



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

February 3, 2019
Hometown Welcome

“...before you were born, I consecrated you.” – Jer. 1:5

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp
 Welcome and Lighting Peace Lamp Jon Graber
 Call to Worship (from Psalm 71)
 L: For You, O LORD, are my hope, my trust from my youth.
P: Upon You I have leaned from my birth.
You gave me life from the womb.
 L: My praise is continually of you.
P: My mouth is filled with your praise.
ALL: My mouth is filled with your glory all day long!
 Prayer

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn of Praise – *Open now thy gates of beauty* HWB #19
 Greeting each other and Announcements
 Children’s Story Tina Graber
 Offering our gifts – Household Treasury
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - arr. Stan Pethel Connor Epp
 Song – *Praise God from whom* HWB #119

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Jeremiah 1:4-10, I Corinthians 13:1-13
 Song – *Will you come and follow me* SS #39
 * Hearing the Gospel Luke 4:21-30
 Sermon – “Do here in your hometown” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Song – *Here I am, Lord* HWB #395
 Sharing and Congregational Prayer
 * Sending Song – *A wonderful Savior is Jesus* HWB #598
 * Benediction
 Postlude

* 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

Jesus had a rocky beginning in his home town, but he was certain of his calling and that directed his mission. We all are invited to ponder how we’ve heard God calling us in our lives and in ministry. We are so glad that you are here to listen with us today. Welcome to worship!

Greeters: LeAnn Kaufman & Elizabeth Janssen; **Musicians:** Sheila Epp, Nathan Schrag, Lynelle Hofer, Judy Graber, LeRoy Epp

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 the household treasury. This offering is used to support the ministry of Salem-Zion, paying for salaries, utilities, educational supplies, and many more things that aid in our ministry. Thank you for your financial support, prayer, and willingness to volunteer to help with all the church is working on to further the work of Jesus and his teaching.

THIS WEEK

Feb. 6 (Wed) 6:30 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting
 Feb. 6 7:00 p.m. – Assemble Valentine Boxes
 Feb. 6 7:00 p.m. – Men’s choir rehearsal
 Feb. 6 7:00 p.m. – Children’s choir rehearsal

Fri-Sat.– Pastor Corey will be gone to Manson, Iowa for a retreat with the Christian Formation Team of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. He’ll be returning back home Saturday afternoon.

NEXT SUNDAY – February 10

Next Sunday we continue our series “*Following Jesus Into the World*”, led by Luke’s Gospel. The focus of the morning is “*Let down your nets*” and the text is Luke 5:1-11. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Greeters: Kaitlyn Epp, Janette Epp; **Keyboardist:** Sheila Epp; **Offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference; **Special Music:** Children’s Choir

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Arlan Ortman died peacefully on January 26th at Oakview Terrace. A family visitation will be held at Salem-Zion on Saturday, **February 9th**, **from 4-6pm**. The Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday,

February 10th at 2:00pm at Salem-Zion Church. Burial will happen at a later time. Please contact the church office if you'd be willing to staff the nursery during Arlan's funeral.

Remember to pray for:

- Those who cannot be here today: Verda Schrag.
- Ellen Ortman and her family as they prepare for Arlan's memorial service next week.
- All those who have suffered from the extreme cold weather in the Midwest this past week.
- Those who volunteer as leaders in our conference serving on various committees and boards such as the Conference Board, the Christian Formation Committee, Pastoral Leadership Committee, Outreach and Service Committee, Stewardship Task Force, and all other volunteers.

Remember to thank God for:

- Our homes, clothes and food, all gifts of God that keep us alive in this winter season.

Warming up to your neighbor in worship: Thank You so much! I noticed that several folks moved last Sunday so we could sit closer together in our worship. This feels better and creates a warmer setting in which to worship. If you didn't get a chance to experience this, I'd invite you to try it and discover the new blessings that await! - Pastor Corey

The Jr. S.S. Dept. will be starting the **Circle of Grace curriculum** Feb. 10. This is the Christian Safe Environment Training for grades K-8 that has been taught annually. More information about the lessons will be in parents' mailboxes. If anyone has questions please contact Tina Graber: 605-929-0461 or graber.tina@gmail.com.

Valentine boxes for our college students will be assembled on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who are willing to bring treats to put in the boxes. If you have questions or would like to make a donation toward postage, contact Beth Epp or Anita Eisenbeis.

The children in the Junior Sunday School classes voted to raise money to **purchase a cow through Heifer International as their offering project** this quarter. So far they've raised a little over \$150! During the month of February we are asking you to try something new with us. We will have a basket at the front of the sanctuary for the children to bring forward their offering for this project at a designated time during the worship service. If

you would like to help us meet our goal of \$500 you can hand your donation to any child walking by on their way to the front. -Tina Graber

January Mission Fund Offerings: Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,836.00; Mennonite Disaster Service - \$500.00; The Banquet - \$500.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$1,000.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$2,133.00.

Community Connections

MCC welcomes alumni to host reunions at the Welcoming Place in Akron, Pennsylvania, in 2020 as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. To see if a reunion is already scheduled for the country where you served or to organize a reunion, contact alumni@mcc.org.

Swan Lake Christian Camp invites you to these upcoming events: **Valentines Banquet:** February 10 at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served followed by music by Viborg women's singing group "Mosaic". **Appreciation Dinner and Annual Meeting:** March 3. Meeting starts at 4:00 pm followed by dinner. Reservations are required for either of these events. Please call 605-326-5690 or email at campoffice@myslcc.com.

In preparation for Schmeckfest, **cottage cheese pockets** will be made Feb. 5 and Feb. 12. We will start at 9 A.M. in the Pioneer Hall kitchen on the Freeman Academy Campus. Bring your rolling pin and be prepared for a fun time of fellowship. Lunch may be purchased at the school.

The Freeman Academy Auxiliary will be **making noodles** for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen and meals on Saturday, February 16 & Tuesday, February 19 in the Pioneer Hall kitchen starting at 9 a.m. If a "snow date" is needed, we will also make noodles on Tuesday, February 26. Cancellations will be announced on the *Courier* and Freeman Academy websites. Volunteers to help make noodles would be greatly appreciated. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

Practicing Christ's Peace: "The persecution, suffering and anguish that come to it for the sake of the Lord's truth have become a glorious joy and comfort to it..." - Menno Simons

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