

## Nurturing Church Family

### Birthdays This Week:

Claudia Beechy, Jeff Aeschliman,  
Andrew Reimer-Berg

### Anniversaries this Week:

none this week

## For the Record

### Attendance Oct. 9, 2022:

In person: 49  
Zoom: 23 devices (est. 30 people)

### General Offering received:

Total for September:	\$10,972
October 2	\$2,965
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

**Adult Sunday Class** is studying Palmer Becker's book *Anabaptist Essentials*. For next Sunday, Oct.23 please read chapter 6, "Members are Held Accountable."

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, December 17**  
for a  
**Christmas Dinner**  
at Salem Mennonite

### Fall Festival was a great

**success.** With immense gratitude to all the volunteers, donors, and shoppers, the festival board of directors is thrilled to announce that the auction and sales last Saturday and online brought in \$108,000 to support Mennonite Central Committee. Add in the \$17,000 for donations that came in throughout the year to bring the grand total to \$125,000. A big thank you on behalf of the humanitarian work of MCC around the world.

**The giving keeps going...** You have a second chance to support MCC with a "pop-up" shop at SMC on Sunday, **November 20** after the worship service. There was a small selection of items donated to the Menno Marketplace that did not sell during the fall festival and we are bringing them to Salem Mennonite for another opportunity to shop to support MCC.

**The Sabbath Rest Mindfulness Retreat**, led by Juel Russell, is happening in Rockaway Beach November 11-13. There are still 2 private rooms (\$225) and 4 twin beds in the upstairs common bedroom (\$175) available. Details at [www.peaceonyourjourney.com](http://www.peaceonyourjourney.com). If you are interested, please contact Juel directly, [juelrussell@yahoo.com](mailto:juelrussell@yahoo.com) or text 503-871-3488.



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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 to and reconciliation, where peace, joy and healing are experienced in the church and shared with others.



**Mennonite Mission Network** is encouraging congregations to participate in proactive peacemaking efforts. They have provided us with peace pins to distribute to the congregation. (see basket in foyer). Wear these pins as a reminder to stay connected with what God is doing through Mission Network, and to encourage you to take part in Christ's peace. For more resources, visit [MennoniteMission.net/Peace](https://MennoniteMission.net/Peace).

## Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service October 16, 2022

### We Gather

Prelude -  
Hymn **VT 57** "Holy Spirit, Come with Power" -Trudy McKinnell  
Call to Worship and Invocation -Karen Perez  
Hymns **VT 1** "Summoned by the God Who Made Us"  
**VT 88** "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

### We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Karen Perez  
Assurance of Pardon  
Hymn **VT 37** "Be Still and Know"

### We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Marlene Bogard  
Scripture Acts 15:1-21  
Message *God's Will is Discerned in Community* -Rev. Jerrell Williams  
Hymn **VT 440** "Ask the Complicated Questions"

### 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 812** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" vs. 2  
Sending Words

**Urgent Prayer Request from Ukraine.** Oleksandr Geychenko, president of Odesa Theological Seminary sent this request on Oct. 10: "In addition to the regular shelling, this morning Ukraine was subjected to massive missile and drone attacks. By noon (Kyiv time), at least 83 missiles were launched, attacking critical infrastructure and civilian objects throughout Ukraine. Forty-three missiles were shot down. We do not yet know how many civilians got killed and how many are wounded. I am afraid the numbers will be high. Odesa was also targeted, but five missiles and three drones were downed. The part of the city where the seminary is located is relatively safe. We have taken all the precautions we can, and have a shelter in the basement. We continue to offer courses. Please continue keeping us and people in Ukraine in your prayers."

### Coming Up

#### This Week: October 16-22, 2022

Mon	2:00 pm	Book Club
Mon	7:00 pm	AED Training at SMC
Tues	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wed	7:00 am	Women's Breakfast Meeting (Zoom)
Wed	7:00 pm	Leadership Board (Zoom)
Thurs	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	7:00 pm	Sacred Circle
Friday	6:00 pm	Community Center (in Fellowship Hall)

#### Sunday, October 23, 2022

9:30 am	Sunday school classes for all ages
10:30 am	Coffee Time
10:45 am	Worship Service, message, Rev. Jerrell William. Birthday Blessing

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

**Ushers today:** Dennis Kauffman & Florence Gingerich **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jason Sell

## Acts 15:1-21 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” <sup>2</sup>And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. <sup>3</sup>So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup>But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.” <sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup>After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. <sup>8</sup>And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; <sup>9</sup>and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup>On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.” <sup>12</sup>The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. <sup>13</sup>After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup>Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup>This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, <sup>16</sup>‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, <sup>17</sup>so that all other peoples may seek the Lord— even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things <sup>18</sup>known from long ago.’ <sup>19</sup>Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, <sup>20</sup>but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. <sup>21</sup>For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every sabbath in the synagogues.”