

**Mennonite Church USA** has created a new role focused on racial/ethnic engagement and announced several other staff transitions. Sue Park-Hur, the newly appointed director of racial/ethnic engagement, will work with the various racial/ethnic entities within MC USA, support the program agencies in this work and help denominational leaders to define diversity, equity and inclusion goals, standards and desired outcomes. Read more here:

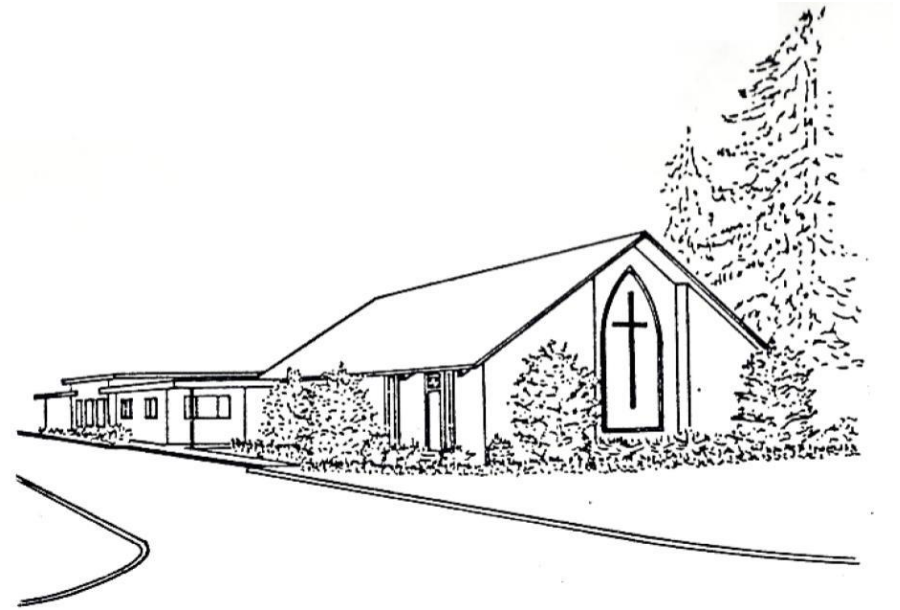
[www.mennoniteusa.org/new-position-transitions](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/new-position-transitions)

**Mennonite Church USA** has announced the worship speakers, led by Dr. Samuel Sarpiya, for the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, in Kansas City Missouri. Read more here:

[www.mennoniteusa.org/worship-special-session](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/worship-special-session)

### Menno Snapshots:

- Abby Endashaw encourages all individuals and communities within the Christian tradition to utilize the Intercultural Development Inventory assessment to engage effectively and appropriately with people who are different than ourselves. This concept is part of the new curriculum from Mennonite Church USA called Diversity: God's Design. Read Abby's blog here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/cultural-reflection-growth](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/cultural-reflection-growth)
- "Grief has a way of sneaking up on us." When Ben Wideman set out to produce a podcast episode about the life and legacy of Michael "MJ" Sharp for the MennoMedia ~ing podcast series, his emotions triggered other difficult memories as well. Read more about his experience with carrying grief here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/we-carry-grief](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/we-carry-grief)



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

Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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### Prayer Corner

Pray for...

#### Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:

Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure participants are in the final months of living in their unit houses and working in their volunteer placements. Pray for them as they bring closure to the relationships they built in their hosting community and find ways to implement what they learned as they move into their future.

#### Prayers for Faith and Learning (Mennonite Education Agency):

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College graduates and their families and friends as the Class of 2022 gathers for worship this morning in the baccalaureate service and commencement in the afternoon.

#### 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**  
**www.salemmennonitechurch.org**

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

**WE GATHER**

**Prelude** - Jennie Kauffman  
**Hymn** VT 31: "Come, We That Love" - Chris Lehman  
**Call to Worship & Invocation** - Juel Russell  
**Hymns** VT 161: "I Sought the Lord"  
VT 776: "Teach Me Thy Truth"

**WE CONFESS**

**Prayer of Confession**  
**Assurance of Pardon**  
**Hymn** VT 740: "Spirit of the Living God"

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Message for Children** - John Beechy  
VT 511: "Come on, Children, to the Gospel Feast"  
**Scripture** Acts 11:1-18  
**Message** "God's Word vs. God's Word" - Jerrell Williams

**WE RESPOND**

**Hymn of Response** VT 722: "Help Us to Help Each Other"  
**Offering** - Jennie Kauffman  
**Sharing and Prayer ending with Lord's Prayer**  
(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 831: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"  
**Sending Words**  
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**Ushers Today** - Charles & Jennie Kauffman  
**Sound & Zoom Tech** - Jason Sell

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

Sunday, May 15, 2022

**Sunday School**

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School class (Zoom only):  
"Preparation for MCUSA Delegate Session"

No MYF Sunday School class today

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, May 15, 2022 – May 21, 2022**

**Today** 10:45 a.m. Worship Service (message – Jerrell Williams)  
Celebration for Dave & Marj Engle in the fellowship hall!  
**Monday** 2:30 p.m. Book Group @ K. Swartzentruber's  
"Braiding Sweetgrass"  
**Wednesday** 7:00 a.m. Women's breakfast meeting (Zoom)  
9:30 a.m. Quilting  
7:00 p.m. Leadership Board (Zoom)  
**Thursday** 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:00 p.m. Elder's Mtg @ L. Oesch's  
7:00 p.m. Sacred Circle  
**Friday** 6:00 p.m. SE Keizer Community Center - Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday, May 22, 2022**  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service (message – Jerrell Williams)  
Birthday Blessing

**Birthdays this week:** Louise Newswanger, Sy Graber

**FOR THE RECORD** **May 8, 2022 Worship service**

In person Attendance: 56  
Zoom attendance: 20 devices, estimated at 25 people

**General Offering totals received in May**

May 1: \$2,920  
May 8: \$1,966  
General Fund total for May: \$4,886  
Total monthly requirement: \$14,691

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**The visuals displayed in front of the sanctuary** are examples of gently used children's clothing, 36 backpacks, approximately 50 bottles each of shampoo, toothpaste, soap bars and lots of diapers and baby wipes that were purchased for the Church at the Park to serve the houseless in our community. Your contributions supported this Spring project. Thank you!!

You are all invited to celebrate Dave and Marj Engle today, Sunday, May 15, after church in the Fellowship Hall. They are moving to Carlsbad, New Mexico to give loving support to Marj's elderly parents. *Refreshments and Coffee will be served.*

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### **Acts 11:1-18** (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Save the Date! **Pastor Jerrell's ordination service** will be held on Sunday, June 5 during the morning worship service (10:45 a.m.). A reception will be held immediately following the service with light refreshments served.

**Mennonite Church USA** has unveiled a new shareable video titled "We are better together." The video features different voices from across the denomination discussing what it means to do church together. Watch it here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/better-together](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/better-together)

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### **Hechos 11:1-18** (RVR1995)

<sup>1</sup>Oyeron los apóstoles y los hermanos que estaban en Judea que también los gentiles habían recibido la palabra de Dios. <sup>2</sup>Por eso, cuando Pedro subió a Jerusalén, discutían con él los que eran de la circuncisión, <sup>3</sup>diciendo: —¿Por qué has entrado en casa de hombres incircuncisos y has comido con ellos? <sup>4</sup>Entonces comenzó Pedro a contarles de forma ordenada lo sucedido, diciendo: <sup>5</sup>—Estaba yo en la ciudad de Jope orando, y tuve en éxtasis una visión: algo semejante a un gran lienzo suspendido por las cuatro puntas, que bajaba del cielo y llegaba hasta mí. <sup>6</sup>Cuando fijé los ojos en él, consideré y vi cuadrúpedos terrestres, fieras, reptiles y aves del cielo. <sup>7</sup>Y oí una voz que me decía: "Levántate, Pedro, mata y come." <sup>8</sup>Yo dije: "Señor, no; porque ninguna cosa común o impura entró jamás en mi boca." <sup>9</sup>Entonces la voz me respondió del cielo por segunda vez: "Lo que Dios limpió, no lo llares tú común." <sup>10</sup>Esto se repitió tres veces, y volvió todo a ser llevado arriba al cielo. <sup>11</sup>En aquel instante llegaron tres hombres a la casa donde yo estaba, enviados a mí desde Cesarea. <sup>12</sup>Y el Espíritu me dijo que fuera con ellos sin dudar. Fueron también conmigo estos seis hermanos, y entramos en casa de un hombre, <sup>13</sup>quien nos contó cómo había visto en su casa un ángel que, puesto en pie, le dijo: "Envía hombres a Jope y haz venir a Simón, el que tiene por sobrenombre Pedro; <sup>14</sup>él te hablará palabras por las cuales serás salvo tú y toda tu casa." <sup>15</sup>Cuando comencé a hablar, cayó el Espíritu Santo sobre ellos, como también sobre nosotros al principio. <sup>16</sup>Entonces me acordé de lo dicho por el Señor, cuando dijo: "Juan ciertamente bautizó en agua, pero vosotros seréis bautizados con el Espíritu Santo." <sup>17</sup>Si Dios, pues, les concedió también el mismo don que a nosotros que hemos creído en el Señor Jesucristo, ¿quién era yo que pudiera estorbar a Dios? <sup>18</sup>Entonces, oídas estas cosas, callaron y glorificaron a Dios, diciendo: —¡De manera que también a los gentiles ha dado Dios arrepentimiento para vida!

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