



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“On Things Above”

June 29, 2025

GATHERING TO PRAISE

- Prelude – *Marching to Zion* (arr. Gordon Young) Dan Graber
Prelude in G Major (J.S. Bach)
- Choral Call to Worship – *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (John Newton)
- Welcome and Call to Worship Malynda Penner
- Prayer of Invocation
- * Singing our Praise – *God of the Fertile Fields* VT #750
- Greeting each other
- Children’s Story Gwen Ortman
- Peace Lamp
- Offering – CPMC and MC USA Convention 2025 assistance
 Offertory – *Duke Street* (arr. Charles Ore)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Hearing the New Testament Colossians 3:1-4
- Special Music – *Calling My Children Home* (arr. Joseph Jennings)
- * Gospel Reading Matthew 6:19-24
- Sermon – “Setting our minds on things above” Stacey Waltner

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- Response Song – *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* VT #65
- Sharing “Where have we seen God’s HOPE this week?”
- Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

- * Song – *Take My Life, and Let It Be* VT #759
- * Benediction
- Postlude – *God of Grace and God of Glory* (arr. Paul Manz)

Musicians: Patrick Hofer, Nick Schrag, Collin Waltner, Dan Graber, Jon Graber

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We are encouraged to keep our eyes on Jesus, to keep our mind focused on things above, not below. Lord, help us walk by faith and not by sight. Welcome to our worship! We are blessed to have Stacey Waltner bring us the message today. We are glad that you are here!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **CPMC 2025 and MC USA Convention 2025 assistance.**

- 9:30am – Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30am – Worship Service
- 2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

July 2 (Wed) – Session 4 of *What We Believe* (read chapter 6, Worship and Fellowship), 7:30pm

July 4 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – July 6

Next Sunday the theme of the morning is “*Cultivating Covenant Communities of Hope.*” The texts will be Mt. 5:1-12, I Pet. 4:8-11, and Rom. 12:9-18. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for the Household Treasury.

COMING EVENTS

July 8-12 – Mennonite Church USA convention in Greensboro, NC. Corey and Nancy are our delegates from Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Members of our youth group will also be attending.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Yvonne Mast began the trek to her new home in Utah on Wednesday morning. She will be living with her daughter-in-law Jen until she finds a place to live.
- Paul Ortman had surgery on Wednesday to repair the damage in his shoulder. The surgery went well and Paul was able to return home the same day.
- Our delegates traveled to Rock Island, IL for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Our delegates will return back home by Sunday evening.

Remember to praise God for:

- the gift of the refreshing rain that blessed our area in recent days.
- the opportunity to be a part of a conference that strives to follow Jesus together. We are so grateful for a diverse and faithful representation of Christ’s church in our conference!

- we are grateful whenever countries enter a ceasefire. We pray that tensions will ease in the Middle East and that creative solutions can emerge from leaders from all nations.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Ruby Waltner.
- healing for Paul as he recovers from his recent cow injuries.
- those who find themselves tired. Tired of political bantering, tired of harsh language and rhetoric, tired of violence, just tired. Lord, refresh us and fill us with your Spirit's presence and love.
- our CPMC this weekend. May God's Spirit inspire all those who participate in rehearsing God's goodness to our churches and ministries.

Summary minutes from the June 24 Deacons' meeting have been posted in the narthex.

MCC SCHOOL KITS: MCC has challenged churches and individuals to donate 25,000 school kits this summer. Our church plans to participate in helping MCC meet this goal. As you are shopping in the coming weeks think about how you may contribute to this worthy cause. Following is a list of supplies for each kit:

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (70 sheets each)
- 8 new **unsharpened** pencils
- 1 flat ruler (must indicate 30cm markings; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ball point pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener (1 or 2 holes).

If you have fabric that could be made into bags that would also be appreciated. We will be collecting these items July 13 thru 27.

- Janette Epp & Marlyce Miller

South Dakota MCC Sale - Volunteers Needed

The MCC Relief Sale is happening on Saturday, July 19, and there are many different ways you can help Salem-Zion support this important fundraiser. Here's what we need:

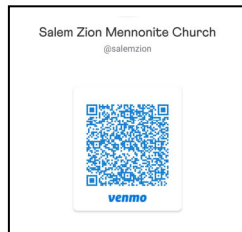
- 6 pies (pie tins are available in the narthex).
- 3 people to help set up (Friday, July 18, 6:00 pm starting with pizza) and 3 people to help take down (approx. 2:30-3:00 pm on Saturday).

Don't forget about the bike ride on Friday, July 18 at 7:00 pm. Forms are available in the narthex. Participants must wear a helmet. Please contact the SZ MCC Sale rep, Maria Paff, with any questions.

MCC Relief Sale reminders:

1. **My Coins Count** – Gwen Ortman will introduce the start of our My Coins Count project this Sunday. This year the money collected will go toward providing nutritional supplements to children in Ethiopia. \$76 will provide nutritional supplements for one child for a year. Look for the green bucket each Sunday to add your coins to!
2. Consider making a **theme basket** with family, friends or S.S. class – need an idea, go to Google
3. Plan now for what you can donate to the **bake sale**
4. Get ready for the **bike ride** to raise money to help small farmers in Haiti – helmets required; pre-registration is helpful

To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!



Selection ballots for Assistant Sunday School Superintendents were distributed last week; extra copies are in the narthex. Please return completed ballots to the selection box in the narthex by July 6.

The July church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

God's Peace from a transformed mind: *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."* - Romans 12:2

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