



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Sharing God's Gifts, Time, and Talents

February 16, 2025

10:30am

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit...God activates all of them in everyone." - I Cor. 12:4-6*

## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Nun Bitten Wir* (D. Buxtehude)

*Wer nun den lieben Gott laesst walten* (J.S. Bach) Sharon Waltner

Welcome and Call to Worship Stacey Waltner

L: We come from all walks of life: the rich, the poor; the struggling and the secure.

**P: And God calls us all.**

L: We bring our hearts to this time and place – hearts holding joy and sorrow, questions and wonders.

**P: And God knows us.**

L: We offer what we have to give: our talents and our imperfections, our faith and our doubt, our hope and our hands.

**P: And God loves us. Let us worship God.**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Singing our Praise – *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT #7

\* Greeting each other

Children's Story Sheila Epp

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading I Corinthians 12:1-11

Song – *There Are Many Gifts* VT #374

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30 Reader's Theater

Sermon – "With whatever gift you have" Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – *One Is the Body* Women's Trio

Offering – Deacon Sharing Fund and Time/Talents

Offertory Reeslyn Hofer

Song – *Praise God From Whom* VT #71 (B)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

## SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

\* Song – *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* VT #778

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Choral Song* (S.S. Wesley)

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Christ's Body, the church has many parts and they are ALL important. Today we rejoice in all the gifts, talents, and abilities that are represented at Salem-Zion and we joyfully share these gifts on loan to us from God for God's mission here at Salem-Zion. Welcome to this time of worship. We are so glad you have joined us!

In our worship service this morning, we joyfully share our gifts, talents and abilities as indicated on our Salem-Zion 2025 Times/Talents sheets. If you forgot yours, additional ones are in the foyer. Children and youth are also encouraged to take one and fill it out. We will receive these during our offering during worship.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Deacon Sharing Fund.**

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Feb. 19 (Wed)** – Feeding Our Faith. Supper at 6:15pm and Bible Study for all ages at 7:00pm. The adults will experience 500 years of music in the Anabaptist Church. Come prepared to learn and sing!!

**Feb. 21 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – Feb. 23

Next Sunday marks Pastor Corey's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being ordained in pastoral ministry. Drawing on Jeremiah 1:4-10, I Timothy 5:17-22 and Luke 8:1-3, Corey will share reflections on what he has experienced, seen, and felt over these past 25 years in the church.

The offering will be for Bienvenidos.

### COMING EVENTS

**March 16** – *Over 80's Tea* at 2pm

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Recent Happenings:

- Vanessa and Hans welcomed Greta Lynn Weaver on January 28<sup>th</sup>!

- The memorial service for Sarah Martin's father was held at the Missionary Church on Saturday, February 15.

- Mennonite Church USA, along with over two dozen other faith groups, filed a lawsuit in response to the Trump Administration's rescission of the Department of Homeland Security "sensitive locations" policy that had restricted ICE from

conducting immigration raids, arrests and other enforcement actions at houses of worship. You can read more about this on MC USA's website.

- A new copier was installed in the church office on Wednesday.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Paul & Darlene Engbrecht.
- Ted Ellinger as he anticipates surgery to help with his health issues.
- Sarah Martin and her siblings in the loss of their father.
- our conference ministers, Nathan Luitjens and Susan Janzen, who provide leadership for our shared vision and pastoral care for our pastors and lay leaders.

**College scholarships:** Everence offers college scholarship opportunities for you or your children. Eligible students can be chosen to receive one of more than 40 scholarships of \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 for the coming academic year. Applications are accepted through Feb. 28. Visit [everence.com/college-scholarships](https://www.everence.com/college-scholarships) for more information and to download the application. Everence also offers student loans. Visit <https://www.everence.com/banking/consumer-loans/student-loans> for more information.

The Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted in the narthex.

**January Offerings and Gifts:** CPMC - \$1,541.01; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$350.00; Flandreau - \$25.00; Household Treasury - \$11,041.26; MCC - \$200.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$2,485.00; MC USA - \$1,040.00; Sunday School - \$177.67.

**Growing Dreams:** Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex that calls attention to the various needs at the Growing Dreams daycare that is housed in the Bethany Mennonite Church building.

## Community Connections

Is 2025 the year you become an **Et Cetera Shoppe volunteer**? We need more people willing to help with our mission! Currently we are seeking a substitute clothing steamer, more Saturday morning clerks, and more rug weavers. If any of these positions intrigue you, call the shop at 925-7098 (or stop in) to learn more!

Mennonite Central Committee is offering exciting **2025 summer internship opportunities** designed to provide hands-on experience while making a meaningful impact. Over the course of 10–12 weeks, interns will gain valuable skills, explore their interests, and contribute to meaningful projects in areas like human resources, historical exhibit development, immigration, climate

communications, global service learning, and the sewing room. Apply here: <https://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/>.

MCC is seeking two **Canner Operators** for its mobile meat canner beginning the Fall 2025 Canning season. The Canner operates from October through April by traveling to 30 different locations in the U.S. preserving hundreds of thousands of cans of beef, turkey, chicken and pork for communities in need across the globe. MCC is accepting applications until March 3rd by completing an online form, by contacting [marilyn timers@mcc.org](mailto:marilyn timers@mcc.org), or by calling 1-888-563-4676.

**Young adult Peace Camp, Akron, PA March 10-15:** Are you a young adult (ages 18-30) concerned about the global threats of climate change and forced migration, and eager to join a collective cry for positive change? Register now for the *Stones cry out Peace Camp*. MCC covers all costs of travel, lodging and meals beyond the \$250 registration fee. Together, participants will delve into alternative visions for a society rooted in hospitality and share these powerful messages in person with members of Congress on a day trip to Washington, D.C.

In celebration of Mennonite Disaster Service's 75th anniversary, we are inviting church sewing circles and individuals who enjoy sewing, knitting, crocheting, or weaving to join us by creating wall hangings or prayer shawls for our **Housewarmer Project** during the month of February! Housewarmer Project information, guidelines, and mailing instructions for completed wall hangings and prayer shawls can be found at [mds.org/housewarmer-project](https://mds.org/housewarmer-project).

The **Swan Lake Christian Camp annual meeting** will be on March 9 at 4:00pm followed by a meal and a tour of the new worship center/dining area. This will be an opportunity to meet the new program director, Luke Patterson, and his family.

**Seeking God's Peace for the most vulnerable:** *"The extreme actions of our government call us to step up as we recognize that our practice of loving our neighbor outweighs our traditional stance of non-resistance. Today, we stand together as followers of Jesus, shaped by his life and teachings as revealed in scripture, honoring the cloud of witnesses that stood before us against state interference in the right of religious freedom during the Radical Reformation."* - Rev. Iris de León-Hartshorn, Associate Executive Director of Operations for MC USA

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