Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

"Humble Yourselves"
October 26, 2025

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude/Gathering Music — Kaye Waltner

Choral Call to Worship – *Let Us Build a House* (VT #36) — Chancel Choir

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 65) — Nathan Epp

L: Praise is due to you O God in Zion!
P: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
L: Happy are those who come near to live in the Lord's courts.
P: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple.
L: By awesome deeds, you answer us with deliverance O God of our salvation.
ALL: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth!

Prayer of Invocation

* Singing our Praise – *God, Whose Giving* — VT #745

Greeting each other

Children's Story — Laura Hofer

Peace Lamp

Offering – Household Treasury
Offertory

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing the Old and New Testament — Joel 2:23-32, II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Anthem – *When the Poor Ones* (arr. Cherwien) — Chancel Choir

* Hearing the Gospel — Luke 18:9-14

Sermon – "Have mercy on me, a *right*-eous person" — S. Roy Kaufman

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Response Song – *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* — VT #156

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Sending Song – *How Can We Be Silent* — VT #790

* Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We welcome S. Roy Kaufman to the pulpit this morning. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. Welcome!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury** (the Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 offerings were switched).

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages
10:30am – Worship Service
2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service
7:00pm – Swiss Choral rehearsal

The Administrative Board would like to call a **special congregational meeting today immediately following the worship service** in regards to the possibility of putting A/C in the sanctuary. An informational handout was emailed this past week and printed copies are available in the narthex.

THIS WEEK

Corey and Nancy will return from vacation on Monday evening, October 27.
Oct. 29 (Wed) – Children's Choir, 6:15-6:45pm
Oct. 31 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – November 2

Our annual Harvest Mission Festival will be hosted at Salem-Zion Mennonite next Sunday, November 2. Our special speaker is Linda Shelly, recently retired Mennonite Mission Network director for Latin America. Known for her gift of connecting people, churches, and ministries, Linda's remarkable 44-year career is marked by fostering partnerships, empowering local leadership, and advancing peace, justice, and theological education across Latin America. Linda will speak to the youth during our SS hour at 9:30am, preach in our worship service at 10:30am, and enjoy a fellowship meal at noon. During the SS hour for all adults, Tim Eisenbeis will lead a discussion of listening for God's call in local missions. In the evening at 7:00pm, Linda will speak again and we will surround our worship with special music and children's voices. Salem Mennonite is warmly invited to all these services. An offering will be received on Sunday morning for Mennonite Mission Network.

Our church will be providing the noon fellowship meal for the Harvest Mission Festival this year. The potluck committee would appreciate your participation in bringing a dish or two in bigger quantities so we have plenty for everyone, since Salem Mennonite will be joining us. We look forward to great fellowship and food to nurture us all! If you have further questions, contact Linda Graber or Anita Eisenbeis. Thank you!

COMING EVENTS

November 5 – End-of-year reports due to the church office
December 1 – Yearbook deadline

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to pray for:
- young college-age individuals in our congregation: Liam Ortman.
- the work of the relief, mission and service organizations connected to our denomination and conference and for the big and small ways that we each find to live out our common call to serve the least and the most forgotten among us.

For anyone who would still like to donate to **Freeman Academy's Fall Church Drive**, please help yourself to a self-addressed envelope in the card rack in the narthex. Make checks payable to "Freeman Academy" and include "Salem-Zion" in the memo line. Donations are also accepted online at freemanacademy.org. See Will or Sherilyn Ortman with questions, and thanks to all who have participated!

The **Outreach & Service team has donated** $1,000 to the Freeman ministerium, $1,000 to MCC for food in Gaza and $200 to Global Gospel Books.

October 31 is the last day of our church fiscal year. Thanks be to God for all the generous gifts that have been graciously given this year!

Estelle Waltner is organizing a food drive for the **Bethany Food Pantry** for the Thanksgiving season, seeking monetary donations with which to purchase items. Donations can be made by cash or check (made out to Estelle) by November 5 so that she can have the food ordered by Thanksgiving pickup time. Please contact Estelle if you have questions: (605) 310-3424, or ecwaltner23@gmail.com.

Summary minutes from the last Deacons' meeting have been posted in the narthex. The financial report for the **SD MCC Relief Sale** for the past fiscal year is also available in the narthex.

Greetings from Bethesda Mennonite Church. We have heard that the **MCC Meat Canner** is not going to be making a stop this year in South Dakota. In response to that, we at Bethesda would be happy to invite you to come down and lend a hand at our canner this year. Dates are November 21-22, 24-25. As far as housing is concerned, York is nearby with plenty of hotels as well as the many family connections that exist between our communities. Contact person for the Canner is Jay Dee Janzen. Phone number 402-362-0512 (cell). You may

call or text. Please leave a message if no answer. You could also contact the Bethesda Church Office 402-723-4562 and leave a message there and they can relay the information to Jay Dee.

To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!

Community Connections

"No Other Land" will be shown this afternoon, Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3pm at the Prairie Arboretum Visitors Center, Freeman SD. It is an Academy Award-winning documentary showcasing the forced displacement of the native Palestinians by the Israeli government in the West Bank. Hosted by the Freeman Network for Justice and Peace, part 4 of an on-going series titled "Challenging the Myth of the Israel Palestine Narrative: A Community Conversation." We recommend minimum age of 16 years and older due to nature of content. Free event, all are welcome. For additional information please call/text Shakil Hafiz at 630-329-7610. Previous events on this series are recorded and available at youtube.com/@FreemanNetworkJusticePeace.

Rural Revival will meet on Tuesday, October 28 at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Freeman Academy continues its tradition of community service on November 14 by **raking leaves** for members of the community who are in most need of help with fall clean up. Students and staff will bundle up before visiting about 12-15 yards. To request assistance at your home, please call the school office at (605) 925-4237.

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Journey helps participants nurture their leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and experienced facilitators. The Winter 2026 cohort begins Jan. 23; those who apply by Nov. 14 can save $100! ambs.edu/journey

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