



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 13, 2019

**Pain**

*"I am not at ease, nor am I quiet. I have no rest; but trouble comes." - Job 3:26*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Austin Unruh

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 69) Mary Mannes

L: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

**P: I am weary with my crying; my eyes grow dim waiting for my God.**

L: Do not let the deep swallow me up, or the Pit close its mouth over me.

**P: I am lowly and in pain; let your salvation protect me, O God.**

**ALL: Let the oppressed see it and be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.**

Opening Prayer

## PRAISING GOD

\* Hymn of Praise – *We praise thee, O God* HWB #99

Greetings and Announcements

Children's Story Meranda Van Ningen

Offering our gifts – Mennonite Church USA

Offertory

\* Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #119) & Offertory Prayer

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing the Text – Job 2:9-10, Job 3 "Oh, Lord have mercy" SJ #47

Sermon – "Receiving the Good and the Bad" Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Claiming God's Healing SS #201

Song – *I will come to you in the silence* SS #49

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *Take thou my hand, O Father* HWB #581

\* Benediction

Words of Blessing and Prayers for healing Deacons/Pastor

Postlude

\* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

*The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

When Job's world was turned upside down, it created stress and pain for him and his relationships. Today, we want to reflect on how we tend our relationships in difficult times. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning.

**Greeters:** Steve Graber family

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### **"Celebrating Giving"**

This morning we receive an offering for Mennonite Church USA. This offering will help with the general budget of MC USA, which aids and supports local conferences and the worldwide church. In addition to our financial gifts, please pray for conference leaders of Mennonite Church USA who will gather October 16-18 in Arizona for the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC).

### THIS WEEK

Oct. 17 (Thurs) 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education meeting

Pastor Corey and Nancy will be traveling to Indiana to see daughter Hannah this week. They will leave on Friday and return back home on Monday. For any emergency, contact deacon chair Steve Graber.

### NEXT SUNDAY – Oct. 20

Next Sunday we will continue our series on the book of Job. The theme will be "*Holding Space: A Little Help from my Friends*" and the texts are Job 2:11-13, chapter 4, chapter 8 and chapter 11. Jeremy Waltner will be bringing the message.

**Greeters:** Lori & Mark Ortman; **Offering:** Freeman Academy; **Special Music:** Freeman Academy

### COMING EVENTS

**Oct. 27** – Harvest Mission Festival at Salem-Zion. Jerrell Ross Richer will be sharing. Jerrell is an economics professor at Goshen College and also works with Mennonite Mission Network in Ecuador. We are invited to a noon meal at the South Church and a time of sharing with Jerrell immediately following lunch.

**Oct. 31** – Outreach and Service Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 3** – Guess Who's Coming for Dinner

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

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### Happenings over the past week:

- Sharon Schmidt started with Hospice Care this week.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Rita Graber.
- Sharon Schmidt and her family as they enter into a season of reflecting and living fully in this time.
- those who are experiencing stress or pain in their life, be it physical, emotional, social or spiritual.
- former conference minister Tim Detweiler as he waits for his surgery.
- drying weather so our farmers can gather up the crops, small or great.

### Remember to thank God for:

- our mission statement that says, *“As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ’s kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship and serve others together.”*
- the 143 MCC school kits that were assembled last Sunday by our children.

**Turning in Forms for CARING GROUPS:** We invite you all to consider signing up to be a part of a Caring Group. You can even share what people you’d like to have in your Caring Group. Brochures are in the foyer and if you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact Corey or any of the deacons. Forms need to be turned in by **October 20<sup>th</sup>**. The deacons will be meeting later in October to begin formulating the groups.

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday, November 3. You are invited to sign up as host or guest for the noon meal. Hosts may choose the number of guests they wish to entertain and provide the main dish. Guests will be assigned either a salad or a dessert for a given number of people. Both hosts and guests will receive their assignments one week in advance. Please sign up for this special time of fellowship. The sign-up sheet is posted on the board in the narthex. Deadline for signing up is October 20.

- The Hospitality Committee

Sign up now in the narthex to **"Serve one another in Love"**. The sign-up sheet will be available until October 20, so now is the time to choose how you will serve those with whom you worship and fellowship. All are encouraged to take part. You can read the explanation of each role, but if there are questions, please ask Elizabeth Janssen, MW Exec. Chairwoman.

Dear Salem Zion, There were some people in the congregation who inquired about being able to do an automatic deposit for their giving to Salem

Zion. While this is not an option, an option that I came across is doing bill pay through your bank online. You can set up weekly, biweekly, semi-monthly, monthly, etc, to **send donations to Salem-Zion for your giving**. If you are someone who easily forgets or who wants to become a regular giver, please check with your bank for this online option or you can talk to me about it! Thanks so much.  
Lacey Friesen – Treasurer

Please take a look at the yearbook and **see if any of your contact information needs to be updated**. Submit new information to the church office or to Marnette Hofer (marnettehofer@gmail.com).

Salem-Zion’s annual business meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 12:30 p.m. In order to prepare and distribute the agenda, all reports will need to be turned in to the church office by **Nov. 5**.

**Junior department teachers and anyone else interested:** For five years, many congregations in our conference and across the United States and Canada have been using *Shine: Living in God's light*, the dynamic Sunday School curriculum from MennoMedia. In a series of webinars this fall, you are invited to be reminded, or perhaps discover, the "whys" and "hows" of this valuable Mennonite resource. See [www.centralplainsmc.org/shine-webinar](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/shine-webinar) for more information.

A trip to take excess **Christian literature and Bibles** to International Christian Literature Distributors in Minneapolis is being planned for early November. Please bring materials to the women's cloak room by Sunday, October 27. For further questions, see Duane or Marlys Tieszen.

**Elmer Wall is turning 90 on October 30!** On behalf of his children we invite you to help us celebrate his life at this milestone. We are hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN. We understand it is a long trip so we are asking church friends from the places Elmer has served to shower him with birthday cards and notes (Elmer was Pastor of Salem-Zion from 1984-1991). Please send a card to:

Elmer Wall  
415 Fairview Dr  
Goshen, IN 46528

**Praying for the Holy Spirit:** *“Come Holy Spirit, Come. Fill the hearts of thy faithful people and kindle in us the fire of thy love.”*

From **Tim Detweiler**, retired CPMC Conference Minister for Ministerial Leadership: First of all, I want to thank you for your prayers. People have been asking for an update on my health situation. As you know, I was diagnosed with a leaky mitral valve that needs to be repaired or replaced. Unfortunately, I also had a stroke on September 14. The good news is that the (TPA) medicine I was given to break up the clot worked, leaving me with minimal side effects. The bad news is that the TPA also caused a brain bleed which makes having heart surgery too risky for now. The plan is to have a repeat MRI in December to reevaluate when heart surgery can be safely performed to repair the mitral valve. Thank you for your ongoing prayers.

**Suffering:** “Tears of grief and tears of joy often mingle together in a single moment of enhanced vision, endowing us with new eyes that discern traces of the God who suffers with us silently in the pure vulnerability and power of divine love. There is comfort in such tears. They bring fresh understanding that God is nearby, sharing to the full our humanity in all its bitterness and blessedness.”

- John S. Mogabgab – “Editor’s Introduction,” *Weavings*  
(March/April 2000)

### Community Connections

The October issue of the **Swan Lake Christian Camp Newsletter** is now available online at [myslcc.com](http://myslcc.com). Hear the latest news and happenings at camp this fall. Please let us know if you would like to sign up to receive our newsletter by email, by emailing us at [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com).

**Salem Mennonite Home** is celebrating 70 years of caring for the elderly in our community with our annual Fall Harvest Festival. Please come join us, Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm, for an evening of fellowship, food, entertainment, raffles and a silent auction at the Freeman Community Center. Tickets, including raffles, can be purchased in our business office, at the door or online [saalemennonitehome.com](http://saalemennonitehome.com). We hope you can join us!

The **Mennonite Disaster Service Region 3 Annual Meeting** will be held on Nov 8 & 9, 2019 at Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, MN. An invitation with details and registration is available in the narthex and also at <https://mds.mennonite.net/region-3-annual-meeting-2019/>.

**Volunteer with SWAP:** Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) is a program of MCC Great Lakes, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry and can now sign up for 2020. Please consider forming a group, large or small, to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065.

The annual **Swiss Mennonite and Historical Association banquet** will be held on November 7. It features Patricia Goering Smith, a graduate of Moundridge High School, who will talk about her book, *Revolution Revisited: Behind the Scenes in East Germany, 1989*. The banquet will be held at the Pine Village Wellness Center in Moundridge, KS starting at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$20 per plate payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693, by November 2.

