



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**“Peace Sunday”
October 22, 2023**

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (Martin Luther) Brass Ensembles
Ave Verm Corpus (Mozart)

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Steve Graber

Call to Worship – *Esto Les Digo* (Kinley Lange) Chamber Choir

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *We Gather Together* HWB #17 with FA Woodwind Ensemble

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Swords into Plowshares Kevin Albrecht

Sharing our Offerings – Mennonite Mission Network

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Genesis 1:26-31, Romans 8:18-25

Special Music – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (Pederson) Chamber Choir

* Hearing the Gospel Luke 4:16-19

Meditation – “Peace” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD

Special Music – *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* (Moore) Concert Choir

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Hymn – *Be Thou My Vision* Concert Choir/Congregation VT #549

* Benediction

Sending Song – *Joyful, Joyful* (Beethoven) Woodwind Ensemble

Dismissal

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We are people of God’s peace, but this often feels like a contradiction to a world that seems bent on violence. On this Peace Sunday, we again claim this vision of peace that God hasn’t let go of and we rejoice in Jesus who has modeled this peace in daily living. We welcome the students of Freeman Academy and the gift of their music! Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for Mennonite Mission Network.

9:00am – Coffee/Fellowship time

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Oct. 25 (Wed) – Children's Choir rehearsal, 6:00-6:30pm

Oct. 25 (Wed) – Board of Education meeting at 7:00pm, Deacons meeting at 7:30pm

Oct. 26 (Thurs) – Outreach and Service meeting at 7:30pm

– Pastor Corey will be in Nebraska for an all-day retreat

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

NEXT SUNDAY – October 29

Next Sunday is our Harvest Mission Festival with special speaker Eric Frey Martin. Eric is the Director of Constituent Engagement with Mennonite Mission Network (his full bio is on the back of the insert). The texts will be Deuteronomy 8:1-3, Philippians 2:5-8, and Luke 4:1-13. Our friends from Salem Mennonite will join us for the worship service and we will host a potluck to follow. Please bring generous food for this wonderful occasion!

Next week the offering is for our MMN Mission Partners, the Ross Richers.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 3-4 – CPMC Council of Committees at Salem-Zion

Nov. 4 – Deadline for submitting annual business meeting reports

Nov. 5 – Remembering our Loved Ones who died over this past year

Nov. 6-7 – MCC Meat Canning in Freeman

Nov. 9 and 12 – FACC rehearsal & Fall Concert at Salem-Zion

Nov. 19 – Annual Business Meeting

Dec. 1 – Yearbook deadline

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Diane Ellinger continues to make good progress in her back surgery recovery.

- New propane tanks were installed this past week at our church. Thanks to our trustees for keeping up with the changing needs of our facility.

Remember to praise God for:

- all the ways that Freeman Academy continues to nurture students and provide Christ-centered education.
- all the ways that we have experienced and shared God's Peace in our lives.
- the recent moisture and drying weather that has allowed us to continue with harvest.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Josie Epp.
- Diane Ellinger as she recovers from her surgery and slowly regains strength.
- Peace in the Middle East. May the violence end. May God's Justice bring peace to all people who live there.
- those in our conference who are taking classes in seminary and/or exploring calls to ministry. We give thanks for the nudgings of the Spirit, and pray for fortitude and courage for those who are studying, praying, and discerning the ministries to which God has called them.

The annual choirs Christmas program will be held Sunday, Dec. 17. All those interested in singing with adult choirs are asked to meet briefly in the choir loft after church **today** to discuss practice times; our church is busy, and we want to accommodate as many would-be singers as we can! --The Music Committee

A **thank-you card** from Jim Ensz has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, thanking everyone who helped at Bernette's funeral.

The **Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canner** will be in our area soon. Canning days are November 6 and 7, Monday and Tuesday. Work runs all day, beginning at 6:00am and going into the evenings at the C&B John Deere dealership in Freeman. About 20-24 volunteers are needed at all times; please sign up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADA729A5F5C43-45250714-mccmeat>. Thank you!

Under the umbrella of Wellspring, counselors from The Changing Behavioral Group have been seeing clients at Freeman Regional, providing **mental health support**. Realizing the importance of this service, Salem-Zion has funds available for its members, including children, adolescents and adults. Make an appointment by calling the Freeman Clinic, mentioning you are a Salem-Zion member. If you have questions, please call the Group office at 605-201-0104.

Community Connections

Come join us for **Bearcats Kids Club** at Freeman Academy! Our next gathering is on Monday, October 23rd, 5:45-7:15pm in the Link at Sterling Hall on the FA campus. All children, ages 4-4th grade are invited to join us for an evening of games and activities, including reading and dramatizing a book that celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. Please RSVP to Jason at jmehlhaf@freemanacademy.org so we can plan accordingly. Hope to see you there!

Join the **Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary for soup, sandwiches and pie** on October 27 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Senior Citizen Center in Freeman. While you're there, be sure to take home some delicious homemade goodies from the bake sale as well! The proceeds from this year's event will go towards a medication cart at the Nursing Home (Oakview Terrace) and a resident clothes labeling system at Assisted Living (Salem Home). If you would like to donate baked goods, please deliver them to the Senior Citizen Center between 8:30-10:30 am the day of the event. Thank you for your support!

The Central Plains Mennonite Conference **Civil Rights tour** has been rescheduled. The new dates for the trip are March 2 through March 9, 2024. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for details.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict - As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel or call 1-888-563-4676.

The October edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3FnVTrJ>. In our current issue: Kevin King shares the health benefits of being a volunteer; an old grocery store is transformed near Red Lake, Minnesota; and if you enjoy quilting, knitting or crocheting you'll want to learn more about the MDS Housewarmer Project.

Freeman Academy Musicians

Brass Ensembles - Liam Ortman, Jayson Allison, Armando Miller, Maddie Anderson, Christian Ortman, Josh Janssen, Simon Wiersema, Jessica Sheets, Solomon Ortman

Woodwind Ensembles - Estelle Waltner, Arianne Fink, Elshadi Mesfin, Sieta Wiersema, Alea Miller, Stefany Cortes, Sam Waltner, Arianna Miller

Freeman Academy Concert and Chamber Choirs (*indicates Chamber Choir)

Soprano

Abigail Bradley
Jada Buse
Arianne Fink*
Jessica Paschal*
Jessica Sheets
Estelle Waltner*

Tenor

Armando Miller*
Liam Ortman*
Simon Wiersema

Bass/Baritone

Jayson Allison*
Sam Clarke
Thomas Ding*
Joshua Janssen
Darion Fore
Daniel Ilunga
David Ilunga
Jax Kaufman
Elshadai Mesfin
AJ Miller
Sam Waltner*

Alto

Maddie Anderson*
Stefany Cortes*
Alea Miller
Arianna Miller
Brooke Snyders
Sieta Wiersma
Christian Ortman
Jakob Wiersema

Eric Frey Martin, Interim Director of Constituent Engagement

I began work with Mennonite Mission Network in February of 2020. Prior to that, I served with my wife, Kelly, through Mission Network in Colombia, working with the Colombian Mennonite Church in the areas of youth ministry, leadership development, and theological and biblical education.

I am passionate about uncovering ways to usher in the reign of God to our present reality here on earth. I believe service and collaboration are ways of doing this and I am excited to be able to present the opportunities that MMN offers.

In my current roles I am excited to meet with churches, youth groups, and individuals and explore ways in which we, together, can be building up the peaceable kingdom of God in our communities and around the world.

I have a BA in Religion from Bluffton University (Ohio) and a Master of Divinity from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Indiana). Kelly and I live in Goshen, Indiana, and attend Silverwood Mennonite Church.

Seeking God's Peace: "We can and must stand against the violence of Hamas and against the violence of Israel and against the violence of the U.S...and still believe in freedom for Palestine. We cannot build a peaceful world by killing each other's children. Violence only begets more violence. And until every Palestinian and Israeli life is seen as equally precious and treated with mutual love and respect, there will not be peace in Israel." - Shane Claiborne