

For the Record

Attendance Sept. 17, 2023:

In person: 47
Zoom: 12 devices (est. 18 people)

General Offering received:

September 3	\$2,980
September 10	\$na
September 17	\$na
September 24 (retreat, no offering)	
Sept to date	\$2,980
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Mitchell Daily, Jason Sell,
Becky Eash, Tony Kauffman

Anniversaries this Week:

Dennis & Louis Rothrock

MCC School Kits. Our congregation is planning to assemble 150 school kits and you are **invited to help on October 15** right after church. We need volunteers to help pack the school supplies into cloth bags. Refreshments will be provided for those who come and help.



CHURCH DIRECTORY Our church directory is always available online at www.salemmennonitechurch.org, and allows you to update your information and photo as needed. **If you would like a printed copy of the directory, or need help updating your contact information, please contact the church office.**

Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale

Saturday, October 21 • 8 am - 2 pm

at the Linn County Expo Center, Albany OR

Shop to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee!

• Pancake Breakfast • Shops with fair trade items, hand-crafted items, fabric remnants and sewing-related items, used books, fresh apple cider specialty cheese and sausages, pies and baked goods. • Food Booths • Live auction with Paul Schultz, auctioneer. Bid on experiences, quilts, handcrafted items, and more!

plus
Online Auction
Oct 14 - 18

Want to volunteer to help? Go to: www.oregonmccsale.org/get-involved



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

October 1, 2023 - Worldwide Communion Sunday

We Gather

Prelude -Church Retreat Video
Hymn **HWB 42** "All People That on Earth do Dwell" -Chris Lehman
Call to Worship and Invocation -Beth Sell
Hymns **HWB 154** "This is My Father's World" -Chris Lehman
STJ 103, v. 1,2 "Why Should I Feel Discouraged"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Beth Sell
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 740** "Spirit of the Living God" -Chris Lehman

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Debbie Pauls
Scripture Matthew 6:25-34
Message *God's Care Brings Peace* -Marlene Bogard
Communion

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count
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 830** "Go, My Children"
Sending Words

Call to Worship

One: Jesus says, "Do not worry about your life."

Many: And so we come to worship.

One: Jesus asks, "Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes?"

Many: And so we come to worship.

One: Jesus says, "Look at the birds of the air... consider the lilies of the field."

Many: And so we come to worship.

One: Jesus says, "Seek first the Kingdom of God."

Many: And so we gather, now, to worship.

Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSV)

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Coming Up

This Week: October 2-7, 2023

Wed 7:00 am Women's Breakfast (check with Florence for location)
Wed 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Thur 7:00 pm Sacred Circle
Fri 6:00 pm SEKCC Friday Night

Sunday, October 8, 2023

9:30 am Sunday School for children, youth, and adults
10:30 am Coffee Time in Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Worship Service, message by Sylvia Shirk

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Ushers today: Charles & Jennie Kauffman Sound/Zoom Tech: Jim McKinnell
Nursery Volunteer Today: Ryan Nisly