

For the Record

Attendance Sept. 3, 2023:

In person: 50
Zoom: 17 devices (est. 25 people)

General Offering received:

August Total \$12,657

September 3 \$2,980

Sept to date \$2,980

Total monthly requirement \$14,691

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Brent Mobley-Oorthuys, Jennifer
Gingerich, Dennis Kauffman, Sarah
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Anniversaries this Week:

Tony & Brenda Kauffman,
Larry & Karen Graber

Sleeping Bags Needed for the Houseless. If you have used sleeping bags to donate, they may be cleaned and brought to the church until next Sunday, Sept 17. Or you can donate to the Homeless Fund through our church website or the offering. Maribeth, June and Florence will purchase additional sleeping bags with the donated funds, and deliver all bags to the Church at the Park Warehouse next Sunday. Thank you for your support to those in need in our community!

All Church Retreat at Drift Creek Camp Sept 22-24. Register now for the church retreat coming up in just 3 weeks. The fee is greatly reduced by a generous grant and you can come for the entire weekend or just the times that work for you, but it's important to register now so the camp staff can plan for meals and rooms. Contact Brent Mobley-Oorthuys for details: gratefulmobley@gmail.com.

More than Just Quilting. The fellowship room is a busy place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. People gather to work on projects for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) — making comforters, sewing bags, quilting, or doing other projects for the fall relief sale and auction. In order to better reflect actual activity, these days previously called "Quilting" will now be referred to as "MCC Projects". Everyone is encouraged to join the fun.

Book Club. If you enjoy good books and good conversation, Book Club is the group for you. This group meets monthly in members' homes. This month the group will meet at 2 pm on the 2nd Mondy, Sept 11 (tomorrow). If you are interested in joining, contact Joyce Yoder at joyoder54@gmail.com

We welcome our interim pastor, Marlene Bogard. Her office hours at the church are Wednesday and Thursday, 10 am -3 pm and at other times by appointment. Since she is halftime, she will preach on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month and participate in meetings with committees and SMC leadership. Her email is pastor@salemmennonitechurch.org.



Salem Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: **Marlene Bogard**, pastor@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 10:1-6 (NRSV)

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you.

Joshua Stringer is our guest speaker today. Josh served as the program coordinator for the Southeast Keizer Community Center for nearly 3 years. He is a long-time member of Salem First United Methodist church and studied theology at Marylhurst University in Portland.

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service September 10, 2023

We Gather

Prelude -Martin Klein
Hymn -Jeff Aeschliman
Call to Worship and Invocation -Marlene Bogard
Hymns -Jeff Aeschliman

We Confess

Prayer of Confession -Jim Pauls
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn -Jeff Aeschliman

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children **VT 511** "Come on Children" -Sarah Acosta
Scripture Luke 10:1-6 -Marlene Bogard
Message *Lambs Among Wolves* -Joshua Stringer
Hymn

We Respond

Blessing for Sunday School - Linda Pauls and Marlene Bogard
Offering /My Coins Count -Martin Klein
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

Ushers today: Dennis Kauffman and Florence Gingrich **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Ryan Nisly
Nursery Volunteer Today: Melissa Nisly

Coming Up

This Week: September 10-16, 2023

Mon 2:00 pm Book Club at Joyce Yoder's
Wed 7:00 am Women's Breakfast (Zoom)
Wed 9:30 am Quilting/MCC Projects
Fri 6:00 pm SEKCC Friday Night

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:30 am Sunday School for children, youth (no adult classes until Oct)
10:30 am Coffee Time in Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Worship Service, message by Marlene Bogard

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

MCC School Kits. Our congregation is planning to assemble 150 school kits this fall, and **we still need funds to help cover the purchase of the materials** that go into the school kits. You can donate via the church website to the "School Kits" fund, or mark your check School Kits and put it in the offering basket. School kits can help families in times of crisis. Last year MCC shipped 89,369 school kits to communities in Canada, Ecuador, Haiti, Jordan, Malawi, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, the U.S. and Zambia.

Teacher / Learner Dedication

Leader: Today is a day of new beginnings. We celebrate the opportunities in our faith community to worship and learn together. As we begin another year of Sunday School, we invite God's blessing upon all who teach and learn together.

Right Side: We celebrate our children, full of energy, curiosity, and eagerness to learn. May the biblical stories they hear continue to shape and form them into followers of Christ.

Left Side: We celebrate our youth and young adults with their unique perspectives, creativity, and questions. May the relationships they build and topics they study inform their way of living and being in the world.

Right Side: We celebrate our adults in all stages in life. They offer wisdom and life experience to the whole faith community. Bless their studies and discussions. May each person be transformed by God's story so that they might bring hope and healing to those around them.

Left Side: We give thanks for our Sunday School teachers and Christian Education leaders here at Salem Mennonite Church.

Everyone: As teachers and learners together, we are on a lifelong journey of faith. Our learning continually challenges and calls us in new ways to be God's people.

Teachers: We dedicate ourselves to this holy calling of sharing God's good news. May we be diligent in preparing our lessons so that the Bible story connects with the stories of those we teach. Fill us with creativity, patience, and wisdom as we mentor those in our care. May our classrooms be safe places where everyone feels welcomed and respected. Above all, may we teach with a spirit of love, which is rooted and nurtured in our relationship with God and with each other.

Leader: We pray all these things in the name of Christ Jesus, our kind friend, our compassionate healer, and our wise teacher. Amen.

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!

Want to volunteer to help on October 21?
Go to: www.oregonmccsale.org/get-involved

Online Auction Oct 14 - 18

Online bidding begins at 9 am on Sat, October 14, and closes at 9 pm on Wed. October 18.

Festival Schedule on Saturday October 21

8-10 am: Pancake Breakfast

8 am - 2 pm: Shops Open

- Just Cause (fair trade items),
- Menno Marketplace (handcrafted items, plants, a few vintage items)
- Sew Much (fabric remnants and sewing-related items),
- Used Books
- Fresh Apple Cider
- Specialty Cheese and Sausages
- Pies and Baked Goods.

10 am-2 pm: Food Booths open

10 am-1 pm: Live auction with Paul Schultz, auctioneer. Bid on experiences, quilts, handcrafted items, and more!

Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War (VOC) Exhibit

Early visitors to the VOC exhibit that began a month ago, have found the exhibit to be thought-provoking and extremely well done. The exhibit continues through September 23 on the 2nd floor in the Watzek Library on the campus of Lewis & Clark College, 615 S Palatine Hill Road, Portland, OR. Exhibit hours are Mon – Fri, 8 am -10 pm. Pay to park on weekdays. Saturdays, 11 am – 7 pm. (Best to avoid September 9 due to a home football game) Sundays, 9 am – 10 pm. Parking is free on weekends. Due to school being in session, weekends will be the best time to visit. More information and a campus map can be found at pnmhs.org.