



# Salem Mennonite Church

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## **I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

(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**

“Fantasy on Holy, Holy, Holy”- Post

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!” – HWB #120

**Welcome & Greeting One Another**

## **II. HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture**

Colossians 3:12-17

**Sermon**

“Layers of Life Choices”

**Worship Music**

“The Perfect Wisdom of our God” –arr. Shackley

## **III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST**

**Announcements & Offerings**

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for Ecuador Partnership
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is Camper Scholarships
- **Children’s Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

**Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

## **IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Closing Hymn**

“Help us to Help Each Other” – HWB #362

**Spoken Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Trumpet Tune in E Flat” - Thewes

**Greeters:** David Graber & Barb Yoder; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); **Special Music:** Ladies' Ensemble; **Worship Leader:** Norm Kaufman; **Speaker:** Gene Miller; **Coffee:** Class Conference Room Class

## THE CHURCH AT WORK

### TODAY

**We welcome all** who are worshipping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

### THIS WEEK

**Wed. (22<sup>nd</sup>), 7:00 p.m.** – Ash Wednesday Service. Come receive a blessing as we prepare for the Lenten season.

**6:20 p.m.** – Handbells

**6:30 p.m.** – Youth Group

**7:30 p.m.** – Chancel Choir

**8:30 p.m.** – Men's Choir

### NEXT SUNDAY, February 26

**Speaker:** Gene Miller; **Worship Leader:** Cal Graber; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); **Special Music:** Men's Choir; **Greeters:** David & Cindy Graber; **Coffee:** Class Conference Room Class

**Worship offering** is for Swan Lake Christian Camp

**Sunday school offering** is for Community Gardens

**Children's Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

**6:00 p.m.** – The Deacon Board is hosting a Welcome for Pastor Gene with fellowship and games. A light meal will be provided. Please bring a sweet or savory snack to share. If you have a favorite game, please bring that as well.

### COMING EVENTS

**February 27** – Mission & Service Meeting

**March 6** – Deacon Board Meeting

**March 9** – Church Council Meeting

### SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

**We rejoice in the birth** of Elias Hobbs Hattervig on February 5 to Katherine & Levi Hattervig. Norm & Karen Kaufman are grandparents.

**Once again Dennis Wollman has gifted us** with several jars of jelly. They are on the table in the narthex. If you take one, please consider sending a thank you note to Dennis at PO Box 400, Freeman.

**Peggy Waltner, Bible Study Coordinator** and Lois Janzen Preheim will be leading four session Bible Study groups in the coming months. MennoMedia is developing an Anabaptist Community Bible commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist movement in 2025. They are using the Common English translation; this Bible will contain annotations that the study groups will be writing as they meet together and discuss a passage assigned to them from the Old Testament, New Testament and a Psalm or Proverb. More information will be coming. Please sign-up in the narthex for these study groups by the end of February; we encourage you to consider meeting with people who you do not know as well. This will be a great opportunity to build community through studying Scripture together.

**Everence College Scholarship Deadline**, Everence offers college scholarship opportunities for its members. Eligible students may be chosen to receive scholarships of \$3000, \$2000 or \$1000 for the coming academic year. Applications will be accepted through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Visit [everence.com/scholarships](http://everence.com/scholarships) for more information.

**Gene feels the way he can** get to know you best is by visiting you in your home. If you would welcome a visit from him on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, please give him a call to set something up. His number is 330-749-1290.

### **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**Rural Revival will meet** on Monday, February 27, at 7:30 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are invited to attend.

**The February edition** of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC.

**Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3EboHDz>

**Sponsored by South Dakota Arts Council and Dr. Donald Schenk**, join Freeman Academy for Maggie in the Meantime on Sunday, February 26th at 2PM at Salem Zion Mennonite Church. Founded in September of 2009 in Sioux Falls, SD and inspired by Celtic and folk forms both old and new, Maggie In the Meantime is a blend of ballad, folk and storytelling that gives these master-level musicians a broad appeal. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15. Kids 10 and under are free. Funds raised will benefit Freeman Academy.

**People from three villages in Ukraine** came to South Dakota in 1874. People from one village traveled to Central Kansas. The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association was initiated in 1983 and was supported by Kansas churches and Salem and Salem-Zion Churches. The first board had representatives from churches. Attending board meetings would have been difficult for South Dakota folks. But now we have Zoom and the possibility of connecting better with our relatives from Salem and Salem-Zion descendants. Board members make decisions about activities enjoyed by Schweitzers and others, telling our stories, taking care of our properties and South Dakota board members could share their perspectives. In August of 2024, we will be celebrating 150 years since our ancestors came to the U.S. so board members can be involved in this planning. Also we need young people to get involved in this ongoing story. Look around to consider those who have interest in history and genealogy who you might encourage to become a part of the SMCHA board and then inform our nominating committee. (If not this year, maybe next year. Thanks for acknowledging our important connections. – Kathy Goering [kjgo@mtelco.net](mailto:kjgo@mtelco.net))

### **SCHMECKFEST NOTES**

**Kuchen making days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the dining hall.** If you have glass pie plates we can borrow, please bring them, clearly labeled. We ask that you bring a sack lunch and join us for all or part of the day. Thank you!

**Cheese Pocket Making Days Planned for Schmeckfest:** Cheese pockets for the 2023 Schmeckfest Country Kitchen will be made on Friday afternoon and Saturday, February 24 & 25, in the Pioneer Hall Dining Room. Plans are to begin at 3:30 p.m. on Fridays and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Please bring a sack lunch on Saturdays. Join the volunteer crew for a great time of work and fellowship and learn how this ethnic favorite is made. Watch the *Courier* or Freeman Academy websites for weather cancellation.

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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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Gene Miller, Interim Pastor, 330-749-1290  
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331