

For the Record

Attendance May 5, 2024:

In person: 71
Zoom: 13 devices (est. 17 people)

General Offering received:

April Total	\$18,620
May 5	\$ 2,645
Monthly total	\$ 2,645
Total monthly requirement	\$15,933

Nurturing Church Family

Birthdays This Week:

Burton Graber

Anniversaries this Week:

None this week

The 2024 **Oregon Mennonite World Relief Sale** will take place on Saturday, **October 13** from 8 am - 2 pm at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, OR. For info, go to oregonmccsale.org

Your donations to the auction are welcome, and some of the shops are beginning to gather donated items for this event:

Sew Much (formerly known as Marta's Haus) is accepting donations and encourages people to donate sooner rather than later. Fabric pieces should preferably be at least 18" x 22." Notions and accessories are also welcome but no large quilt frames, please. Contact Joan Steininger at 360-335-5539 for donation logistics.

Menno Marketplace welcomes the following donations: hand-crafted items made from fabric, wood, pottery, yarn, paper, etc. Donations of packaged food items are also desired such as maple syrup, honey, coffee beans, or specialty jams and sauces. Please donate elsewhere your garage-sale type items- Menno Marketplace is focused on hand-crafted items. Items can be donated now and up to 1 week prior to the relief sale by contacting Trudy McKinnell, mckinnell.trudy@gmail.com or Debbie Pauls, debbiepcde@gmail.com.



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.

Melanie Springer Mock is professor of English at George Fox University, an evangelical Friends institution in Newberg, Oregon, where she primarily teaches first-year writing, memoir, and journalism courses. She is author or coauthor of six books, including *Finding Our Way Forward: When The Children we Love Become Adults* (Herald Press, 2023). Her essays and reviews have appeared in *Ms. Magazine*, *The Nation*, *Christian Feminism Today*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Runner's World*, and *Inside Higher Education*, among other places, and she is a regular reviewer for *Anabaptist World*, *Red Letter Christians*, and *Christians for Social Action*.

She and her husband live in Dundee, Oregon, and she is a stepmom to two adults, and "Nani" to three grandsons. In her free time, Melanie enjoys running, swimming, knitting, and watching television.

News from MC USA: Mennonite Church USA, along with more than 140 Christian leaders, signed a letter calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and a halt in arms sales to Israel. Read the letter here: mennoniteusa.org/news/call-for-ceasefire

On Thursday, May 30, at 2 pm ET/11 am PT, MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry will host a webinar titled, "Energy Efficiency and Faithful Action." Join three panelists, Amy Huser, Eric Sauder and Nelson Kilmer, who have led their congregations and communities on a journey toward energy efficiency, with a goal of "Net Zero" energy. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may30

Coming Up

This Week: May 13-18, 2024

Tues	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	Quilting/MCC Projects in Fellowship Hall
Wed	6:30 pm	Leadership Board
Thurs	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs	7:00 pm	Sacred Circle
Fri	6:00 pm	Community Center Family Night

Sunday, May 19 - Pentacost Sunday

9:30 Sunday School for children, youth and adults
10:45 Worship, message by Stephen Penner

Full calendar of events at www.salemmennonitechurch.org

Salem Mennonite Church Worship Service May 12, 2024

We Gather

Prelude	-Claudia Beechy
Hymn VT 340 "Lift Your Glad Voices"	-John Beechy
Call to Worship and Invocation	-Mitchell Daily
Hymns VT 40 "In Thy Holy Place We Bow"	- John Beechy
VT 557 "Spirit of God! Descend"	

We Confess

Prayer of Confession	-Mitchell Daily
Assurance of Pardon	
Hymn VT 300 "Far, Far Away" vs 1,2, 3	-John Beechy

We Hear God's Word

Message for Children VT 511 "Come on Children"	-Jennifer Gingerich
Scripture Luke 15:11-32	-Mitchell Daily
Message <i>I Love to Tell That Story: But Should I?</i>	-Melanie Springer Mock
Hymn of Response VT 300 "Far, Far Away" vs 4,5, and Refrain	

We Respond

Offering /My Coins Count	-Claudia Beechy
Sharing and Prayer Ending with Lord's Prayer (VT 989A)	-Joseph Penner

We Go Forth

Closing Hymn VT832 "The Lord Lift You Up"	
Sending Words	

Ushers today: Dennis Kauffman and Florence Gingrich **Sound/Zoom Tech:** Jim McKinnell
Nursery Volunteer Today: Karen Peréz

Luke 15:11-32 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”