



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**“Generous Giving”  
October 8, 2023**

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Lamp Elizabeth Janssen

Call to Worship (from Psalm 122)

L: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**P: All the tribes give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; Peace be within you.

**P: For the sake of the LORD’s house, we will seek your good.**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* VT #747

\* Greeting each other

Children’s Story II Kings 4:1-7 Paul Ortman

Sharing our Offerings – Mennonite Church USA  
Offertory

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

\* Hearing the New Testament Scriptures Mark 12:41-44, Acts 16:11-15

Sermon – “Imitating God’s Generosity” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD

Song – *Seed, Scattered and Sown* VT #477

Celebrating Communion

Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *God, We Pause This Moment* VT #756

\* Benediction

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Next to the Kingdom of God, Jesus speaks about money more than any other topic. Money still generates many feelings, emotions, and behaviors. Living as God’s generous people begins when we understand how generous God has been with us. Welcome to our worship! We are so glad you have joined us.

As we come to the Lord’s Communion table, we welcome anyone to participate with us who earnestly loves Jesus and desires to follow him in their lives.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Church USA.**

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

**Oct. 13 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – October 15

Next Sunday we continue our Fall series “*God’s Faithful Community*,” and the focus of the morning will be “*Accepting and Receiving Hospitality*.” The texts will be Acts 16:25-34 and Luke 19:4-5. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for **Freeman Academy.**

### COMING EVENTS

**October** – Pastor Appreciation Month

**Oct. 15** – Fall Gathering at Salem Zion - "Harvesting our Faith", 4-6pm

**Oct. 16** – Board of Education meeting at 7pm

**Oct. 18** – Worship Committee meeting at 7pm

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Corey and Nancy returned back home on Tuesday after spending some time with Hannah and her fiancé Silas Driver of Harrisonburg, VA.

- Gordon Scoville, who served as an intentional interim minister in 15 congregations since graduating from seminary in 1996, passed away Oct. 3, 2023, in Milford, Nebraska, after a long illness. He was 69 years old.

- The funeral service for Bernette Ensz was held at Salem-Zion on Friday.

- The Pastor/Congregation Reviews are due today. Thanks to everyone who took some time to fill these out.

**Remember to praise God for:**

- God’s generosity in the gifts of our lives, our salvation in Christ, our healing, and our redemption. Thanks be to God!

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Tim Epp.
- those who knew brother Gordon Scoville and the congregations where he served as they give thanks for Gordon’s life and faithful witness.
- the Bernette Ensz family as they grieve Bernette’s death and celebrate her life.
- those who are dealing with health concerns and issues that invite change in people’s lives.
- CPMC ministry staff as they travel, that they would be safe on the road and in each congregation and that they would bring blessings wherever they go.

**Remember to return your Survey:** We would like the Congregation/Pastor Surveys turned in today. Surveys and the return box are in the narthex. We encourage all regular attendees that attend in person or online to take part in the survey. Thank you for taking time to participate in this review of our pastor and congregation.

**Join us on Sunday, October 15 for a Fall Gathering at Salem-Zion - "Harvesting our Faith", 4-6 pm:** Activities include a fun run/walk around the church grounds, pumpkin painting, apple bobbing, lawn games, soccer and fellowship. We will be roasting hot dogs for a light supper starting at 5:00. You are welcome to bring a side dish. Bring your own lawn chair. We look forward to sharing this time with you! If you have questions, ask Sheila or Charity.

**Selection ballots** were distributed with last week’s bulletin; extra copies are available in the narthex. Please place completed ballots in the ballot box in the narthex by Monday, October 16. There is one update to the ballot to note: Lois Kaufman does not want to serve another term on the library committee.

**September Offerings and Gifts:** Household Treasury - \$28,766.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$2,088.00; Cemetery - \$550.00; CPMC - \$1,583.00; MEA - \$1,803.00; MC USA - \$10.00; SD MCC Sale - \$5.00; The Banquet - \$5.00; AMBS - \$5.00; SLCC - \$5.00.

A copy of the Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. **Rachel Miller’s September MVS newsletter** is also available in the narthex.

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**

**Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will be meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

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!

Feeling led to volunteer a couple hours a month? The **Freeman Bethany Food Pantry** is looking for folks to help put food on shelves once or twice a month on a WEDNESDAY from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This would involve opening boxes, shelving cans and bottles, and taking cardboard to the recycling center. Sign up with a friend or make a new friend at the pantry! We are willing to look at other shifts as well. Email us at [bethanychurchfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bethanychurchfoodpantry@gmail.com). Potential Dates: Oct. 18, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Nov. 29, Dec. 13.

The **Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Fall Banquet** will be held at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, KS on Thursday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for details.

Mennonite Church USA invites all congregations to deepen their understanding about the complex, intersectional issue of gun violence in the U.S. and to explore how our Anabaptist faith can inform our response. Learn more about MC USA's "**Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence**" initiative and upcoming webinars here: [mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence](http://mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence).

**Practicing God’s Peace:** *“Stewardship is the act of organizing your life so that God can spend you.”* - Lynn Miller

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