



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

September 22, 2019

Walking in Step with the Spirit!

“If we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit.” - Galatians 5:25

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Fugue in G-minor* Jean Charpentier

Welcome and Call to Worship Elizabeth Janssen

L: A mighty wind has blown,

P: And tongues of fire have danced!

L: The Spirit is with us,

P: Just as Jesus promised.

L: God’s Spirit moves among us and gathers us together.

P: God’s Spirit gives us power and calls us to serve the world.

ALL: God’s Spirit is poured out upon us. Worship God with joy!

Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

* Hymn of Praise – *I sing the mighty power of God* HWB #46

Greetings and Announcements

Children’s Story Mary Mannes

Offering our gifts – Student Tuition Sharing Fund

Offertory – *Duke Street* arr. Charles Ore

* Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #119) & Offertory Prayer

HEARING GOD’S WORD

* Hearing the Gospel John 3:5-8

Special Music Austin Unruh

Hearing the Scripture Galatians 5:13-26

Sermon – “Walking in step with the Spirit” Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *O breath on me, O breath of God* SJ #46

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *How firm a foundation* HWB #567

* Benediction

Postlude – *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Jeffrey Blersch

* 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

Keeping in step with the Spirit is both our hope and our prayer. What does it mean to walk in the Spirit or by the Spirit, as opposed to our own stroll through life. Today we are invited to enter more deeply into the Holy Spirit’s presence and activity in our lives. We welcome Pastor Nick from South Church as he preaches. We are so glad you have decided to worship with us.

Greeters: Arianna and Alea Miller; **Organist:** Dan Graber

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

“Celebrating Giving”

The offering received this morning is for the Student Tuition Sharing Fund. This fund assists families in our congregation with tuition to Freeman Academy and other Mennonite educational institutions. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

NEXT SUNDAY – Sept. 29

Next Sunday we will reflect on **Caring Groups** and our theme is: “*A Time to Give and Receive.*” The texts are Psalm 133, Acts 4:32-35 and Ephesians 4:4-6, 11-13. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Greeters: Liam Ortman and Sam Waltner; **Organist:** Lisa Kaufman; **Special Music:** LeRoy Epp, Nathan & Sheila Epp family; **Offering:** Bethany Food Pantry

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 29 – Cemetery tour & ice cream social at Salem-Zion at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 6 – Packing MCC School Kits in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 6 – World Wide Communion Sunday

Oct. 6 – A Community Prayer Meeting for our farmers and the fall harvest will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Historic Bethel Church on the Freeman Academy campus.

Oct. 27 – Harvest Mission Festival at Salem-Zion. Jerrell or Jane Ross Richer will be sharing. Jerrell is an economics professor at Goshen College and also works with Mennonite Mission Network in Ecuador.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Clara Graber had surgery last Sunday to help a blocked artery in her abdomen. She was able to come home on Monday and is recovering well.

- Dorothy Preheim's sister Donna Koerner died suddenly on Sunday night. Donna's funeral was on Saturday.
- Janette Epp was admitted to the Freeman Hospital for a few days with Bronchial Pneumonia.
- A group of willing helpers helped to clean up some fallen trees on the yard of Nathan Schrag on Thursday.
- Pastor Corey and Nancy are visiting Rachel and listening to a choir concert this weekend in Kansas.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Joyce Schrag.
- neighbors near and far that have had damage done to their yard, homes and farms from the recent storms.
- the women's retreat that is being held at Swan Lake Christian Camp. Pray for renewal and encouragement.
- Dorothy Preheim in the loss of her sister.
- Clara, Janette, Robin and Dean as they recover from illness and surgeries.

Remember to thank God for:

- the ways that Mennonite Disaster Service helps with God's healing and hope through cleanup and recovery.

Coming Soon: Caring Groups

The deacons and Pastor Corey have been reflecting on how we can increase our care for each other as a church and have decided to launch a renewed attempt at having Caring Groups within Salem-Zion. In your mailboxes are brochures that outline the rationale and process of Caring Groups at Salem-Zion. Please read over and prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Tending to our relationships will bear fruit and enhance our ministry.

Mark your calendars for 6:30pm, Sunday September 29. The MYF/youth group and Sunday Evening Fellowship are organizing a **cemetery tour followed by our traditional MYF homemade ice cream social.** The youth group and leaders are planning some games and entertainment meanwhile those interested are invited to the SZ cemetery for storytelling and reminiscing.

The Turner County Fair Booth books are now complete and the booth has netted over \$7,597.00 for the Youth Group. Thank you to everyone who helped make the year a success. - The Fair Booth Committee

MCC School kits will be packed Sunday morning, October 6. We would like to start assembling kits at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall and would welcome adult help.

During the next three weeks we would like to **collect feminine hygiene items for girls in the local schools.** Please place items in the white collection box in the women's coatroom by October 13. We are looking for tampons and pads. These items will be shared with Marion School, Freeman Public and Freeman Academy. Thank you for showing care to the young women of our community in this way.

This past summer Salem-Zion took part in a ministry in Sioux Falls called **Laundry with Love.** We are looking for someone to take responsibility for this new ministry. The right person will make contact with this ministry, will coordinate when Salem-Zion goes to serve and will plan the meal and create a sign-up sheet. If this sounds like something you'd like to take on, please contact Elizabeth Janssen to volunteer or to ask more questions.

Praying for the Holy Spirit: *"Come Holy Spirit, Come. Fill the hearts of thy faithful people and kindle in us the fire of thy love."*

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, Sept. 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend. The education topic for this month is titled "Alley Cropping: why and how; my limited experiences." Paul Ortman describes his experience of growing two or more crops in the same field in narrow strips -- alley cropping.

The Freeman Junior College and Freeman Academy Corporation will hold its annual meeting on **Tuesday, September 24, 2019** in the Pioneer Hall Dining Hall. The business meeting will begin at **7:00 p.m.** with reports from the 2018-19 fiscal year. Time will again be allowed for discussion about the Corporation's relationship to the Heritage Hall Museum and Archives. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. All constituents are encouraged to attend.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for information regarding MCC's **South Texas Borderlands learning tour**, November 3-8.

Trusting God's Peace with Enemies: *"How different the peace of God from that of the world! It calms the passions, preserves the purity of the conscience, is inseparable from righteousness, unites us to God and strengthens us against temptations. The peace of the soul consists in an absolute resignation to the will of God."* - Francois Fenelon

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