



Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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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 "We Three Kings" – J.H. Hopkins/arr. Haan
"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" – JC Bach/arr. Edwards

Choral Call to Worship "For Unto us a Child is Born"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn "O God, our Help in Ages Past" – MH #84

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hearing the Word

**Isaiah 43:18-19; II Corinthians 5:17
Philippians 3:13; Psalm 65:11**

Sermon: "The Past and the Present"

Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" – MH #534

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering** is for Mennonite Mission Network
- Today's **Sunday school offering** is for Camper Scholarships
- **Children's Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spoken Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

Closing Choral Anthem

"Hallelujah Chorus"

Worship Leader: LaVonne Brockmueller; **Speaker:** Pastor David; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ), Selections from the 2017 Swiss Choral Society performance of G.F. Handel's "Messiah", under the direction of Dan Graber

WORSHIP OFFERING

Worship Offering Next Sunday (1/17)

AMBS/EMS

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Offering Next Sunday (1/17)

Freeman Academy

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning both in person and on Zoom!

THIS WEEK

Tues. (12th), 9:00 a.m. – Pastor Congregation Team Meeting at LaVonne's house.

Wed. (13th), 7:00 p.m. – Youth Bible Study
7:30 p.m. – Christian Formation Meeting

Thurs. (14th), 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

Fri.-Sun. (15th-17th) – Junior High Retreat

NEXT SUNDAY, January 17

Speaker: Pastor David; **Worship Leader:**; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh

COMING EVENTS

January 19 – Worship Planning Meeting

January 21 – Mission & Service Meeting

January 22-24 – Senior High Camp

January 27 – Youth Bible Study

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

If you would like to take a meal to Kaye and Terry, please follow the link to sign up for a time that works for you. You can contact Peggy Waltner if you have any questions (925-7647). www.TakeThemAMeal.com/EFJM1254 If you know of someone else that might like to take them a meal, please share the link with them.

If you plan to be in church for in-person worship, please remember to bring your own mask, we can't continue to depend on masks from MDS.

Recently Murray Ries announced that he will be retiring from the South Church organ schedule. Through the decades, Murray has shared his rich musical gifts with many capacities at South Church. On behalf of the organists, we wish to express our deepest appreciation to Murray for sharing his time and talents that have enhanced South Church worship music. We wish Murray and Emily God's Blessings upon retirement.

From the Mission and Service Team: Thank you to the congregation for helping us achieve our mission and service goal of providing 100 MCC relief and hygiene kits during MCC's centennial year! Through your generosity, we were able to exceed our goal and donate 109 kits, including 30 relief kits and 79 hygiene kits. In addition, South Church members also generously donated 53 school kits and 48 relief quilts/comforters in 2020. Thank you so much for your generosity!

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.

January

5th – Peter Preheim, PO Box 25, Marion, SD 57043

14th – JoAnn Kaufman, Oakview Terrace, PO Box 370, Freeman, SD 57029

26th – Rita Graber, Salem Mennonite Home, 106 W. 7th St. Freeman, SD 57029

27th – Ione Tieszen, PO Box 395, Freeman, SD 57029

COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Freeman Academy Open Houses: Parents of future Kindergarten through grade 11 students are invited to open houses at Freeman Academy on Jan. 15 or Feb. 5 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Families have two flexible visit options. **One:** drop in, visit with Enrollment Director Lynnelle Allison, and get grade-specific information. **Two:** Contact Lynnelle (lallison@FreemanAcademy.org) three days prior to the open house to arrange a tour and schedule visits with specific teachers. All guests must wear masks. For more information call 605-925-4237.

We all have a story to tell. Learn how to tell yours well by attending a series of webinars called "Remembering your story: creating your own spiritual autobiography," starting January 12 at 7:00pm. For more information about this and other upcoming webinars (and the zoom link), visit our website, centralplainsmc.org

MCC Webinars on Service Opportunities: Are you ready to step out and into service? To spend a year serving abroad or the summer serving your church or a local community organization? Check out the webinars happening this winter that will introduce these MCC service opportunities to you! Learn more at mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities.

The shocking images from the capital on January 6th are reminders to us of what happens when people put their faith in political leaders. In this election (like in all elections) many of us have mixed feelings about the results. But our hope as followers of Jesus is not found in the powers and empires of our world. We are, first and foremost, citizens of a heavenly kingdom, following the servant king who calls us to work for peace, justice and reconciliation in our world. The violence of January 6th should remind us again that we are distinct and different people in our world, and should call us to prayer and action as we seek to live into Jesus' prayer, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." I invite you to read Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA Glen Guyton's statement as well.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/glens-blog/attack-on-capitol/>

Gordon Scoville News—January, 2021

How's Gordon? He is staying the course in good spirits, while acknowledging changes and some setbacks in the progression of his CLL (Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia). Gordon calls his journey "unpredictable", (with a chuckle) "...but not doomsday yet." He is starting to use a walker to maintain balance, using a bit more oxygen, and noting enlargement of the lymph nodes under his arms. His neck and salivary glands seem more affected now, and his hospice nurse has now noticed some evidence of melanoma and probable metastasizing of the cancer. She is concerned enough to increase her visits to twice a week to monitor and assist Gordon. Your prayers, calls from 9 AM to Noon (see his cell number below), and cards continue to be important to Gordon, and are very much appreciated! He brightened up yesterday when he celebrated 16 cards received in one day last week, and was reminded that people really do love him!

Contact Information:

Gordon's new address: *Gordon Scoville, Trailer 1, 302 South State Highway 6, Milford, NE 68405. His phone number: (402)803-4326. To allow Gordon to rest in the afternoon, please call only in the mornings, from 9 to noon Central time.*

***PLEASE NOTE:** *Gordon's financial needs are much improved. If you or your congregation would like to continue Gordon's ongoing, but reduced support, please send your contributions payable to: Central Plains Mennonite Conference, P.O. Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029, and write "Benevolent Fund for GS" on the memo line.*

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am (in person & Zoom) No Sunday School at this time

Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday

Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553

David Erdman, Interim Pastor 605 350-7231

Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

Prayer concerns from the January Prayer Meeting:

- ◆ for people suffering illness, surgery, and have the on-going need for healing: Arlen Miller, Kaye Waltner, Don Waltner, Peggy Li, Ruth Preheim
- ◆ for families who have lost a loved one in the last month—Kris Carlson, Bonita Tieszen, Ray Neufeld, Lois JP
- ◆ for persons with loved ones elsewhere who need healing—Shirley Ries' concern for her nephew, Jim Epp
- ◆ for people in other Central Plains Conference churches: for Tim Detweiler and his family; for the family and congregations who were pastored by Herb Yoder
- ◆ for the return of Polly Carlson's wallet and her continued service in San Francisco
- ◆ for the search committee and prayers to the Holy Spirit to guide the right person to us
- ◆ for our pastors, Pastor Dave and Pastor Bob
- ◆ for Scripture to become an ever deepening guide and resource
- ◆ for the departments of our congregation and for new leaders as they begin another year of service in our congregation
- ◆ for the healing of our nation and for a peaceful transition of power

We began by thanking God for love, mercy, steadfast love, for creative power. We know that God can do far more than we can ask or think and that God is often going before us, cutting out a new and clear pathway. May we trust God in all our circumstances even when we struggle to understand.