

For the Record

Attendance Oct. 15, 2023:

In person: 50
Zoom: 20 devices (est. 29 people)

General Offering received:

October 1	\$3,775
October 8	\$6,040
October 15	\$1,700
Month to date	\$11,515
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Andrew Reimer-Berg, Sharon Nisly,
Aaron BreMiller, Flora Gomez,
Julie Graber, Melissa Nisly

Anniversaries this Week:

None this week

Call to Worship Responsive Reading

Leader: We gather as God's people, holy and beloved.

All: When so many are indifferent, we gather with compassion.

Leader: When so many are cruel, we gather with kindness.

All: When so many boast, we gather with humility.

Leader: When so many seek vengeance, we gather with meekness.

All: When so many rush and hurry, we gather with patience.

Leader: We gather as God's holy and beloved people. As we worship together, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.



Sun. Nov. 19: Congregational Meeting and Potluck

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

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

Coming Up

This Week: October 23-, 2023

Wed	7:00 am	Women's Breakfast (check with Florence G. for location)
Wed	9:30 am	Quilting and MCC Projects, Fellowship Hall
Wed	6:30 pm	Education Team Meeting
Fri	6:00 pm	SEKCC Friday Night

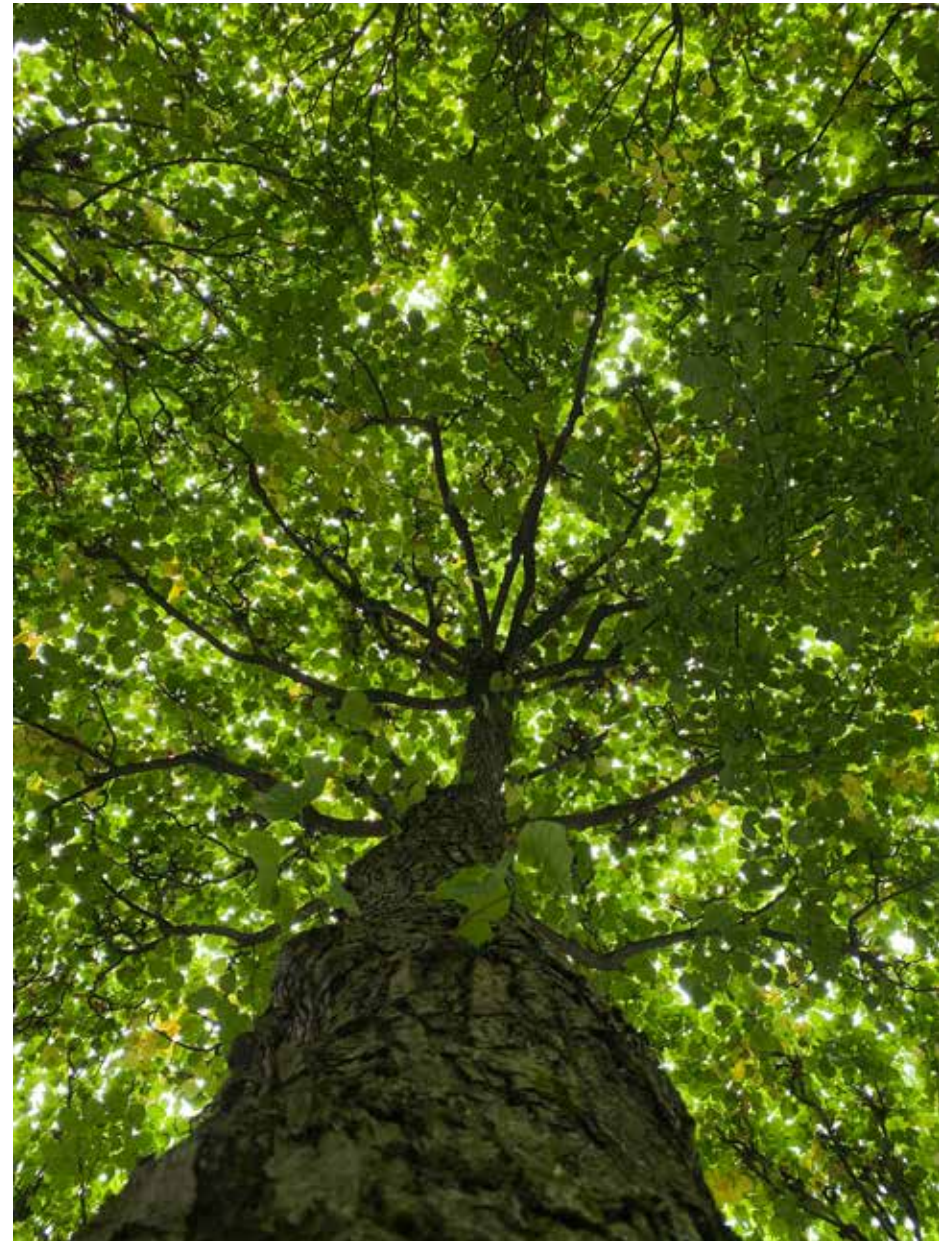
Sunday, October 29, 2023

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 Jim Pauls. Mutual Aid Offering.

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org



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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.

Luke 5:17-39 (NRSV)

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

¹⁷ One day while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem were sitting nearby, and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ Just then some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but, finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. ²⁰ When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? ²⁴ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the one who was paralyzed—"I say to you, stand up and take your stretcher and go to your home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. ²⁶ Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen incredible things today."

Jesus Calls Levi

²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸ And he got up, left everything, and followed him. ²⁹ Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them. ³⁰ The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; ³² I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

The Question about Fasting

³³ Then they said to him, "John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink." ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "You cannot make wedding attendants fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? ³⁵ The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." ³⁶ He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise, not only will one tear the new garment, but the piece from the new will not match the old garment. ³⁷ Similarly, no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins and will spill out, and the skins will be ruined. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine but says, 'The old is good.'"

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service

October 22, 2023

We Gather

Prelude -Jennie Kauffman
Hymn **VT 22** "What is This Place" -Trudy McKinnell
Call to Worship and Invocation -Marlene Bogard
Hymns **VT 137** "Holy, Holy, Holy" -Trudy McKinnell
VT 1 "Summoned by the God Who Made Us"

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Marlene Bogard
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn **VT 157** "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" -Trudy McKinnell

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Sarah Acosta
Scripture Luke 5:17-39
Message *Hospitality's Design: Beyond Walls and Roof to Community* -Kathy Dickson
Hymn of Response **VT 374** "There Are Many Gifts" -Trudy McKinnell

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Jennie Kauffman
Birthday Blessing -HWB 422 led by 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
Sending Words -Joseph Penner

Ushers today: Sarah Acosta and Shawn Newswanger **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Ryan Nisly

Nursery Volunteer Today: Brent Mobley-Oorthuys