



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Renewal Through Story
January 12, 2025
10:30am

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.” - I Corinthians 3:11

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude		Austin Unruh
Welcome and Call to Worship	VT #869	Beth Bontrager
Prayer of Invocation		VT #862
* Singing our Praise – <i>Here in This Place</i>		VT #10
* Greeting each other		
Children’s Story		Brian Paff
Offering – Central Plains Mennonite Conference		
Offertory		

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scripture		I Corinthians 3:5-11
Hymn – <i>Christ Is Our Cornerstone</i>		VT #4
Sermon – “God’s Planters and Builders”		Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – <i>Together</i>		VT #389
Intergenerational Ritual: Storytelling		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – <i>We Are People of God’s Peace</i>		VT #797
* Benediction		
Postlude		

Church Calendar

Deadline for bulletin submissions is 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

TODAY

We begin our worship series that celebrates our Anabaptist Values in our 500th year anniversary! We seek renewal in our journey of following Jesus by listening again to the story that has shaped us. Welcome everyone to this place of worship. We pray that God will reveal love, peace, and hope in our time of worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference**.

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages
10:30am – Worship Service
2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Jan. 13 (Mon) –Administrative Board meeting at 7:00pm, with other team meetings to follow.

Jan. 15 (Wed) – Feeding Our Faith. Supper at 6:15pm and Bible Study for all ages at 7:00pm. We grow communities of Hope when we spend time together eating, listening, and learning.

Jan. 17 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – Jan. 19

Next Sunday we continue our “*Services of Renewal*” that guide our worship. The focus of the day is “*Renewal Through Repentance.*” The texts include Psalm 51, Mark 1:14-15, II Corinthians 12:19-21 and James 4:7-10. Brother S. Roy Kaufman will be preaching.

The offering will be for Mennonite Church USA.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to praise God for:

- the gift of 500 years as an Anabaptist presence in the world. Praise God for Christ’s church!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Delano & LaVonne Tieszen.
- the communities in California that are dealing with and responding to the wildfires in that large area.
- our country as we yearn for unity during a presidential transition.

Feeding Our Faith continues January 15th!

Feeding Our Faith is a winter study/ministry for our church and community that gathers us for food, fellowship, study and learning. Supper will be at **6:15pm** and studies for all ages will be at **7:00pm**. This year, the adults will be *Dwelling in God's Word* together and discerning how we can become communities of Hope. The children will have studies and music with Sheila. Come and join us for food, study, and fellowship!

Administrative Board meeting: Anyone that is serving on the **Plant, Outreach, Worship, or Spiritual Formation** teams, whether you were called by selection committee or an individual from the team itself, is invited to gather at 7:00pm on Monday, January 13 in the fellowship hall. We will all meet together for a short time and then break out into teams to organize for the upcoming year.

Anabaptist Community Bible: The long-awaited Anabaptist Community Bible recently came out. If you wish to order one, you can do so online at: <https://www.mennomedia.org/anabaptist-community-bible>. We anticipate all the ways we will Dwell in God's Word.

2025 church yearbooks are available in the narthex.

Community Connections

There will be a **Piano Night fundraiser** at Swan Lake Christian Camp on January 26 at 6:00pm. Please see the poster in the narthex for details.

Webinar: 55 and Counting – Six questions to ask as you prepare for retirement: When is the right time? Will I have enough? Will I be OK? These are the types of questions we ask as we prepare for retirement. Join Stewardship Consultants Lynette Morales and Lyle Miller and other Everence experts at 8 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 13, for a webinar that explores these topics and more. Register at everence.com/partners.

Webinar with Financial Choice (LSS): Stop making a resolution: Turn your financial goals into reality. Changing behaviors around money is never easy but to reach your goals it's necessary. In this workshop you will learn strategies to organize your finances, set goals, and improve financial habits. Steve Bustos, Everence Stewardship Consultant, will host this webinar presented by Kim Miller on Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. or 8 p.m. Sign up at everence.com/partners.

FreedUp: Everence® is offering this popular stewardship training program once again. The FreedUp program is a way for everyone to get their finances in order – and gain a deeper faith perspective on your money. Everence

facilitators will lead the group sessions. Sign up early – these fill up fast! Tuesdays at 8 p.m. ET beginning Jan. 28, ending March 11; Thursdays at 8 p.m. ET beginning Feb. 27, ending April 10. Register at everence.com/partners.

Everence offers **college scholarship opportunities** for you or your children. Eligible students can be chosen to receive scholarships of \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 for the coming academic year. Applications are accepted through Feb. 28. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships to download the application.

Estate Planning for those with Disabilities: Families who have loved ones with disabilities have extra concerns when planning their estate. On Thursday, January 30, Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) is hosting the webinar, “After We’re Gone: Protecting Those with Special Needs Through Estate Planning.” Lyle Miller, an ADN board member, will host the session, with content provided by Jennifer Lile, an attorney who specializes in estate planning, particularly serving families with loved ones with special needs. She will cover topics such as Special Needs Trusts, ABLE accounts and changes under the SECURE Act and SECURE Act 2.0 that affect special needs planning with retirement accounts. Visit <https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/after-were-gone-part-2/> for more information and to register.

Seeking Peace: *“The Gospel of Jesus is the real truth, and the only foundation on which everything must be built (1 Cor. 3:11). Beside this truth and this foundation there is nothing that will stand before God.”*
- Dirk Philips