General Offering totals received in March

March 6: \$4,415

March 13: \$3,961

March 20: \$ n/a

General Fund total for Mar.: \$ n/a

Total monthly requirement: \$14,691

There will be a time for coffee in the Fellowship Room the first Sundays of the month, from 10:15am to 10:45am, starting in April and continuing in May and June. Enjoy some time in conversation with coffee and treats!

Sunday, March 27, 2022

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).

Welcome to our guest speaker today: Pastor Patricia Wolf Hughes was ordained to Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Recently retired, she makes her home in Silverton with her husband Pastor Joseph W Hughes, and two puppy dogs, Niceaux and Sassy. There are also 3 chickens in the yard, and many weeds to pull. Pastor Patricia has had several careers in her long life – Accountant, Mental Health Worker, Chaplain, Mother, Grandmother, and Wife. Pastor P’s life has taken her to live in 40 of the 50 states, as well as South Korea. She and Pastor Joe have a blended family that features 4 children, 5 grandchildren, and many vivid memories. Preaching the Gospel continues to be one of her favorite things.

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.

Prayer Corner

Pray for...Ukraine

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Monika Neufeld, a nurse who is serving as an intern with CASAS (a program of Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano, SEMILLA) in Guatemala. Pray for her as she works with other medical staff at a rural clinic to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prayers for Faith and Learning (Mennonite Education Agency):

Colegio Americas Unidas, Cali, Colombia: Please pray that we can continue to make a teaching difference in our low-income community with high-quality education. May God help us secure the resources necessary to continue this important work.

Check your email in-box!

- PNMC e-bulletin

The **Women in Leadership ministry** of Mennonite Church USA hosts “Holding It(,) Together,” a popular podcast that is created by women for women. Listen on your favorite podcast platform or here: www.mennoniteusa.org/holding-it-together

Are you looking for a way to provide a faithful testimony to the world regarding Jesus’ way of nonviolence and peace? This tax season, learn more about Mennonite Church USA’s Church **Peace Tax Fund** here: www.mennoniteusa.org/news/peace-tax-fund/

Menno Snapshots:

- Eleanor Kreider, keynote speaker at this year’s Pastors & Leaders | Deep Faith 2022 conference, shares about the rapid growth of the early church and the importance and benefits of engaging with first century Christians through their written documents, in her blog, “Patient Ferment.” Read more here: www.mennoniteusa.org/patient-ferment
- Michael Crosby, one of the authors of the proposed Repentance and Transformation Resolution, notes that the body of Christ is hurting due the church’s harmful actions toward LGBTQIA people. In his blog, “Prophetic challenge is pastoral care,” he encourages us not to look away too quickly. Read more: www.mennoniteusa.org/prophetic-challenge-pastoral-care
- In her blog, “Well-being blessings from the routine and the familiar,” Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellness coordinator for The Corinthian Plan, asks, “In this continued time of collective struggle, what are the routines that you find yourself doing that sustain you?” The Corinthian Plan is the health plan for Mennonite Church USA pastors and church workers. Read more here: www.mennoniteusa.org/routine-and-familiar

Attention Graduate Students in Healthcare Disciplines and BSN students:
Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) encourages persons studying for healthcare professions at the master’s level and above, or the rising junior/senior level in BSN programs, to learn and serve in underserved areas, especially cross-cultural mission/service settings. Apply for a Student Elective Term (SET) grant with MHF to help cover living and travel expenses. For more information, visit our website or email info@mennohealth.org.

Isaiah 55:1-9 (NRSV)

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Isaías 55:1-9 (RVR1995)

¹«¡Venid, todos los sedientos, venid a las aguas! Aunque no tengáis dinero, ¡venid, comprad y comed! ¡Venid, comprad sin dinero y sin pagar, vino y leche! ²¿Por qué gastáis el dinero en lo que no es pan y vuestro trabajo en lo que no sacia? ¡Oídmeme atentamente: comed de lo mejor y se deleitará vuestra alma con manjares! ³Inclinad vuestro oído y venid a mí; escuchad y vivirá vuestra alma. Haré con vosotros un pacto eterno, las misericordias firmes a David. ⁴He aquí que yo lo di por testigo a los pueblos, por jefe y por maestro a las naciones. ⁵He aquí, llamarás a gente que no conociste y gentes que no te conocieron correrán a ti por causa de Jehová, tu Dios, y del Santo de Israel, que te ha honrado. ⁶» ¡Buscad a Jehová mientras puede ser hallado, llamadle en tanto que está cercano! ⁷Deje el impío su camino y el hombre inicuo sus pensamientos, y vuélvase a Jehová, el cual tendrá de él misericordia, al Dios nuestro, el cual será amplio en perdonar. ⁸Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos ni vuestros caminos mis caminos», dice Jehová. ⁹«Como son más altos los cielos que la tierra, así son mis caminos más altos que vuestros caminos y mis pensamientos, más que vuestros pensamientos.

Lucas 13:1-9 (RVR1995)

¹En este mismo tiempo estaban allí algunos que le contaban acerca de los galileos cuya sangre Pilato había mezclado con los sacrificios de ellos. ²Respondiendo Jesús, les dijo: —¿Pensáis que estos galileos, porque padecieron tales cosas, eran más pecadores que los demás galileos? ³Os digo: no, antes si no os arrepentís, todos pereceréis igualmente. ⁴O aquellos dieciocho sobre los cuales cayó la torre en Siloé y los mató, ¿pensáis que eran más culpables que todos los hombres que habitan en Jerusalén? ⁵Os digo: no, antes si no os arrepentís, todos pereceréis igualmente. ⁶Dijo también esta parábola: «Un hombre tenía una higuera plantada en su viña, y vino a buscar fruto en ella y no lo halló. ⁷Y dijo al viñador: "Ya hace tres años que vengo a buscar fruto en esta higuera y no lo hallo. ¡Córtala! ¿Para qué inutilizar también la tierra?" ⁸Él entonces, respondiendo, le dijo: "Señor, déjala todavía este año, hasta que yo cave alrededor de ella y la abone. ⁹Si da fruto, bien; y si no, la cortarás después."»