

## For the Record

### Attendance Oct. 1, 2023:

In person: 48

Zoom: 15 devices (est.20 people)

### General Offering received:

September 3	\$2,980
September 10	\$2,455
September 17	\$2,031
September 24 (retreat)	\$400
Sept. Total	\$7,866

Total monthly requirement \$14,691

## Nurturing Church Family

### Birthdays This Week:

David Pauls, Glen Oesch,  
Mervin Kropf, Cy Smith

### Anniversaries this Week:

None this week

## Call to Worship

*One:* Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

**Many:** Again we say, rejoice!

*One:* Rejoice in God's continual presence.

**Many:** Again we say, rejoice!

*One:* Rejoice in the Creator's wonderful works.

**Many:** Again we say, rejoice!

*One:* Rejoice in God's peace that surpasses all understanding.

**Many:** Again we say, rejoice!

*One:* Let us sing praises to God as we worship together.

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## Phillipians 4:4-9 (NRSV)

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

## Our Speaker Today

Sylvia Shirk seeks peace of heart and mind in Portland, Oregon, where she enjoys living in a multi-generational household with her mother, daughter, and grandchildren. She works part-time as a district pastor, and also is a free-lance interpreter of Haitian Creole and French.

## 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.

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## 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 8, 2023

### We Gather

Prelude	-Claudia Beechy
Hymn	-Jennifer Gingerich
Call to Worship and Invocation	-Sarah Acosta
Hymns	-Jennifer Gingerich

### We Confess

Prayer of Confession	-Sarah Acosta
Assurance of Pardon	
Hymn	-Jennifer Gingerich

### We Hear God's Word

Message for Children	<b>VT 511</b> "Come on Children"	-Lori Christy
Scripture	Phillipians 4:4-9	
Message	<i>Seeking Peace of Heart and Mind</i>	-Sylvia Shirk
Hymn of Response		- Jennifer Gingerich

### We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count	-Claudia Beechy
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer*	-Joseph Penner

\* forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us

### We Go Forth

Closing Hymn	
Sending Words	-Sylvia Shirk

**Ushers today:** Mitchell Daily & Mallory Turner    **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jason Sell  
**Nursery Volunteer Today:** Karen Perez

**Anabaptism and U.S. Gun Culture** Mennonite Church USA

A webinar hosted by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, with theologians Malinda Berry and Andrew Suderman.

October 12, 2023  
7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT on Zoom

Intérprete al español disponible.

REGISTER NOW

**END GUN VIOLENCE**  
Learn. Pray. Join

MC USA invites all congregations to deepen their understanding about the complex, intersectional issue of gun violence in the U.S. and how our Anabaptist faith can inform our response. Learn more and register for the webinar at [mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence](https://mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence)

## 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, handcrafted 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](http://www.oregonmccsale.org/get-involved)

### Coming Up

#### This Week: October 9-14, 2023

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

#### Sunday, October 15, 2023

<b>9:30 am</b>	Sunday School for children, youth, and adults
<b>10:30 am</b>	Coffee Time in Fellowship Hall
<b>10:45 am</b>	Worship Service, message by Marlene Bogard
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Assembling MCC School Kits in Fellowship Hall-all welcome

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