



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

December 30, 2018

*Love Revealed*

“My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared...” – Luke 2:30

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Song– *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* (insert in back of hymn book)

Welcome and Announcements Corey Miller

Preparing for Worship – *Musings on familiar carols by K.M.*

Choral Call to Worship – *Lo how a Rose e'er blooming* Hannah & Rachel Miller

Call to Worship

L: The Word has become flesh; God now walks among us!

**P: Through Jesus, God is fully made known.**

L: All creation is renewed, experiencing the grace and truth of God, through the birth and life of Jesus.

**P: And all who believe are the children of God; brought together to experience the unity of the whole human race.**

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Opening Prayer

## PRAISING GOD

\* Song of Praise – *Hark! the herald angels sing* HWB #201

Children’s Story Sheila Epp

Offering our gifts – Mennonite Church USA; Infant Kits - pair of socks; cap

Offertory Prayer

Offertory – *Old French carol* Dandrieu

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture I Samuel 2:18-20 Jason Kaufman

Special Music – *Welcome to our world* Hannah & Rachel Miller

Scripture Psalm 148 Cole Graber

Hymn – *Good Christian friends, rejoice* HWB #210

Scripture Luke 2:22-40 Emily Epp

Meditation – “A light for revelation” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* Response Hymn – *What child is this* HWB #215

Congregational Prayer Hannah Miller

\* Sending Hymn – *Joy to the world* HWB #318

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Improvised*

\* 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

Together with Simeon and Anna, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and welcome him into our world as the Light that reveals. In this Christmas season, we rejoice in the Light of God’s love. We are so glad you are here to worship with us.

Thank you, Arianna Miller, for designing the bulletin covers for this worship service.

**Greeters:** Jim and Teresa Dick; **Organist:** Ken Mannes

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. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

### THIS WEEK

Jan. 2 (Wed) **Feeding Our Faith** kickoff with a pizza party at 6:00 p.m., followed by activities for all ages

Jan. 3 (Thurs) Outreach and Service Committee at 7:00 p.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY – January 6

Next Sunday we continue our Christmas theme, “*The Lord is our Righteousness.*” The focus of the morning is “**Light**”, the texts are Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12. Corey will be preaching and we will begin the new year by celebrating communion together.

**Organist:** Ruby Waltner; **Offering:** Household Treasury

### COMING EVENTS

Jan. 6 – Memorial service for Marian Brundage at 2:00 p.m.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

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### Happenings over the past week:

- Dennis Herlyn was able to return home last Saturday after open heart surgery.
- Lana Herlyn's mother, Deon Lueders, died recently. Her funeral service was held on Friday at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Marion.
- A memorial service is being planned for Marian Brundage (Gwen's mother) on January 6 at 2:00 p.m. at Salem-Zion.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Elsie Schmidt.
- Lana Herlyn, as she grieves the death of her mother.
- Grace, Forgiveness and Love to ourselves and others as 2018 comes to an end and as we anticipate the new year.
- the pastors who have so faithfully served Central Plains Mennonite Conference in this past year. We give thanks to God for providing able shepherds to lead each congregation.

### Remember to thank God for:

- the ways that Jesus' life and love continue to bring Light to the world.

**Feeding Our Faith** – January 2: The Feeding Our Faith January series will have a kickoff on **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Salem-Zion. We will have a pizza and salad supper (donations accepted for pizza) and we invite you to bring any left-over Christmas goodies for dessert. The supper will begin at **6:00pm** and following the meal, the FOF team will share about the studies that will be offered to all ages during January on Wednesday nights. We will also have a TALENT SHOW, so if you have a song, a poem, a special trick or even a joke to tell, start practicing because this is how we will ring in the new year! No charades, I promise! 😊

**Drivers Needed:** The Transit System that has transported our older church members to church from Freeman is looking for volunteer drivers to continue to allow this service to bless our church. The transit rides will continue until the end of the year, but they have said that we can use their vehicle to transport our people ourselves. If you are interested in being a driver, please talk to Jay Kaylor (605) 692-5416 or to Pastor Corey.

## Community Connections

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**Swan Lake Christian Camp** would like to thank you for all the prayers and financial support over the last year. If you have not seen our December

newsletter, please go to [www.myslcc.com](http://www.myslcc.com). If you would like to get email notifications of our newsletter, let us know.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for details regarding **Salem Mennonite Home's Annual Meeting** on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

### Claiming God's Promise of Peace:

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace." – Isaiah 9:6-7a

### Pastor Corey Miller

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