



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

February 9, 2020

Jesus Envisions

"You are the light of the world...Let your light shine before others..."-Matt. 5:14ff

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Canon* Robert Schumann
 Choral Call to Worship – *We Praise Thee O God* arr. Kliewer
 Welcome and Call to Worship Austin Unruh
 L: Sisters and brothers, we are gathered here to proclaim a vision;
P: A vision of a world formed by God’s light and transformed by Jesus’ love.
 L: We are disciples who are called to embody lives of grace.
P: Sharing the good news of the gospel in our words and our actions.
 L: May the Holy Spirit open our hearts and open our eyes
P: That we may live into God’s vision for our lives, our community, and our world.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn of Praise – *Come, let us all unite to sing* HWB #12
 Greetings and Announcements
 Children’s Story Jeremy Waltner
 Offering our gifts – Central Plains Mennonite Conference
 Offertory – *Little fugue in G Major* J.S. Bach
 * Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #119) & Offertory Prayer

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Gospels Matthew 5:13-16 and Luke 4:16-21
 Special Music – *Pass Me Not* arr. Mickelson
 * Hearing the Gospel Luke 13:18-21
 Sermon – “Envisioning” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *I want to walk as a child of the light* SJ #95
 Congregational Sharing and Prayer
 * Sending Song – *Be thou my vision* HWB #545
 * Benediction
 * Choral Benediction – *The Blessing of Aaron* arr. Rodby
 Postlude – *Improvisation on Be Thou my vision*

* 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 vision for the Kingdom of God that was imaginative, expansive, and gracious. As he ministered in his earthly life, Jesus kept envisioning God’s Reign on earth as it is in heaven. What do we envision for the world, for Christ’s church, and for our church at Salem-Zion? Can we see with Jesus’ eyes? We are so glad that you have decided to join us for worship!

Greeters: Ellen Ortman, Betty Albrecht; **Organist:** Ken Mannes; **Special Music:** Men’s Choir

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

TONIGHT – We will show the movie “*The Radicals*” at Salem-Zion at **6:30pm**. The movie is about Anabaptist leaders Michael and Margareta Sattler. The movie does contain some graphic depictions of historical persecution but is suitable for middle school children and up. An age appropriate movie will be shown to our younger children.

THIS WEEK

Feb. 12 (Wed) 6:30 p.m. – Shalom Readers virtual reading party
 Feb. 12 6:30 p.m. – Ladies choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY – Feb. 16

Next Sunday we continue our series “*Seeing Jesus in 2020*” and the focus is “*Jesus Evangelized*.” The scriptures are Lk. 19:1-10, Lk. 10:1-12, Mt. 28:18-20 and the Bel Canto singers from Hesston College will be proclaiming the Word in song.

Greeters: Ladonna Waltner and Janette Epp; **Organist:** Karen Unruh; **Offering:** Deacon Sharing Fund; **Special Music:** Bel Canto Singers

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 19 – Pastor/Congregation Review Committee at 7:00 p.m.; Board of Education at 7:30 p.m.; Ladies choir practice at 8:00 p.m.
Feb. 23 – Outreach and Service Committee meeting at noon
Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Darlene Engbrecht’s sister, Mary Wells, died last week and her funeral service was held on Tuesday.
 - A memorial service was held at Walter’s Funeral Home yesterday for Allen Schmidt’s brother, Orville Schmidt.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Joyce Schrag.
- healing
- comforting love to surround Allen Schmidt and Darlene Engbrecht in the loss of their siblings.
- 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, Shalom Readers Club, Peace and Justice task group and all other conference volunteers.

Circle of Grace curriculum for grades 1-8 February 9, 16, and 23. Out of concern for all God's people, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people. This program is called Circle of Grace. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into the excellent programs and curricula for the formation of children and young people in our churches and Sunday school programs. Circle of Grace aims to equip our children and young people by arming them with essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This program helps children and young people to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body, and spirit. ~ S-Z Junior S.S. Dept.

Hesston College's **Bel Canto Singers**, under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian, will present a concert at Salem Mennonite Church on Saturday, February 15 at 7 p.m. The Freeman Academy Concert Choir will join the Hesston choir on some selections. The concert is free and open to the public.

This is your last chance to get registered for a children's **virtual read-aloud party** sponsored by Central Plains Mennonite Conference. On February 12 at 6:30pm, elementary-aged children are invited to log on to hear Shalom Readers books read aloud by adults from around the conference. See our website for more information and to register. *Pre-registration is required.* www.centralplainsmc.org/shalom-read-aloud.html

Voices Together: Last November at our annual business meeting, Salem-Zion voted to purchase 300 copies of the new worship resource "Voices Together." In order to get a discount price, we had to pre-order the hymnals by December 1, and in order to keep our discount price, we will need to pay the \$7,400 balance by May 1. At last month's Ad Board meeting, the worship committee was asked to implement a fundraising plan to meet our goal. We are glad to know that some funds will be used from the music committee and from the youth group to help with this project. We are now asking you to help contribute to the cost of these worship resources that will

enhance our worship. The ballot box will be in the foyer (with a "Voices Together" sign on it). Please write out checks to Salem-Zion Mennonite Church and earmark your checks "Voices Together." These new hymn books and worship resources will guide our worship, theology, and faith for the next generation. Thank you for considering funding this project.

- The Worship Committee

Central Plains Conference Outreach & Service Committee is presenting a **three-part webinar series on racism** hosted by Drick Boyd in February. We at SZ are invited to join in on those webinars individually, but they will also be available on the website and we are planning on viewing this three-week series on April 15, 22, and 29 at Salem-Zion.

Know someone who has demonstrated Jesus's way of peacemaking? Nominate them for the **Annual Peace Mug Award** at Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Annual Meeting! Send your nomination to Peace & Justice Task Group member Jane Yoder-Short (wilmajane17@gmail.com) by Friday, March 6. Please include their name, contact information, and a simple description why you're nominating them.

Community Connections

We will be **making cottage cheese pockets** for Schmeckfest in the Pioneer Hall kitchen on the Freeman Academy campus, starting at 9 a.m. on Feb. 11 & 18. Snow date Feb. 25. Come for a good time of fellowship.

A **Valentine's Banquet** will be held at Swan Lake Christian Camp on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 6:00 pm. Reserve your seat by calling 605-326-5690 or emailing campoffice@myslcc.com. A free will offering will be taken.

Kuchen baking days are scheduled for Feb. 21 in Tyndall (snow date March 6) and Feb. 27, 28, 29 in the PH Dining Hall kitchen, starting at 9:00 a.m. Filling will be made Feb. 20 and 26 in the Dining Hall kitchen, starting at 1:00 p.m. Donations of fruit or money to buy fruit would be much appreciated. Please contact Debra Schmeichel if you are willing to help any of those days. (648-3430, ssag@goldenwest.net) Thank you!

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who came together in January for MCC's Great Winter Warm-up! Due to snow, some events were delayed by a week, but the totals are in and we collected more than 9,500 comforters, that's 3,000 more than our goal!

MCC centennial celebration, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. You're invited to join MCC for an evening of centennial celebration and giving, We've Come This

Far by Faith at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. Bid on silent auction items, grab a reproduction Mennonite Feeding Station sign from our limited supply and join us for a program celebrating MCC's past 100 years, present and future! Find out more at mcc.org/events.

The Mennonite Central Committee Central States board of directors will meet on February 28 and 29 at MCC in North Newton. A brief **annual meeting** will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 29; you are welcome to attend.

Service Adventure is a gap year program for young adults ages 17–20 that provides 10 ½ months of learning "on the field." Take a break from the classroom, test out a vocation, experience self-discovery, all while serving God and living in Christian community. Learn more at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Calling everyone ages 15–22! Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? Join a 2020 Youth Venture team! See and join in the work God is doing in Spain, Colombia, Arizona, Peru, Nazareth Village, or Benin. Visit www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more, or contact Lauren Eash Hershberger at LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net.

Service Adventure is looking for a leader for the Jackson, Mississippi unit. Unit leaders are 24 years old or older, and live in community with 3-5 young adults, serving as mentors. For more information contact LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net.

Better understand your financial resources and philanthropy in terms of your goals and your faith for both you and the church at the 2020 **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** (AVDS) conference, February 21 to 23 at Hesston College. In partnership with Everence Financial, weekend presentations will focus on understanding your personal history with money and resources, careers, hospitality, health and wellness and more. Register by February 10 at hesston.edu/avds.

God's Peace lived in us: Biological family is too small of a vision. Patriotism is far too myopic. A love for our own relatives and a love for the people of our own country are not bad things, but our love does not stop at the border. -Shane Claiborne

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