

For the Record

Attendance Oct. 22, 2023:

In person: 48
Zoom: 19 devices (est. 28 people)

General Offering received:

October 1	\$3,775
October 8	\$6,040
October 15	\$1,700
October 22	\$2,390
Month to date	\$13,905
Total monthly requirement	\$14,691

MUTUAL AID OFFERING:

Community is a vital part of who we are and involves - among other things - sharing what God gives us with those among us who are in need. Accordingly, we collect a special Mutual Aid offering on the last Sunday of months having 5 Sundays and give our Elders responsibility for distributing it when needed.

Memorial Service:

The memorial service for Delores Miller is tomorrow (Monday, Oct. 30) at 2:00 pm here at Salem Mennonite Church. A light lunch will be available after the service.

NEW ADDRESS:

John and Claudia Beechy have moved and have a new address. Please check the online directory for the updated address.

If you need a reminder of how to access the online directory, contact Trudy in the church office: office@salemmennonitechurch.org

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Jeramyah Acosta, Pat Harms, Spencer Aeschliman, Dillon Newswanger

Anniversaries this Week:

None this week

MCC pop-up shop today!

Today, right after the worship service, you have a chance to shop for MCC. Following the successful relief sale and auction last weekend, we have a few great items left from the MennoMarketplace that will be available to buy today. Come check it out in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds go to MCC to aid in relief projects around the world.

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*



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.

Call to Worship Responsive Reading

One: As followers of Jesus, we are called

Many: to bless those who persecute us;

One: to rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn;

Many: to live in harmony with others and not be arrogant.

One: As disciples of the Prince of Peace, we are called

Many: to not repay anyone evil for evil;

One: to, as far as possible, live peaceably with all;

Many: to feed our enemies when they are hungry and offer a drink when they are thirsty.

One: Ours is a hard and holy calling, friends. And so we gather.

Many: We gather for prayer and study.

One: We gather for singing and silence.

Many: We gather for encouragement and support.

All: We gather for worship.

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service October 29, 2023

We Gather

Prelude -Merv Kropf
Hymn -Merv Kropf
Call to Worship and Invocation -Beth Sell
Hymns

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Beth Sell
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Debbie Pauls
Scripture 1 Samuel 25:1-35 -Linda Pauls
Message *Peacemakers Act to Prevent Violence* -Jim Pauls
Hymn of Response

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count -Merv Kropf
Mutual Aid Offering
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 -Jim Pauls

Coming Up

This Week: October 29-November 4, 2023

Mon 2:00 pm Memorial Service for Delores Miller at SMC
Wed 8:00 am Women's Breakfast (check with Florence G. for location)
Wed 6:30 pm Worship Committee (zoom)
Thurs 7:00 pm Sacred Circle
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 Marlene Bogard. All Saints Day Remembrance.

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Ushers today: Brent & Marj Mobley-Oorthuys **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jim McKinnell
Nursery Volunteer Today: Florence Gingrich

I Samuel 25:-359 (NRSV)

¹ Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him. They buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David got up and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

David and Abigail

² There was a man in Maon whose property was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. ³ Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife was Abigail. The woman was clever and beautiful, but the man was surly and mean; he was a Calebite. ⁴ David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. ⁵ So David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. ⁶ Thus you shall salute him, 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. ⁷ I hear that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing all the time they were in Carmel. ⁸ Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your sight, for we have come on a feast day. Please give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.' " ⁹ When David's young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David, and then they waited. ¹⁰ But Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are breaking away from their masters. ¹¹ Shall I take my bread and my water and the meat that I have butchered for my shearers and give it to men who come from I do not know where?" ¹² So David's young men turned away and came back and told him all this. ¹³ David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every one of them strapped on his sword; David also strapped on his sword, and about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage.

¹⁴ But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master, and he shouted insults at them. ¹⁵ Yet the men were very good to us, and we suffered no harm, and we never missed anything when we were in the fields as long as we were with them; ¹⁶ they were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. ¹⁷ Now, therefore, know this and consider what you should do, for evil has been decided against our master and against all his house; he is so ill-natured that no one can speak to him."

¹⁸ Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys ¹⁹ and said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband

Nabal. ²⁰ As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her, and she met them. ²¹ Now David had said, "Surely it was in vain that I protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him, but he has returned me evil for good.

²² God do so to David and more also if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him."

²³ When Abigail saw David, she hurried and dismounted from the donkey and fell before David on her face, bowing to the ground. ²⁴ She fell at his feet and said, "Upon me alone, my lord, be the guilt; please let your servant speak in your ears and hear the words of your servant. ²⁵ My lord, do not take seriously this ill-natured fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him, but I, your servant, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent.

²⁶ "Now then, my lord, as the Lord lives and as you yourself live, since the Lord has restrained you from bloodguilt and from taking vengeance with your own hand, now let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be like Nabal. ²⁷ And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. ²⁸ Please forgive the trespass of your servant, for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord, and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. ²⁹ If anyone should rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living under the care of the Lord your God, but the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling. ³⁰ When the Lord has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you and has appointed you prince over Israel, ³¹ my lord shall have no cause of grief or pangs of conscience for having shed blood without cause or for having saved himself. And when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant."

³² David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me today! ³³ Blessed be your good sense, and blessed be you, who kept me today from bloodguilt and from avenging myself by my own hand! ³⁴ For as surely as the Lord the God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there would not have been left to Nabal so much as one male." ³⁵ Then David received from her hand what she had brought him; he said to her, "Go up to your house in peace; see, I have heeded your voice, and I have granted your petition."