



# Salem Mennonite Church

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Mennonite Church USA

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**February 4, 2024**

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## **I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

- <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** "Prelude and Fugue in G minor"—J.S. Bach

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome & Greeting One Another**

**Opening Hymn** "Lord Jesus Christ, be present now"—HWB #22

## **II. HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture** John 1:35-51

**Sermon** "Cynicism Meets Enthusiasm"

**Hymn of Response** "My life flows on"—HWB #580

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

**Announcements & Offerings**

- Today's **Worship offering**: MennoMedia
- Today's **Sunday school offering**: Salem Sunday School
- **Children's Offering**: Hope Harbor

**Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

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

**Closing Hymn** "Bless'd be the tie that binds"—HWB #421

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "In Thee Lord, Have I Put my Trust"—J.C. Bach

**Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollman; **Worship Leader:** Lee Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); **Speaker:** Nathan Epp; **Coffee:** Northeast #14

## 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.

**6:00 p.m.** – Bible Study

### THIS WEEK

**Tues. (6<sup>th</sup>)** – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **7:30 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>
- **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504 **Passcode:** prayer2020
- One tap mobile +13462487799,,85365395504# US (Houston)
- Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504

**Wed. (7<sup>th</sup>), 6:30 p.m.** – Handbells

**7:30 p.m.** – Chancel Choir

**8:30 p.m.** – Men's Choir

**Thurs. (8<sup>th</sup>)** – Serving at the Yankton Banquet

**Sat. (10<sup>th</sup>)** – Fellowship Hall Reserved

### NEXT SUNDAY, February 11

**Speaker:** Lois J. Preheim; **Worship Leader:** Paul Balzer; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollman; **Coffee:** Class #14

**Worship Offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference

**Sunday school Offering:** Gideons

**Children's Offering:** Hope Harbor

**6:00 p.m.** – Bible Study

### COMING EVENTS

**February 12** – Deacon Board Meeting

**February 16** – Fellowship Hall Reserved

**February 18** – Installation Service for Pastor Spencer

**February 25** – Fellowship Hall Reserved (MEDA Presentation)

### SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

**Pastor Spencer and Renee will need help** unloading the contents of the moving van into the parsonage the afternoon of Thursday, February 15. The specific time will be determined as they travel here. Please contact Cheryl Gering if you can help.

**We would like to bless the Bradfords** with a grocery/kitchen shower so that they will have some pantry items available upon their arrival on Thursday, February 15. **A parsonage preview is planned for Wednesday, February 14 from 5-7 pm.** Please enter through the garage and leave your shoes there before entering the parsonage. You can bring your grocery/kitchen items at that time, OR bring items to church on Sunday, Feb. 11 if you aren't able to attend the preview event. The Bradfords like to cook from scratch and shared a few of the items that they use most often. Here are some suggested items: flour tortillas, tortilla chips, canned black beans, chili beans, mild salsa, canned albacore tuna, frozen vegetables: peas, broccoli, green beans, various pasta, paper plates, towels, napkins, cups. Please contact Vernetta Waltner if you have any questions or concerns.

**Bible Study Sundays** will be February 4, 11 and 18 at 6 p.m. We will be watching and discussing Battle for the Bible DVD which explores the dramatic, violent and world-shaking story of the most famous and widely-read book in history-the Bible in English.

**A letter from Oyate Concern** is posted on the bulletin board.

**If you want to contribute** to the groceries for the Banquet on February 8, please give your money to Lee Brockmueller.

**Everence College Scholarships.** Everence offers college scholarship opportunities for you or your children. Eligible students can be chosen to receive scholarships of \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 for the coming academic year. Applications are accepted through Feb. 28. Visit [everence.com/college-scholarships](http://everence.com/college-scholarships) to download the application.

**If anyone from Salem Mennonite Church** has a project that could benefit from the Endowment Fund, the Endowment Fund Team will be accepting Grant Applications during the month of March. Application forms may be obtained by asking any Endowment Fund Team member or the church office. Please consider this opportunity to further the outreach of our church. Total 2023 Endowment Fund earnings were approximately \$29,000. We would like to retain some of the 2023 earnings to help recover 2022 Endowment Fund losses. Therefore total funds available for distribution in 2024 are anticipated to be in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 range. Janver Stucky, Endowment Fund Team Chairman

## **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, February 14, 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

**We're excited!** In 2022, Et Cetera Shoppe sent a new record of \$45,000 to benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee around the world. In 2023....we were able to send **\$60,000!** It has been exciting to be able to make such a meaningful contribution to a worldwide mission, as well as to provide a beautiful and friendly place for community members on a budget to find affordable clothing and household items. What makes this possible? Your donations! A thrift shop can only be as good as the donations it receives. As we enter a new year, we invite you to consider First Fruits giving to our work. Donate your best! Some of the things we are continually in need of include furniture pieces that are clean and in sturdy condition, and good condition children's clothing in sizes 5-18. (We accept many, many other things as well!) In September we will celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> birthday – come join our team of volunteers in time to celebrate with us!

## **SCHMECKFEST NOTES**

**FA Noodle Making Days Planned:** Join the volunteer crew to make noodles for the 2024 Schmeckfest meal and Country Kitchen on Saturday, February 10 in the Pioneer Hall dining room. Plans are to begin at 9:00 a.m. Snow date is Monday, February 12. A great time of work and fellowship for folks of all ages! A pizza lunch is provided. Watch the *Courier* or Freeman Academy websites for weather cancellation.

**Cheese pockets for the 2024 Schmeckfest Country Kitchen** will be made on Friday afternoon and Saturday, Feb. 16 & 17, and Feb. 23 & 24, in the Pioneer Hall Dining Room. Plans are to begin at 3:30 pm on Fridays and 9:00 am 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.

**Schmeckfest is scheduled March 15-16** and South Church is responsible for getting some volunteers in the kitchen and/or bring food for the meal. There are sign-up sheets on the table in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Kleinsasser or Debra Schmeichel. Thank you!

**Kuchen will be made for Schmeckfest** on March 1 & 2. More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

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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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Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331