

## Nurturing Church Family

### Birthdays This Week:

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

### Anniversaries this Week:

Glenn & Mabel Yutzie

## For the Record

### Attendance Nov. 20, 2022:

In person: 71

Zoom: 22 devices (est. 29 people)

### General Offering received:

Nov. 6. \$2,073

Nov. 13 \$5,735

Nov. 20 \$ na

Monthly total to date \$7,808

Total monthly requirement \$14,691

### Fiscal Year to Date:

December-October Budget: \$ 161,601

December-October Income: \$ 158,464

Shortage after 11 months: \$ 3,137

October Income: \$ 14,522

**Adult Sunday Class** is beginning a new series next week for Advent, using the book ***Expecting Emmanuel :Eight Women Who Prepared the Way*** by Joanna Harader.

The denominational **Advent at Home** worship guide is now available. The guide is designed for families and people of all ages, offering weekly scriptures, background information, prayers, activities and rituals around this year's theme, "Restoration is Near." Find the advent guide here: [mennoniteusa.org/adventathome](http://mennoniteusa.org/adventathome). If you would like a printed copy, just ask Trudy in the church office.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Saturday, December 17** is the Christmas Dinner at Salem Mennonite. Enjoy a festive evening at SMC with a delicious meal prepared for you. Invite your family! **Look for the email from Trudy sent on 11/22 about RSVPing for this dinner.**

## Call to Worship Reading

Leader: Hear us, O shepherd of Israel; you who sit on the mercy seat between the cherubim, we stand in your presence, seeking your face.

**People: Shine forth, O Lord, in the sight of your people, that we may see you clearly. Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.**

Leader: The time is near, we are watching; restore us again, O God.

**People: Cause your face to shine and we will be saved, made whole by your gracious love and kindness.**

**All: We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.**



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

# Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service

## November 27, 2022 - First Sunday of Advent

### We Gather

Prelude -Paul Lehman  
Hymn **VT 5** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" -Trudy McKinnell  
Call to Worship and Invocation -Jim Pauls  
Hymns **VT 228** "Wait for the Lord"  
**VT 216** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

### Candle Lighting

Leader: Watch! You know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

**People: The night is far gone, the day is near.**

Hymn **VT 210** "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" vs. 1 and 6  
(flame is brought to the front as we sing)

Leader: As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

**People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

### We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Debbie Pauls  
Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5  
Message *Watch: the Day is Almost Here* -Rev. Jerrell Williams  
Hymn **VT 209** "We Dream of a Turning"

### We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Paul Lehman  
Birthday Blessing  
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 485** "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" vs. 1, 2 & 4  
Sending Words

### Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSV)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**The Advent theme for this year, "Restoration is Near"** is reflected in our Advent visuals. As we seek and watch for restoration to take place in our lives and with all creation, note the changes to the visuals each week as more people figures from all ages, nationalities and differences join in the display on the Advent table. The origami cranes crafted by a number of people within and outside of our congregation, symbolize hope and peace during this season of restoration for everyone.

### Coming Up

#### This Week: Nov. 28-Dec. 3, 2022

Wed 7:00 am Women's Breakfast Meeting (Zoom)  
Thurs 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  
Friday 6:00 pm Community Center (in Fellowship Hall)

#### Sunday, December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Sunday school classes for all ages  
10:30 am Coffee Time  
10:45 am Worship Service, message, Rev. Jerrell Williams  
2:00 pm Sacred Circle at Sarah Deumling's

Full calendar of events at [www.salemmennonitechurch.org](http://www.salemmennonitechurch.org)

Ushers today: Dennis Kauffman and Florence Gingrich Sound/Zoom Tech: Jason Sell

Today's bulletin cover was created by Angelica Penner.