



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

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## Pathways to Journey Forward

*"I pray that you may...know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge."  
– Eph. 3:18-19*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp  
 Welcome Tim Eisenbeis  
 Call to Worship (from Psalm 24)  
 L: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.  
**P: For God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**  
 L: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? Who shall stand in God's holy place?  
**P: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts; who do not lift up their souls to what is false.**  
 L: They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**  
 Opening Prayer

### PRAISING GOD

\* Hymn – *The love of God* SJ #44  
 Greetings and Announcements  
 Children's Story "Can you pray?" Joe Danny Hofer  
 Offering our gifts – Mennonite Disaster Service  
 Offertory Prayer  
 Offertory

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing the OT Scripture Genesis 1:1-3, 26-31  
 Confession  
*In light of your love for us all, we confess, Gracious God, that we have failed to fully express and extend your love to all. For we have all fallen short of the glory of God. In your grace and mercy in Jesus Christ, you have created us and redeemed us for eternal life. We humbly ask for your forgiveness that frees us to be who you created us to be.*  
 Hymn – *Jesus, the very thought of thee* HWB #588  
 Hearing the NT Scripture Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon – "Knowing Our True Identity" Corey Miller

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song – *I saw a tree by the riverside* SS #116  
 Sharing and Congregational Prayer Dave Janssen  
 \* Sending Song – *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* HWB #582  
 \* Benediction  
 Postlude

\* 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

Our identity as children of God makes all the difference in the world in how we view ourselves and others. As we ponder the invitation to be "filled with the fullness of God", we do so as sisters and brothers deeply loved by God. Welcome to our worship. We are so glad you are with us today.

**Greeters:** Duane & Marlys Tieszen; **Nursery Care:** Tina Graber & Paul Ortman

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

#### "Celebrating Giving"

This morning the offering received will be heading to Mennonite Disaster Service. MDS helps put people's lives back in order after unexpected storms, fires, or floods damage homes or property. Thank you for all the hands that have ministered with MDS and the money received this morning for this ministry.

#### THIS WEEK

Sept. 5 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. – *Pathways* Study

Sept. 5 8:00 p.m. – Worship committee meeting

Sept. 6 (Thurs) 7:30 p.m. – Outreach and Service committee meeting

#### NEXT SUNDAY – September 9

Next Sunday we will continue our new series called "*Pathways*." Taken from the Future Church Summit at Mennonite Church USA, the *Pathways* theme will guide us in our journey forward of following Jesus. The focus of

our worship is: *Knowing God's Deep Love*. The texts are Ps. 24, Gen. 1, and Eph. 3:14-20 and Corey will be preaching.

**Greeters:** Ted & Diane Ellinger; **Offering:** Household Treasury; **Nursery**

**Care:** Charity Ortman & Lance Friesen

### **COMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 9 Noon – Selection process kickoff potluck
- Sept. 9 PCRC meeting following the potluck
- Sept. 10 7:00 p.m. – Administrative Board meeting
- Oct. 27-28 Harvest Mission Festival with Joe Sawatzky from Mennonite Mission Network

## **Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News**

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### **Happenings over the past week:**

- Maxine Ortman moved to the Tieszen Home last weekend. Her new room is E 214 and her phone number is: 605 648-2245. Let us pray for Maxine and Delmar as they adjust to this arrangement.

### **Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Arlyss Ortman.
- Our new SS classes, teachers, helpers and students as they begin another year of growing, learning and following Jesus.

### **Remember to thank God for:**

- the willing teachers who are teaching our Sunday school classes.

**It's Fall Selection time!** Join us next Sunday, September 9th for our Fall Selection Potluck. Bring your favorite dish as we kick off our selection season. Don't miss the food, fellowship and fun! -The Selection Committee

**We wish to thank** our family, relatives, & friends for helping us celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with your presence, cards, telephone calls, flowers & 17 Gideon Bibles given for distribution. We give God thanks for being with us all these years.  
– Allen & Ardelle Schrag

**Minutes** from the July Deacon meeting are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**North & South Church Leaders' Meeting Report** – On Wed. night, Aug. 29 the respective leadership groups from Salem and Salem-Zion (pastors, deacons & council/administrative board) met for a time of review and reflection. We listened to each other and to the Holy Spirit regarding what's *going well* with our shared ministries, what could be *strengthened*, and what *new collaborations* might emerge. A similar gathering was held in 2015. The overall tone of the meeting felt hopeful about the possibilities rather than

heavy from the challenges. We noticed the increasing levels of comfort and empathy for the differing congregational experiences and expectations. In light of the mix of difference and similarity our meeting yielded some possibilities to improve our working relationships. We also shared a variety of ideas for other joint ventures in the future. Though not a decision-making meeting we did come away with some small, practical follow-up steps for various boards and committees. We appreciate our rich past together and look forward to the future!

**Devotionals for 14 Scriptures:** You have one full month (October 1) to finalize your devotionals for our booklet (it is a small book thus far). Consider offering some reflections on any of the 14 scripture passages we discerned to be our top texts. Your words and thoughts will inspire and nurture our faith as we grow in unity in the Body.

**The September envelope offering** is designated for Mennonite Women USA's International Women's Fund. "Scholarships help women around the world receive training for church leadership. Referrals are received from agencies and conferences related to Mennonite Church USA. We feel it is important to train women to be spiritual mentors." Currently this fund is supporting 20 Anabaptist women worldwide. To learn more go to <https://mennonitewomenusa.org/ministries/iwf/>. Please join us in supporting this ministry that is touching so many lives throughout the world. To take part in these special monthly offerings, please use the brown envelope found in your church mail box or give your gift directly to LeAnn Kaufman, MW Treasurer.

**PATHWAYS study coming in September!** From the Future Church Summit that happened at the delegate assembly in Orlando in 2017, Mennonite Church USA is encouraging all churches to study the *Pathways* curriculum that endeavors to move us forward as a church. At Salem-Zion, we will have a series of Wednesday night meetings where we will look at this together (**Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26**) and then on Sunday mornings, we will be highlighting the themes from the previous week.

There is still time to register for the **Central Plains Women's Retreat** at Swan Lake Christian Camp, September 15 & 16, 2018! Heather Coaster Goertzen will speak on the theme "Empowered, Embodied, Beloved". Come to listen, reflect, and celebrate each other as women of faith. Cost: \$95 which includes meals, camp fees and women retreat expenses. See poster and registration forms in the narthex. You can also find details of the weekend on the Facebook page [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CPMWOMEN](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CPMWOMEN). Registration due September 7.

**August Offerings and Gifts:** Household Treasury - \$18,173.55 (includes an estate gift); Bearcat Avenue - \$350.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund from Mennonite Aid - \$8,000.00; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,540.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$1,223.00; Mennonite Central Committee - \$50.00.

### **Community Connections**

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**The Et Cetera Shoppe** is looking for people interested in continuing our tradition of making loom rugs from items that would otherwise be discarded. Weaving is a great job for anyone who enjoys working with their hands, or being crafty with fabric. A rug can usually be made in 3-4 hours. This is a flexible position, and can be done when other volunteers are around to visit with, or during quiet times when you just want to listen to music! The strips are already cut and sewn together, all we need is someone to weave them! To express interest, call the shop at 925-7098 or stop in and visit with the manager on duty.

#### **Practicing the Peace of Christ:**

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.  
- Apostle Paul (Romans 12:18)

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