



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

August 8, 2021
Joy Rides On

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Guide Me Ever* (D. Wood) Ruby Waltner

Welcome and Bringing Peace LeRoy Epp

Call to Worship (from Psalm 98)
L: O sing to the LORD a new song, for the LORD has done marvelous things!
P: The LORD has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.
L: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
L: The LORD is coming to judge the earth.
ALL: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Fairest Lord Jesus* HWB #117

Celebrating our Mission with *Central Plains Mennonite Conference*

PROCLAIMING

Children’s Story Elizabeth Janssen

Blessing of the Comforters

Song – *In the Morning When I Rise* Judy Graber/Josie Epp

New Testament Scripture Philippians 4:10-20

Sermon – “Learning Contentment” Corey Miller

Song – *Fill now our life, O Lord* SS #107

RESPONDING

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *In the rifted Rock I’m resting* HWB #526

Benediction

Postlude – *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We conclude our Joy Ride with Paul through the letter of Philippians today and we are invited to ponder “*contentment*.” How are we learning to be content? We are so glad that you have joined us in our worship time this morning to explore this together. We are joyfully Christ’s church!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for *Central Plains Mennonite Conference*.

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

TONIGHT - Miller Barbecue, from 5:30-8:30pm

Everyone is invited to the Miller yard for music, food, games and great fellowship. Feel free to invite folks to experience our church’s hospitality. Bring your lawn chairs and be prepared to have fun! Special musical guests include our church’s newest men’s quartet and a highly talented women’s trio. The serving will begin at 5:30pm and the music will begin around 6:30pm. **Bring your lawn chairs** and enjoy the evening with us!

THIS WEEK

Aug. 9 (Mon) – Special Ad Board Envisioning Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 11 (Wed) – Library Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – August 15

Next Sunday the focus will be on **Faith Formation** as we look forward to the beginning of another new Christian Education year in our church. The texts are Dt. 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28 and I Corinthians 8:1-9 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for *Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary*.

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 22 – Salem-Zion Worship at the Arboretum. 10:00am. Main course and drinks will be provided. All are invited to bring salads, desserts, table service and lawn chairs.

Aug. 29 – *Voices Together* Launch at Salem-Zion, 10:30am

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- We are grateful for even the traces of rain that blessed the ground on Wednesday night.

- On Saturday, a vibrant group of willing helpers tied many comforters in the Fellowship Hall. A special thanks to Elizabeth for organizing this and to Rosella Schwartz for putting so many comforters together! As the group tied, all were bound together in love!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- an increased capacity for contentment in our lives as we follow Jesus together.
- our youth as they look for youth sponsors to help guide them in their faith journey.
- Adam, Blake and Piper Van Ningen as they settle into their new community in Raleigh, NC. Pray for Meranda as she finishes up and prepares to join her family in a few weeks.
- our sister churches in Montana: Ashland Christian Fellowship, Lame Deer, White Chapel and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Churches.

Reflections about Critical Race Theory

We've been hearing many things about CRT in the news recently and our teachers especially feel tugged and pulled from various sources. In the most recent edition of *Anabaptist World*, former Bethel College professor Julie Hart writes a compelling piece on CRT, and how she has taught that over the course of her teaching career. The article is called "*My Students Can Handle CRT*" and it is printed on page 40. I'd encourage us all to read this as we continue our conversations.

The **Library Committee** encourages people of all ages to view the new books on display in the narthex or find what you are looking for in the library. Did you know that you can access the church library on-line at <http://www.salemzion.com/>. Click on "library" in the green bar, then click on "search". Click on "search" again. Two boxes appear with a variety of choices of how you wish to search. Type in the information in the next box and click on "search". It's that easy and you can do it from home! Marlan Kaufman, Librarian

Looking for Fall Jr SS teachers! Contact Malynda 605.929.7314 (call/text) or email mrs.penner@hotmail.com.

Church Office: Lisa will be unavailable part of Tuesday and Wednesday this week, but please submit bulletin announcements as usual for printing on Thursday morning.

The **August newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

July Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$4,795.00; Project Fund - \$4,667.18; Outreach Fund - \$3,805.62; The Banquet - \$1,725.00; MC USA - \$90.00; CPT - \$1,491.00; SD MCC Relief Sale - \$3,092.00; CPMC - \$25.00.

Offerings: To ensure that donations reach their intended recipient, please write out checks to Salem-Zion Mennonite Church and **designate where you want the money to go** in the memo line. Thank you!

There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for volunteering in the **grandstand booth** at the Turner County Fair. Please check out all the details. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up!

July Household Treasury Report – Income: \$9,462.18; Expenses: \$16,206.20; Balance: \$11,983.30.

Michael Van Diepen is the new **SD MCC Relief Sale Treasurer** and the new address to receive your donations by mail is: SD MCC Relief Sale, PO Box 536, Tea, SD 57064. A big thank you to Barb Yoder who has been the Treasurer since the relief sale started here in Freeman. Also, a big thank you for your support of the recent relief sale. You will be able to see a financial report when that becomes available.

Living into God's Peace: "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
- *Apostle Paul* (Philippians 4:7)

Community Connections

Please donate a pie or pies to the **Turner County Fair Pie Contest** that will benefit local food pantries. Prizes are awarded in four divisions. For more information check the poster on the bulletin board. Pies are judged on taste only, not appearance. Thank you, from the Pie Committee.

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-rIBAAaS3A>

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