

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Caleb Sell, Gabino Perez, Macario Espinoza, Skye McKinnell

Anniversaries this Week:

Jim & Linda Pauls,
Ron & Debbie Pauls

For the Record

Attendance Feb. 26, 2023:

In person: 54

Zoom: 35 devices (est. 45 people)

General Offering received:

Feb. 5	\$1,980
Feb. 12	\$17,502
Feb. 19	\$7,101
Feb. 26	\$na
Month to date	\$26,583
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

WORKSHOP SERIES ON INCLUSION STARTS THIS THURSDAY.

Claire Synder is leading an 8-week series of workshops here at SMC so that we can live into our resolution to be a welcoming congregation. The workshops will be each Thursday evening, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall through the end of April. Zoom is available, using the same link used for Sunday worship.

Nursery Volunteer this week: Marj Mobley-Oorthuys

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HOUSELESS. Thank you SMC congregation for your support in helping the houseless in our very own community this past year. We are ready to help out again this first quarter by purchasing diapers, pull-ups and wipes. We would like to see the houseless fund build up again so that we can continue to help the most needy in our community during March. Donations designated for “Houseless” can be given to the church treasurers. Everence will match donated funds up to \$225,000.

Mark your calendar for the revival of the all-ages Salem Mennonite Church Retreat, Sept. 22-24, 2023.

Join your church family for a time of renewal at Drift Creek Camp. Contact Brent for more information: gratefulmobley@gmail.com or 503-763-1807.

Plans are underway for a **wedding reception/shower for Mallory and Mitchell.** The date will be determined soon, and you all are invited.

Interested in singing in an Easter Choir? Please talk to Trudy during today’s potluck to show your interest.



Salem Mennonite Church

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Education Hour: Sundays at 9:30 am • Worship: Sundays at 10:45 am

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service

March 5, 2023 - Second Sunday of Lent

We Gather

Prelude -Jennie Kauffman
Hymn **VT 1** "Summoned By the God Who Made Us" v. 1, 3,5 -Trudy McKinnell
Call to Worship and Invocation -Elijah Penner

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—where does your help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

All: We worship our God, who watches over us now and always.

Hymns **VT 39** "As We Rise, O God, to Meet You" v. 1, 2, 4
VT 419 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Elijah Penner
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 737** "Breath on Me Breath of God"

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Debbie Pauls
Scripture John 3:1-17
Message *Shaped by New Birth* -Rev. Jerrell Williams
Hymn **VT 545** "Here I Am, Lord" v. 1, 2

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Jennie Kauffman
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 **VT 815** "We Will Walk With God"
Sending Words

Ushers today: Charles & Jennie Kauffman

Sound/Zoom Tech: Jason Sell

Responsive Reading for Confession

Leader: Lord, we need new birth.
Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our stubbornness
and guilt, walking in blindness, our hearts are
hardened to your love.
We confess to you Lord....

(silent prayer)

Leader: Jesus, you have come to put the world right,
to give life to the dead, and to call into
existence a people born from above.

**All: Break in by your creating Spirit.
Send forth your fresh wind.
And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.**

REGISTRATION FOR MennoCon23 IS NOW OPEN. MennoCon23 will be held in Kansas City, MO July 3-6, immediately followed by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly and the new Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. Register here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/

Coming Up

This Week: March 5-11, 2023

TODAY	noon	Potluck
Wed	7:00 am	Women's Breakfast (Zoom)
Wed	9:30 pm	Quilting
Thurs	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	6:30 am	Inclusion Workshop (Fellowship Hall and Zoom)
Friday	6:00 pm	Community Center (in Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:30 am Sunday school classes for all ages
10:45 am Worship Service, message Rev. Jerrell Williams.

EASTER EVENTS:

Thurs, April 6 at 6:30 pm: Maundy Thursday Service at SMC
Sunday, April 9 at 9 am: Easter Breakfast (Worship at 10:45)

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

John 3:1-17 (NRSV)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.”

³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.