



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

November 21, 2021  
*Our Mission: Practicing our Faith*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Austin Unruh  
Welcome and Call to Worship Lori Ortman  
L: As followers of Jesus Christ, we have gathered in this place to know God's love.  
**P: By God's grace, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ's kingdom.**  
L: Through Christ's example, we welcome all into our life and ministry together.  
**P: With the Spirit's help, we worship, study, fellowship and serve others together.**  
**ALL: We offer our worship and ourselves for the praise and glory of God!**  
Opening Prayer  
\* Hymn – *What Is This Place* VT #22  
Greeting Each Other and “Passing the Peace”  
Peace Lamp *God of Peace and Justice* #711  
Celebrating our Mission with *Mennonite Church USA*  
Children's Story Lynelle Hofer

## PROCLAIMING

Hearing the New Testament Hebrews 10:19-25, Acts 2:43-47  
Song – *The Word of God Is Solid Ground* #399  
\* Hearing the Gospel Luke 5:12-16  
Sermon – “Practicing” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING

Song – *Jesus Christ Is Waiting* #287  
Affirming our Mission  
**“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.”**  
Sharing and Congregational Prayer Steve Graber  
\* Sending Song - *Sing a New World into Being* #809  
Blessing  
Postlude

## Church Calendar

Deadline for bulletin submissions is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

### TODAY

Today we conclude our series on our Mission Statement by focusing on several active verbs that depict who we are and what we do. We are so glad that you have decided to worship with us and enter into our mission that God has given us!

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

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School  
9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

**TODAY** – Annual Business Meeting in the sanctuary at 12:30pm

### THIS WEEK

**Nov. 23 (Tues)** – Board of Education meeting at 7:00pm  
**Nov. 24 (Wed)** – Children's choir 6:45-7:30pm in the sanctuary  
**Nov. 25 (Thurs)** – Joint Thanksgiving Service at Salem-Zion at 10:30am.  
Offering will be for *The Banquet*.

### NEXT SUNDAY – November 28

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. The theme this year is “Entering Into Christ's Birth” and the focus of the morning is **Dreams**. The texts are Joel 2:28-32, Matthew 1:18-25, and Luke 1:26-38 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for the **Deacon Sharing Fund**.

### COMING EVENTS

**Duane Schrag Memorial Service:** The memorial service for Duane Schrag will be held at Salem-Zion Mennonite on Saturday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am with a light lunch following.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Around 25 wonderful and vibrant folks gathered last Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for tea and cookies! Stories, memories, and friendships filled the air with palpable joy.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Dorothy Preheim.  
- LaVonne Schrag in the death of her husband Duane.  
- all who are recovering from surgeries in recent weeks. Pray for patience when the healing is slow.

- all who will be having surgeries before the end of the year.
- 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.

Due to Covid concerns, the Combined Men's Choir will not sing at the Thanksgiving service. A **small men's group** will provide the music.

Bearcat Avenue was started as a response to the number of low-income families in Marion School District. Sometimes students come to school hungry and seek help from the school counselor. There is a similar need in the Freeman School District. Children are best able to learn when their basic needs are met. We are asking you to partner with us to supply the school counselors in the Marion and Freeman schools with items to feed hungry students. We are asking for granola bars, dried fruits, nuts, and peanut butter crackers. **Please bring single serve packages to the combined Thanksgiving Day worship service.** Please contact Elizabeth Janssen or Lacey Friesen, representatives of the Salem-Zion Outreach and Service Committee.

We still need 2 volunteers for the **Bridal Shower Committee** and 2 for the **Nursery Committee!** This is a one-year commitment and a great way to show hospitality. Please contact Elizabeth Janssen if you are willing. Thank you.

**Upcoming Event:** 'Friendsgiving' for those in need. The family of Shelinda Smith, with financial support from Modern Woodmen and other volunteers, is planning a full-course Thanksgiving Day meal on Thursday, Nov. 25 for those in want or need. Serving will take place at the Bethany Mennonite Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with both to-go orders and delivery an option. All are welcome. While an RSVP is appreciated, it is not required. To RSVP, volunteer to help, place an order for delivery or for more information, call the Modern Woodmen office at 925-1234 or Smith at 605-940-0706.

Mark your calendars! The "**Christmas Choirs Program**" is scheduled for December 19th at 7:00pm, but instead of our traditional choirs, the Music Committee plans to coordinate small singing groups to mitigate Covid risks. The service will be similar to our August launch of *Voices Together*, this time featuring hymns from the Advent and Christmas sections of the new hymnal. To offer your singing voice, please text or email Charity Ortman or call at 925-7468.

**Early bulletin deadline this week:** Please submit all bulletin announcements by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23. The church office will be closed on Thursday.

While Salem-Zion's group subscription to *Anabaptist World* doesn't expire until March 4, 2022, we have been asked to review and update our group subscription list now. Please contact the church office by November 24 if you'd like to be added or removed from the subscription list.

The deadline for **yearbook submissions** is December 1. Please share updated contact information (phone numbers, address changes, etc.) with Marnette Hofer, statistician, or the church office.

**God's Peace is Good News:** *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."* - Jesus, John 14:27

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### Community Connections

The **Rural Revival** monthly meeting will be November 22 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

As the holidays approach, the Et Cetera Shoppe once again would welcome your **donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies** made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving!

The November edition of On the Level is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service** at <https://conta.cc/3CrHHTZ>. In our current issue: MDS Canada Hay West program provides relief to farmers, the U.S. border reopens for volunteers coming from Canada, and you can learn more about our Annual Celebration in Sarasota, Florida in January.

**Zoom Adult Sunday School**  
<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523 139  
**Livestream link for Sunday morning worship**  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rIBAAaS3A>

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## Church Library

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New books for children, youth, and adults on the shelves in the Narthex:

### *Dive* by Cindy Massanari Breeze (youth)

As a teenager, you face hard choices and situations every day. *Dive* confronts difficult topics like trauma and failure. But it also offers plenty of humor, real-life stories, and celebration. Woven throughout the devotions are God's offer of unconditional love and Jesus' call to be faithful disciples.

### *What Should Danny Do?* By Ganit and Adir Levy (children)

With 9 Stories in 1, the fun never ends! *What Should Danny Do?* is an innovative, interactive book that empowers kids with the understanding that their choices will shape their days, and ultimately their lives into what they will be.

### *My Brother is Like a Mystery-Flavored Candy* by Julie Karavas (children)

I am so excited to tell you about my brother. I've heard grownups say things about my brother like he has "autism" or "Asperger's Syndrome," but I don't care what words they use. I have my own way of understanding him. My brother has different moods, or flavors, and it's not like he has a wrapper that tells me what his mood will be today—that's the mystery.

### *An Amish Alphabet* by Ingrid Hess (elementary)

A is for Amish; B is for barn raising; C is for church. What is it like to be Amish? This delightful and whimsical full-color book offers an entertaining yet informative introduction to Amish faith and life. Hess takes readers behind the scenes and invites them to think about living out faith in new ways.

### *Swords to Plowshares* by Lisa Weaver (a Shalom Readers book) (upper grades)

This story is about the creation of John P. Klassen's Mennonite Central Committee Medallion and the reason for its making.

### *Raising Disciples* by Natalie Frisk (parents, grandparents, friends)

Natalie Frisk is the curriculum pastor at The Meeting House Church in Toronto, Canada, where she and a team create kids' and youth curricula for ages 0–18 used by churches worldwide. Frisk is a sought-after speaker on topics of youth and children's ministry, spiritual formation, and discipleship.

### *Love in a Time of Hate* by Hanna Schott (youth to adult)

*Love in a Time of Hate* tells the gripping tale of the couple that transformed a small town in the mountains of southern France into a place of safety during the Holocaust. At great risk to their own lives, they led efforts to hide more than three thousand Jewish children and adults who were fleeing the Nazis. Learn what prompted them to risk everything for the sake of strangers who showed up at their door.

### *Christian. Muslim. Friend* by David Shenk (adult)

Can Christians and Muslims be friends? Real friends? Even in a post-September 11 era of alienation and religious violence, David Shenk says yes. Shenk lays out twelve ways that Christians can form authentic relationships with Muslims, characterized by respect, hospitality, and candid dialogue.