



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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August 16, 2020 South Church Worship

I. HEARING GOD'S WORD

(9:15-9:30) Gathering

- <https://zoom.us/j/278905019>
- Or phone call-in # (312) 626-6799 and Meeting ID: 278 905 019
- One-Tab Mobile (iPhone) +16699009128,,278905019#

Prelude "The God of Abraham Praise" – arr. Hopson

Choral Call to Worship "Awake my Soul and Sing"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn "Listen God is Calling" – STJ #42
Men's Quintet from Peace Lutheran Church, Alexandria, VA

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading I Thessalonians 5:16-18 & Psalms 118:1

Sermon "Does the Heart Have Ears?"

III. COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR POLLY CARLSON

Greetings and Sharing from Polly

Service of Commissioning HWB #796 in unison

Commissioning Prayer

Musical Response "My Soul is filled With Joy" – STJ #13
Catechism class of 2015

IV. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- ❖ **Worship Offering – Mennonite Mission Network**
- ❖ **Sunday School Offering – Freeman Ministerial**

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

V. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

“Thuma mina” – HWB #434

Spoken Benediction

Choral Benediction

“This Day”

Postlude

“O Worship the King – arr. Harmon”

Worship Leader: Cal Graber; **Speaker:** Pastor Bob; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ), Ladies’ Ensemble, Catechism Class of 2015 (Polly Carlson, Ryan Haggerty, Sarah Miller & Hannah Yoder)

WORSHIP OFFERING

Worship Offering Next Sunday (8/23)

Central Plains Mennonite Conference

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Offering Next Sunday (8/23)

Swan Lake Christian Camp

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

For the next few weeks, we will be collecting coins for MCC’s “My Coins Count”. There are containers on the table with the other offering plates for your coins.

Open House, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – The family of Jerome Waltner invites you to a Celebration of Life at the Prairie Arboretum. Please come for a time of visiting with his family. Snacks will be served.

Sunday, August 16, 5:30 PM Central Time - The website of First Mennonite Church of Berne, Indiana, will feature Jamie Cressman, Lefty and JoAnn Ries' son-in-law, as he shares a testimony of his cancer journey. You'll be able to access the service in the "Watch Services Online" section at firstmennonite.org. Jamie was diagnosed with cancer just over a year ago and his experiences are also documented on Caring Bridge at caringbridge.org/visit/jamiecressman.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (19th), 7:00 – Zoom Deacon Board Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, August 23

If you are one who is at high risk, you aren't feeling well, or you just don't feel comfortable coming, don't. You can continue worshipping with us on Zoom. Information on how to join us is listed under **HEARING GOD'S WORD.**

Speaker: Pastor David; **Worship Leader:** Norm Kaufman; **Musicians:** Linda Schrag (piano)

COMING EVENTS

August 28 & 29 – Church reserved for Katelyn Graber & Luke Hurley wedding

August 30 – Zoom only worship service

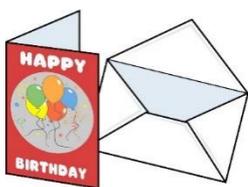
September 2 – Monthly Day of Prayer and Fasting

September 4 & 5 – Church reserved for Audrey Graber & Jose Alonso wedding

September 6 – Zoom only worship service

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Pastor David's office hours will be Monday, August 17, 9 a.m. – Noon. After that time, his hours will be Wednesday – Friday, 9:300 – Noon. These hours will be subject to change. He would welcome visitors anytime during those hours.



It has been suggested that we remember the birthdays of our members who are in care facilities or those who need to stay in their home during this time. Below you will find the list of birthdays for August and September along with their addresses.

August

12th James Merk – Firesteel Healthcare Community, ATTN: James Merk, 1120 East 7th St. Mitchell, SD 57301

24th Don Waltner, 6321 North 70th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68104

25th Bonita Tieszen, Salem Mennonite Home, 106 W. 7th St., Freeman, SD 57029

September

21st Karl Tieszen, Salem Mennonite Home, 106 W. 7th St., Freeman, SD 57029

Windows 20 – The Trustees are looking for 4 or 5 volunteers to help with a window project at the parsonage. We have some new weather-stripping and mechanisms to install while also cleaning all the windows. There is no scheduled date yet but we hope to get it done in the next week or two. We will schedule when we have the group put together. Thank you as you consider helping.

Richard Graber has moved from Yankton to Sioux Falls. His new address is Richard Graber, c/o Volunteers of America (VOA), 4322 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Sioux Falls 57107. Thank you to Rodney Waltner and Tex for assisting with the move.

Our South Church Department of Christian Formation looks forward to the start of the fall Sunday School quarter. While our classes will not be taking place in a traditional, on-site setting at this time, we will be utilizing a variety of opportunities to foster the faith formation and spiritual growth of children and adults. Watch for more details coming next week!

Our church is blessed to have three young people from our congregation who desire to hold their wedding ceremonies in our sanctuary. The Church Council has decided that each Sunday after a Saturday wedding, we will host a ZOOM ONLY church service. The dates for ZOOM ONLY services will be on August 30, September 6, and September 27.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of MCC, and to continue the important services MCC provides, the Mission and Service Team is asking the congregation to help with providing supplies for 100 Relief or Hygiene kits. You can participate by purchasing supplies or donating money to purchase supplies. A list of kit contents is on the narthex table. Boxes are set out for your donations. Monetary gifts may be given to Chris Eisenbeis, designated for "MCC Kits". Thank you for Visit mcc.org for more information.

Dear Salem Mennonite Church Members, In our "new normal world" we at the Yankton Area Banquet wish to thank you very much for providing food for our kitchen staff to prepare carry out meals for our guests on July 16. They enjoyed the hospitality very much! In God's Peace, Julie Stevens

The music committee will continue to use recorded music at this time for the worship services. If anyone has a request or would like to submit a recording for special music, please contact Kathy Kleinsasser.

If any church committee uses a room at church for a meeting, they need to communicate this date to Amy.

Please remember that the church offices are not accessible at this time. If you need something (ie. copies), please come during office hours (Wed. – Fri. 9:30-12:30).

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m., August 24 in the Upper Meeting Room of the Et Cetera Shoppe in Freeman. All are welcome to attend.

We join the family of Casey Osborne in offering thanks to God and celebrating the cancer-free PET scan results that Casey received earlier this month! While Casey will continue to have regular follow-up appointments, he has completed chemotherapy and is no longer considered immunocompromised. Casey is the college-aged son of Mark and Liz (Preheim) Osborne. Read more about Casey's cancer journey at caringbridge.org/visit/caseyosborne.

A Freeman Academy Opening Convocation and picnic will be held on August 23 at 6:00 pm on the lawn south of Sterling Hall on the Freeman Academy campus. Due to the pandemic, the picnic and program will be open to Freeman Academy families and students only. There will be a short program involving the introduction of staff, new families and their students, the presentation of 2020-2021 scholarships, and recognition of the 2019-2020 eighth grade graduates. Freeman Academy would like to ask the extended community to continue to pray for the opening of the school and for the safety of all of our students. We look forward to connecting with our wonderful and supportive community at future events.

Share your 2020 experiences! Heritage Hall Museum & Archives is seeking stories on life during these changing times as part of Anabaptist History Today, a collaborative Anabaptist storytelling project. Sixteen Anabaptist-related archives and history organizations from across North America are participating in this project and we would like to have representation from the Anabaptist groups here in the Great Plains states. Upload videos, audio recordings, photos, journal entries, artwork, poetry and personal reflections at <https://aht.libraryhost.com/s/archive/page/share-your-story>.

MCC is hosting virtual alumni gatherings for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe & Middle East and Africa. And you are invited! Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Find out specific dates, times and register at mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings. Questions? Please contact heidihuber@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
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