

For the Record

Attendance February 25, 2024:

In person: 69
Zoom: 15 devices (est. 18 people)

General Offering received:

February 4	\$3,255
February 11	\$2,635
February 18	\$8,351
February 25	\$2,340
Monthly total	\$ 16,581
Total monthly requirement	\$15,933

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Heidi Brubaker, Caleb Sell

Anniversaries this Week:

Jim & Linda Pauls, Ron & Debbie Pauls



Remember to check your church mailbox, located down the hallway. March calendars are in your box this week.

Help “Pack the Backpacks” by

March 10. Next Sunday is the last opportunity to donate food to add to Church at the Park backpacks. Suggested items include granola bars, crackers, and microwaveable foods. Volunteers are needed to help “Pack the Backpacks” after church next week. With help, it should be a quick project.

Lenten Meditation Retreat “Wrestling with God”

Albany Mennonite Church on Saturday March 9th from 1-4 pm
Led by Juel Russell - joint retreat with AMC

We will be reading Genesis 32: 22-32 and contemplating its relevance in our lives. We will spend much of our time with opportunities to journal, meditate, and create.

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.

Coming Up

This Week: March 4-9, 2024

Wed 9:30 am Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
Wed 6:30 pm Worship Committee
Thurs 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (Zoom)
Fri 6:00 pm Community Center Family Night

Sunday, March 10 - 4th Sunday of Lent

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

10:45 am Worship Service, message by Brent Kauffman

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

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org



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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 3, 2024

Christ Among Us, Showing us Justice

Visual Symbol this Week: This week's symbol is a scroll. God pursues us with words of love. God gave us commandments to follow so we could rest in the giver of life. When the world pulls us in different directions, let's circle back on the path that directs towards God. We may stumble and fall, but God is always there to guide us.

We Gather

Prelude -Paul Lehman
Hymn **VT 550** "God Who Touches Earth with Beauty" -Chris Lehman
Call to Worship and Invocation -Mitchell Daily

Responsive Reading: based on Psalm 19

All: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.

One: We speak because you spoke first, bringing voice to the brightness of the sun and singing the airy darkness of the sky. You spoke this earth from end to end, and speaking must have given you pleasure, for you said, "It was good."

Many: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.

One: Year after year you have poured forth speech: passing stories and statutes down through hands and lips. From you we learned to speak, and speaking, we spoke to you—singing songs of consolation that would become your psalms to us; writing poems our children's children would hear as the voice of God.

Many: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God. (continues next page)

One: Your law, O Lord, is perfect. Your Word is the one that endures. We seek the grammar of your justice in the words that you spoke before. Speak here now; speak here once more.

All: And may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God. Amen.

Hymns **VT 764** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" -Chris Lehman
VT 556 "I Bind My Heart this Tide"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Mitchell Daily
Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Prayer

Leader: Trustworthy God, we want to live with faith, yet we worry there will not be enough. We want to believe in your promises, yet we lose hope. We want to follow you, but sometimes the road is too hard.

People: We confess before you our unbelief, our worry, our hopelessness.

Leader: Shape us into a people who will live in faith. Strengthen us so we can deny ourselves, take up your cross, and follow you.

People: In your grace, Lord, give us faith to believe that you will call into existence the things that do not exist. Amen.

Hymn **Hymn Sheet** "O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" -Chris Lehman

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Steve Penner
Scripture 1 Kings 19:1-18
Message *Stormy Water, Still Voices* -Jordan Penner, MCC
Hymn of Response **VT 595** "When the Storms of Life are Raging"

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Paul Lehman
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (VT 989A) -Marj Mobley Oorthuys

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn **VT 759** "Take My Life and Let It Be"
Sending Words

Ushers today: Charles and Jennie Kauffman **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jim McKinnell
Nursery Volunteer Today: Lori Christy

I Kings 19:1-18 (NRSV)

Elijah Flees from Jezebel

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." ⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was

not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Our guest speaker today is Jordan Penner. Jordan was born and raised in Reedley, California. He works with the Mennonite Central Committee in Denver as the Constituency Engagement Manager. He has now spent ten years with MCC between Guatemala, Bolivia, and Denver. Jordan attended Bethel College and received a Master's degree in history from the University of Texas of the Rio Grande Valley. In his free time Jordan loves to bake bread and cookies, read, play soccer, watch baseball, and to get outside with his family. He's also Joseph and Elijah's little brother, but he's taller and better looking.