

For the Record

Attendance Nov. 19, 2023:

In person: 78
Zoom: not known

General Offering received:

November 5	\$2,100
November 12	\$4,650
November 19	\$ 4,505
Month to date	\$ 11,255
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Erin Boers, Larry Graber,
Don Reimer-Berg, Jenn Reimer-Berg,
Debbie Pauls, Francis Loberg

Anniversaries this Week:

Glenn & Mabel Yutzie,
Steve & Glenna Penner

Kawandi Workshop. Join Frances Loberg on Wednesday, **December 13** from noon-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall as she leads a workshop on making Kawandi cloth. In India, Kawandi means quilt. It is made with recycled materials, entirely by hand. The process is engaging, creative, relaxed and sustainable. Watch for an email about materials you should bring with you to this workshop.

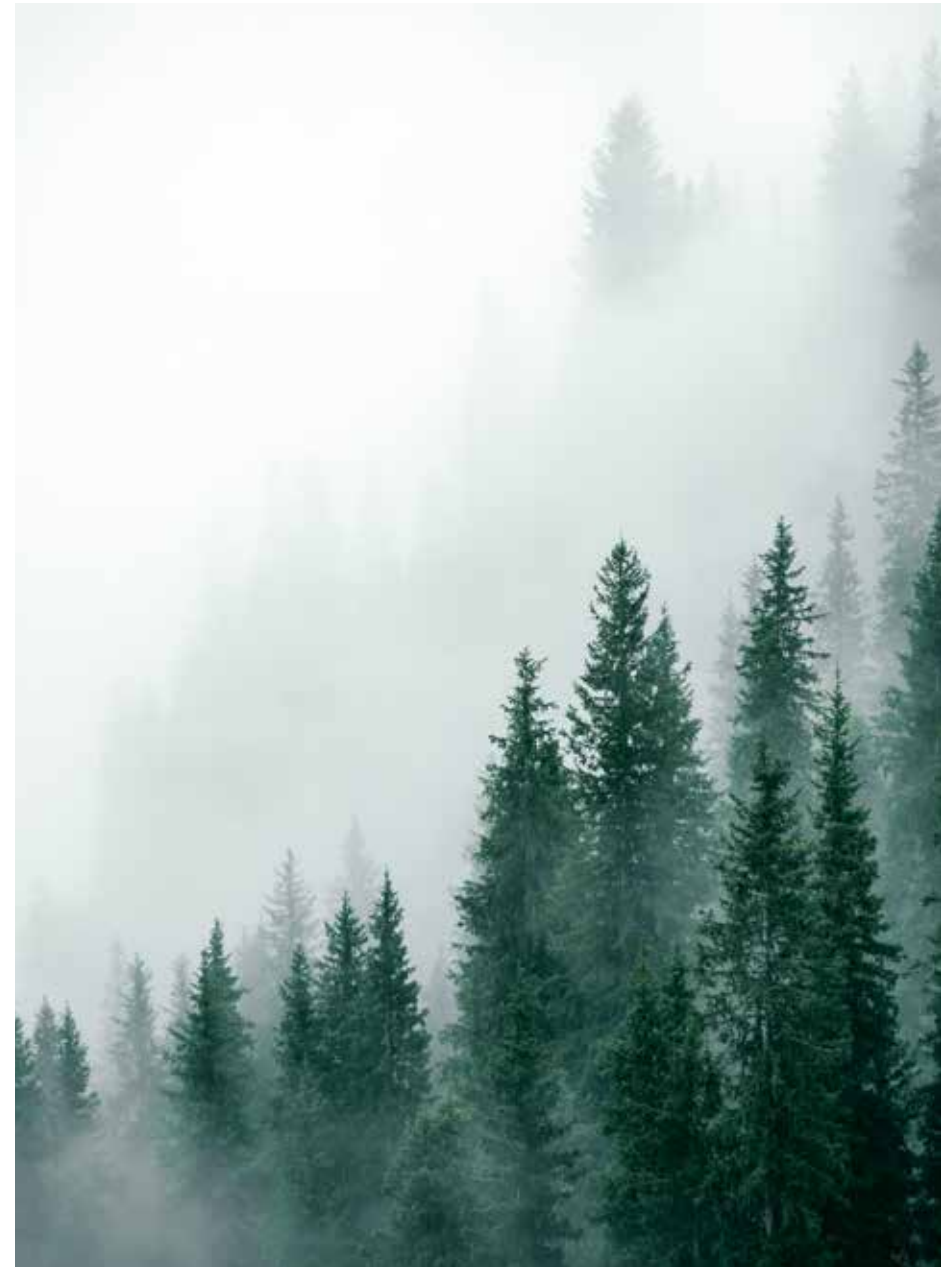
A Celebration of Life for Jeannette Flaming will be this Tuesday, **November 28** at 3:30 pm at Salem Mennonite Church, followed by a time of food and fellowship.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS at Salem Mennonite Church

Next Sunday, Dec. 3:
Advent begins

Sat. Dec. 16: Christmas Dinner
(potluck style this year)

Sun. Dec. 24: Candlelight Service
at 5:00 pm (*no morning worship
service on Dec. 24*)



Salem Mennonite Church

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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 November 26, 2023

We Gather

Prelude -Claudia Beechy
Hymn **VT 24** "There's a River of Life" -Jon Newswanger
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jennifer Gingerich
Hymns **VT 364** "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" -Jon Newswanger
VT 114 "Now Thank We All Our God"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Jennifer Gingerich
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 118** "In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Jennifer Gingerich
Scripture Genesis 2:4-7; Exodus 3:1-6
Message *Breath of God* -Juel Russell
Hymn of Response **VT 737** "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Claudia Beechy
Birthday Blessing **HWB 422** -Marlene Bogard, Dillon Newswanger
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 841** "As You Go Out From Here"
Sending Words

Ushers today: Brent & Marj Mobley Oorthuys Sound/Zoom Tech: Martin Klein
Nursery Volunteer Today: Lori Christy

Other Languages for **VT 118**
"In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

- In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices the Lord is near.
- El Señor es mi fortaleza, el Señor es mi canción. El nos da la salvación. En el confió, notemeré, en el no temeré.
- Meine Hoffnung und meine Freude, meine Stärke, mein Licht, Christus, meine Zuversicht, auf dich vertrau ich und fürcht mich nicht, auf dich vertrau ich und fürcht mich nicht.
- Ô ma joie et ma espérance, le Seigneur est mon chant. C'est de lui j'espère, je NE crains rien. En lui j'espère, je ne crains rien.

Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale Thanks You

Thank you for volunteering, attending, praying for, and supporting the Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale. In 45 countries, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) works with partners to respond to disasters; provide food, water, health and education; and promote peace where conflict divides. \$132,000 was raised this year to support the work of MCC and the call to follow Christ's example of love and compassion by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

If you would like to get involved in next year's sale, please reach out through oregonmccsale.org and reserve October 12, 2024, to join us!

Additional thanks from the MCC Materials Resources Center (the barn at Zion) that has received over 200 comforters, 2,000 school kits, as well as baby layettes, dignity kits and more!

Coming Up

This Week: November 27-December 2, 2023

Tues 3:30 pm Celebration of Life for Jeanette Flaming
Wed 8:00 am Women's Breakfast (check with Florence G. for location)
Wed 9:00 am Quilting/MCC Projects
Thurs 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:30 am Sunday School for children, youth and adults
10:45 am Worship Service, message by Marlene Bogard

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Genesis 2: 4-7 (The Voice translation)

⁴This is the detailed story of the Eternal God's singular work in creating all that exists. On the day the heavens and earth were created, ⁵there were no plants or vegetation to cover the earth. The fields were barren and empty, because the Eternal God had not sent the rains to nourish the soil or anyone to tend it. ⁶In those days, a mist rose up from the ground to blanket the earth, and its vapors irrigated the land. ⁷One day the Eternal God scooped dirt out of the ground, sculpted it into the shape we call human, breathed the breath that gives life into the nostrils of the human, and the human became a living soul.

Exodus 3: 1-6

Now one day when Moses was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, he guided the flock far away from its usual pastures to the other side of the desert and came to a place known as Horeb, where the mountain of God stood. There, the Special Messenger of the Eternal appeared to Moses in a fiery blaze from within the bush. Moses looked again at the bush as it blazed; but to his amazement, the bush did not burn up in flames.

Moses (to himself): Why is this bush not burning up? I need to move a little closer to get a better look at this amazing sight.

When the Eternal One saw Moses approach the burning bush to observe it more closely, He called out to him from within the bush.

Eternal One: Moses! Moses!

Moses: I'm right here.

Eternal One: Don't come any closer. Take off your sandals and stand barefoot on the ground in My presence, for this ground is holy ground. I am the True God, the God of your father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.


A feeling of dread and awe rushed over Moses; he hid his face because he was afraid he might catch a glimpse of the True God.





Christmas Giving Opportunities



Christmas is coming, and two opportunities to give locally are featured in the foyer:

 You are invited to **fill baskets to give to Community Center families** at the December 22 Christmas Party. New or gently used items may include small toys, games, books, socks, household items, non-perishable food or other items families might enjoy. Please return filled baskets by Sunday, December 17.

 You are also invited to bring items to fill the barrel for **Church at the Park's "Room in the Inn" project**. Look for the red barrel located in the foyer. Requested items include new pillows, hooded sweatshirts, socks & underwear, hats & gloves. Please bring your items by Sunday, December 17.

 For a more global perspective, consider a gift from the **MCC Giving Guide**, designed to spark a change around the world. Go to mcc.org/christmas to choose your gifts.