



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

July 10, 2022
Forgiveness

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (arr. Larry Schakley) Mavis Ortman
 Welcome Estelle Waltner
 Lighting the Peace Lamp
 Call to Worship
 Opening Prayer
 * Hymn – *Could It Be That God Is Singing* #42
 Greeting one another “*Peace be with you.*” “*And also with you.*”
 Children’s Story Diane Ellinger
 Celebrating our Offerings – SD MCC Relief Sale

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament Psalm 32:1-5
 Hymn – *Just As I Am, without One Plea* #560
 Hearing the New Testament Readers Theater
 Sermon – “Easy to Say, Hard to Do - What is the deal with Forgiveness?”
 Phyllis Schrag

RESPONDING

Special Music – *Mercy, Mercy, Lord* (#169) Sonja and Nick Schrag
 Sharing and Prayer of Confession/Congregational Prayer Gwen Ortman
 Sending Song – *Kyrie eleison, Have Mercy* #796
 Blessing Prayer (unison)
 Oh, Lord, let me not from this day forward
 Seek Life or Health except to spend them for you, with you, and in you.
 Oh God, You know what is good for me.
 Therefore, do as you know best.
 Give to me, take from me, conform my will to yours
 And grant that in humble and complete submission
 I will accept the divine order of your eternal Providence
 And equally adore all that comes to me from you
 Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

This morning’s theme is forgiveness, and we welcome Phyllis Schrag to the pulpit. We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **SD MCC Relief Sale.**

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

July 11 (Mon) – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY – July 17

Next Sunday Stacey Waltner will be preaching. The offering is for **Community Peacemaker Teams** (formerly Christian Peacemaker Teams).

COMING EVENTS

August 11 – Serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls
August 28 – Sunday morning worship service and a potluck at the Prairie Arboretum in Freeman

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- The trustees organized the annual roof washing on Monday morning. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this task.
- The SD MCC Relief Sale was held in Freeman on Saturday. Thank you to all of the volunteers and to those who attended in support of Mennonite Central Committee.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Bernie Koller.
- Pastor Corey and Nancy during this time of sabbatical.
- Swan Lake Christian Camp staff, counselors and fifth grade campers this week.

A **love offering** will be received for the Elizabeth Janssen family this morning, July 10, in the basket in the narthex.

Minutes from the May deacon meeting have been posted in the narthex.

I wanted to say a specific **thank you** again to Salem-Zion and other members of the community who have supported me in my journey for MVS. My fundraiser the other weekend was a great turnout and a beautiful evening full of singing, food and fellowship. As of right now, I have received \$2,330 in donations. Thank you again! – Rachel Miller

Salem-Zion is scheduled to serve the evening meal at **The Banquet** in Sioux Falls on **Thursday, August 11**. The Banquet is a feeding ministry whose “mission is to equip volunteers to provide food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of The Banquet. We provide a safe place where people can gather, receive nourishment, and experience love in action” – taken from their Mission Statement. The cost of the meal will be about \$1000 (we are not asking for any food donations). If you are willing to be part of this ministry you can help by donating to the cost of the meal and/or by signing up to help serve the meal. There is a **sign-up sheet** for workers on the bulletin board in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Anita Eisenbeis or Linda Graber. **Checks** should be made out to **Salem-Zion Mennonite Church (memo line The Banquet)**. Information about this organization is available at www.thebanquetsf.org.

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.”

Community Connections

Heritage Hall Museum & Archives is sponsoring a program on the nicknames that emerged among the Swiss-Volhynian Mennonites. On Sunday, July 10 at 3 p.m., Ellen Ortman will be sharing her research and compilation of common, popular – and some more obscure – nicknames, in “A Century and a Half of East Freeman Nicknames.” Ortman, a lifelong community resident, is a regular volunteer at the museum archives. Originally planned to be held at the historic Bethel Church on the Freeman museum complex, with the recent surge of Covid-19 in the area, the program will be held at the Salem-Zion Mennonite Church east of Freeman in order to enable social distancing. Admission will be charged; HHM&A members receive a discounted rate.

Join the fight against hunger: There are many things to do locally to help others who suffer from food insecurity. The **Bethany Food Pantry** is looking for casual volunteers (approximately 4 hours once a month) to assist with distributing food. If you have ever thought about joining our team and volunteering, please contact us. We would love to visit with you. We are also looking for folks to (1) serve on our board of directors, (2) help with managing

food orders twice a month, (3) coordinate with Feeding South Dakota, or (4) help with bookkeeping. There are many God-given talents that would be a good fit. Give us a call. - Barry Uecker, Bethany Food Pantry Board of Directors, 605-261-2611

The 2022 issue of **Mennonite Life**, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Daniel Shank Cruz, Chris Dick, June Mears Driedger, Susan Kennel Harrison, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Gordon Houser, Reinhild K. Janzen, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Steve Nolt, Rachel Pannabecker, Karen Reimer, Ben Woodward-Breckbill and Melanie Zuercher.

Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139>

Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-riBAaS3A>

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