



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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Pentecost Welcomes the Holy Spirit

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Go in peace and make disciples* (VT #766)
(Wilbur Held) Ken Mannes

Choral Call – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (v. 1-3) (VT #737) Judy Graber

Welcome Mary Mannes

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit, lamplighter, midwife of change, comforter, disturber, inspirer, and advocate.

All: Come, fill the church with the gifts earth can neither produce nor afford.

One: Come, fill our lives with that rich mixture of peace and restlessness, calm and enthusiasm, which are marks of holiness.

All: Come, promised Spirit of God, find your way and make your home among us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* #57

Greeting one another “Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

Children’s Story Paul Ortman

Celebrating our Offerings – Household Treasury

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament-Building a Tower (from Genesis 11:1-9) Readers

Special Music – *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life* Beth Kaufman

Hearing the New Testament Acts 2:1-21

Sermon – “Inviting the Spirit’s Movement” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song – *As the Wind Song through the Trees* #373

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending Song – *God of Grace and God of Glory* #716

Blessing

Postlude – *Improvised*

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

The Wind of God's Spirit blew afresh upon the disciples on Pentecost, and gave birth to Christ's church. Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit and invite it to continue blowing in and through us as Christ's church so that we may bear witness to Christ's Light and Love in the world. We welcome all who worship with us today!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**.

Special thanks to Eva Goosen for our bulletin cover.

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

THIS WEEK

June 6-10 (Mon-Fri) – Bible School at Salem-Zion from 9am-1:15pm

NEXT SUNDAY – June 12

Next Sunday is "*Bible School Sunday*" with our friends from the South Church. The Theme is "Passport to Peace" and the children will be leading our worship time. Worship begins at 10:00am (no Sunday school).

Next week the offering is for **Mennonite Church USA**.

Selection ballots for Assistant SS Superintendents and DVBS co-chairs are due next Sunday, June 12.

COMING EVENTS

June 16-19 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference at Freeman Academy; The theme is: "*Come to the Table*."

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Ruby Waltner's new home address is: Room #508, Tieszen Memorial Home, 312 E State St, Marion, SD 57043.

- Janette Epp, Janelle Ortman and Tim Graber returned after attending the special delegate sessions of MC USA in KC. The results of the delegate sessions are printed on the insert and you can read more about the event on the MC USA website.

- Landscaping happened on Wednesday in the front of the church. We are grateful for this fresh, new look.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.

- Dennis Herlyn as he anticipates his Stem Cell surgery this weekend. Pray for Dennis and Lana and the recovery time.

- Nita Engbrecht as she continues treatment at Avera Behavioral in Sioux Falls.

- the community of Tulsa, Oklahoma as they grieve the loss of life from more gun violence on Wednesday.

- our Bible School leaders, teachers, helpers, and students who will learn about God's Peace.

- our Central Plains Mennonite Conference as it will meet in person for the first time in three years. Our delegates include: John and Beth Epp, David and Elizabeth Janssen, Paul Ortman, LeRoy Epp, and possibly a youth delegate.

Elective course books are available for purchase at half the new price. Anyone attending the North Church may purchase one or both of the books, \$12.00 each. The books are: "*Healing Haunted Histories*" and "*No Cure For Being Human*." Copies are located in the church library. Class participants choosing not to keep their books may return them to the church library. A box for your money is located near the books. - Marlan Kaufman, Librarian and Sunday School Superintendent

Congratulations to Austin & Lindsey Unruh on the birth of Silas Stanley! As a church, let's show them our love and support by **supplying some meals** for them. To arrange a time to take a meal, contact Lindsey at 605-421-0689.

We are still looking for **teachers for Summer Sunday school for grades Preschool - 4th grade**. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Materials will be provided. For questions or more info please contact Malynda at mrs.penner@hotmail.com or 605.929.7314.

Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors! "Come to the table" to worship, fellowship, discern, and learn with your brothers and sisters from across CPMC! See our website to learn more and register, www.centralplainsmc.org.

May Offerings & Gifts: Household Treasury - \$10,650.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$505.00; Outreach & Service - \$500.00; Ross Richer Fund - \$1,825.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$1,265.00; Bearcat Avenue - \$300.00.

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

May Household Treasury Report – Income: \$10,650.00; Expenses: \$12,009.20; Balance: \$13,140.09.

SD MCC Relief Sale:

1. There is still time to make a theme basket for the silent auction. It's a fun activity to do as a family, with friends or a Sunday school class. You will find copies of theme basket ideas on the table in the narthex. It is helpful if you provide a list of the contents included in your basket.
2. Registration forms for the bike/walk are also available in the narthex. Note the event has expanded to include walkers. This year we are focusing on family and community building. It begins at 7 pm (check in at 6:30) on Friday. The registration form is also available online for downloading. Deadline is July 1. You may still participate without pre-registration but it is helpful in planning to know how many people to expect.

A letter received this week from the **CPMC Conference Ministers** has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Community Connections

The Freeman Academy library is holding an **elementary book drive** over the summer to build up the elementary portion of the library. We are looking for gently used picture books and early reader chapter books for grades K-4. Books can be dropped off in the Ad building lobby on the Freeman Academy campus during office hours. Monetary donations are also welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kelsey Pidde at kpiddle@freemanacademy.org or 605-421-1318.

Praying God's Peace:

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy; Act in me O Holy Spirit that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy; Strengthen me O Holy Spirit to defend that is holy;
Guard me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy.
- St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

Living our Mission: "As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ's kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together."

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtZD09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rIBAAaS3A>

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Delegate Sessions in Kansas City

Delegates at Mennonite Church USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, passed three resolutions that help to remove barriers for LGBTQ people and those with disabilities and adopted a fourth resolution, "For Justice in the Criminal Legal System," for denominational study.

Support for the resolutions varied. Delegates unanimously approved the "MC USA Accessibility Resolution," which calls the church to "recognize and seek to remove the barriers to belonging ... that prevent individuals with disabilities from participating in church life."

"A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation," which calls the church to repent for harm done to LGBTQ people and calls for broader inclusion of LGBTQ people, passed with a thinner majority at 55.7% (267 yes, 212 no, 9 abstentions).

Both are "church statement resolutions" which are not binding on congregations or conferences, but provide an opportunity for discernment, education and advocacy, while still acknowledging dissenting voices, according to the denomination's Guidelines for Developing Resolutions.

Clarification on Mennonite Church USA Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines of MC USA, an "organizational resolution" that directly impacts church polity, was approved by 82.8% of the delegates (404 yes, 84 no, 3 abstentions). This resolution retires the denomination's Membership Guidelines, which, among other things, prohibits pastors from performing same-sex covenant ceremonies. It also calls the church to "commit to the difficult work of being church together amidst our differences, working at biblical justice and reconciliation where there is conflict."

"This weekend, we did the demanding work of struggling together as the body of Christ," said MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton. *"We will continue to live into our Renewed Commitments of following Jesus, witnessing to God's peace and helping those we encounter to experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit."*

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