



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

*Jesus Christ, our Hope*  
*Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday*  
**January 22, 2023**

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Cadence Hofer  
Welcome Janette Epp

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

L: We gather with believers and members of your Anabaptist church all over the world.

**P: We rejoice in Christ's salvation made known to all!**

L: We marvel at how your Spirit has grown your church, from Jerusalem, to Switzerland, to Africa and beyond.

**P: We celebrate the hope that is ours in Jesus and in God's transforming reign.**

***ALL: We rejoice in the rich fellowship of God's people worshipping together on this day!***

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *What a Fellowship/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* VT #160  
Greeting one another and video greeting from Lobengula Brethren In Christ Church in Zimbabwe

Children's Story Lacey Friesen

Celebrating our Offerings – MCC Meat Canning  
Offertory

## PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament Isaiah 40:28-31, Psalm 62:1-6

Song – *In Christ Alone* (VT #332)

\* Hearing the Gospel Luke 18:35-43  
Sermon – "Receive your sight!" Corey Miller

## RESPONDING

Affirming our Living Hope in Christ I Peter 1:3-6 Faith Exploration Class

Song – *A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus* VT #626

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Closing Song – *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace* VT #719

\* Blessing

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

With believers all across the world, we celebrate the birth of the Anabaptist Church on this Sunday. We rejoice in God's goodness to us and we remember how many different languages and cultures are represented in the Global Anabaptist Mennonite Church today. Welcome to our worship. We are so glad that you are here!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **MCC Meat Canning**.

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

2:00 p.m. – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Jan. 24 (Tues)** – Outreach and Service meeting at 7:30pm

**Jan. 25 (Wed)** – ***Feeding Our Faith***; Supper at 6:15pm and study and children's programming for all ages at 7:00pm

**Jan. 27 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – Jan. 29

Next Sunday begins a series that looks at some obscure texts in the Bible. The theme is "*Earnestly Defending the Faith*" and the focus is the book of **Jude**. You are invited to read through Jude with me as we prepare for worship next Sunday. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for **Feeding South Dakota**.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### **Happenings over the past week:**

- Digna Miller shared that her dear sister Alpha passed away on Tuesday with family present.
- Kerwin Graber had constructive surgery on his ankle and leg on Wednesday at Avera Orthopedic.
- Marian Gering moved to the Salem Mennonite Home this past week. Her new room number is #113.

### **Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Digna and her family in the loss of her sister Alpha. Pray for God's comfort and love to surround them all.
- Kerwin as he recovers from his recent surgery. Pray for healing to happen in Kerwin's leg.
- awareness and appreciation of being part of a large Anabaptist Mennonite Church world wide.

The restructuring task force would like to **thank** everyone who was able to attend the potluck and participate in the discussion last Sunday. We are grateful for your participation and willingness to share with us. Thank you!

The **deacons** met recently and reorganized for 2023: Mary Mannes is the new secretary, Polly Waltner is still serving as the worship committee rep, and Gwen Ortman remains the deacon chair.

The current issue of Toolkit from our faith-based partner, Everence, is available in the narthex. Nick Schrag is Salem-Zion's **Everence Stewardship Advocate**.

The January **Oyate Hope Academy newsletter** is posted in the narthex.

### Community Connections

**Rural Revival** will meet on Monday, January 23 at 7:30 P.M. in the Freeman Library. All are welcome.

The January edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3XjseqR>. In our current issue: get more details on how to register for the MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania next month; read the latest on the MDS response to flooding in Eastern Kentucky; and learn how MDS Canada volunteers are helping hurricane victims in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

**Claiming Christ as our Center:** *"The medium is Christ whom no one can know unless they follow him and no one can follow him unless they know him."* - Anabaptist Leader Hans Denck 1526



September 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, it is with great joy that we share the materials for **Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday** (AWFS) with all of you.

Each year for AWFS, we encourage Anabaptist-related churches across the globe to use a common theme in a worship service to connect with our global Anabaptist family. Many churches choose to celebrate on the Sunday closest to **21 January**, although some choose Pentecost Sunday or other alternate dates. On 21 January 1525, the first Anabaptist baptisms took place in Zurich, Switzerland.

AWFS is an opportunity to remind our communities of faith that we are all part of one body made up of many tribes, languages and nations (Revelation 7:9).

- It is proclamation that there is no discrimination among us on any basis (Galatians 3:28).
- It is a demonstration that we are following Jesus as new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17) who *mutually support one another, walk with those who suffer, serve the world and interdependently learn together*.

On this day, we celebrate that by the power of the Holy Spirit, **Christ has overcome the cultural and national barriers that separate us**. AWFS makes it possible for every local congregation to join in shared worship, in spirit, in their own time, own place, and in their own way.

The **theme for AWFS 2023** is **“Jesus Christ: Our Hope,” with the worship resources coming from our African sisters and brothers**. The materials contain biblical texts, prayers, song suggestions, sermon ideas, stories and multimedia resources.

We hope all local congregations will acknowledge belonging to this global faith family in some form in January 2023.

Grace and peace,

César García, General Secretary and Arli Klassen, Regional Representatives Coordinator

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