



# Salem Mennonite Church

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## July 12, 2020 – South Church Worship

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### 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

“Here In This Place”  
“Be Thou My Vision”

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn

“If You Believe and I Believe” – STJ #32

### II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-22

Sermon

“Conversion Stories”

Musical Response

### III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Announcements & Offerings

- ❖ Worship Offering – AMBS/EMS
- ❖ Sunday School Offering – MDS

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

### IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sending Hymn

“I am Thine, O Lord” – HWB #505

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“Come Thou Fount”

**Worship Leader:** Brennan Waltner; **Speaker:** Pastor Corey Miller; **Musical Selections:** Brad Anderson, Kathy Kleinsasser & Libby Miller

### **WORSHIP OFFERING**

Worship Offering Next Sunday (7/19)

General Fund

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING**

Offering Next Sunday (7/19)

Camper Scholarships

### **THE CHURCH AT WORK**

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, July 19**

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.

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**Speaker:** Lois J. Preheim; **Worship Leaders:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Musical Selections:** Murray Ries (organ), Kathy Kleinsasser & Libby Miller

#### **THIS WEEK**

**Wed. (15<sup>th</sup>), 7:00 p.m.** – Deacon Board Meeting

**Thurs. (16<sup>th</sup>), 7:30 p.m.** – Christian Formation Meeting

**Thurs. (16<sup>th</sup>)** – Helping With the Yankton Banquet (see **NEWS & NOTES**)

#### **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**

**Corona virus update:** Scientists are gradually learning more about this new virus and how it spreads. It is unfortunate that some initial recommendations have since been changed. That is understandably frustrating and confusing. We were initially told that people who were not sick did not spread the virus. Studies now clearly show that was wrong, and it is now suspected that up to 50% of spread comes from infected people who don't feel sick. This means that mask wearing is more important than was initially thought. Furthermore, studies now have shown that common "non-medical" masks prevent the virus from escaping an infected person better than they keep a healthy person from inhaling virus particles that float in the air from non-mask wearing people. So we wear masks not so much to protect ourselves, but rather to keep us from spreading the virus to others, even when we may feel well. It seems to me that applying this knowledge respects the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have others do to you." Let us all do our part to keep each other safe. Dennis Ries

**While it may seem a bit ridiculous to have instructions** on where to sit in the sanctuary, it needs to happen so we can comply with the recommendations set by the Church Council and Deacon Board.

- ✓ Only the center sets of doors are to be used
- ✓ Check the bright pink "label" at the end of the pew that you enter. Please do what it says. The exception to that would be if there are only one or two people at the opposite end of the pew and you can maintain a 6' distance.

**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.

**The Yankton Banquet has changed their serving procedure** due to COVID-19. They are asking that one person deliver the food to Yankton and their volunteers will fill carry out containers. We will need bars and cookies brought to the church, and 4 people to make fruit salad at 1:00 p.m. on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Please call Debra Schmeichel (648-3430) if you are willing to help. Thank you!

**The Deacons invite the congregation** to share in a Love Offering for the Don and Sonja Waltner family to help with extra expenses that they have at this time. Along with your donations, there will be a Deacon Fund disbursement and a possible Everence match. This offering will be collected Sunday July 5-Monday July 20. The offering plate is in the foyer under the center section of windows. If you will not be present, please mail your gift to the church office or drop off there. If you write a check, please make it payable to Salem Mennonite Church, and in the memo, write "Love Offering". Thank you for your generosity.

**While the office often seems to be a free for all**, in this current situation, that is going to change. If you need access to the office, I'm asking that you come during my normal office hours. They are Wed.-Fri. 9:30-12:30. Amy

**In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Mennonite Central Committee**, our South Church Mission and Service Team would like to showcase the work of MCC from a more personal perspective throughout the remainder of the year. If you have served with MCC, we invite you to share your experiences with our church family either in person as a "mission moment" during a Sunday morning service or by writing about your time of service and providing it to the church office for inclusion in the church's "Connected" newsletter. If you are willing to participate in this project or have questions, please contact Chantel Hofer.

## **COMMUNITY AND BEYOND**

**The Et Cetera Shoppe is in need of another volunteer** to help price household items on Fridays mornings, from 10:30-12:30. We are receiving tons of donations and it takes many hands to sort through and price them all. If you enjoy rummaging, this could be a fun job for you because the variety is amazing! Call the shop at 925-7098 to express interest. Note: we are currently requiring all volunteers to wear a mask - we can give you one if you don't have your own.

**Update on Gordon Scoville:** Thank you so much for your continued care for Gordon! He commented recently—with amazement and appreciation for your cards, prayers and support—that “I am surprised! I guess the churches I served all these years still remember me, and really did find value in my ministry!” He speaks with fondness, love and concern about *your* ongoing welfare—you, “his churches”. Gordon’s health still seems mostly stable, while noting that his swallowing and breathing are increasingly impaired. He is not distressed, but resting comfortably, reading and reflecting on his life, literature, history, and world events. Gordon’s sense of humor is evident, showing just a touch of what he calls “gallows humor”—his way of laughing at his mortality, peacefully recognizing that his time is limited. Your prayers and cards are still much appreciated! (**Gordon’s amended address:** *Gordon Scoville, Apt 32, Kinship Pointe of Seward, 500 Heartland Park Drive, Seward, NE 68434.*)

**Total Receipts:** \$13,894.40 received as of July 2, 2020. Thank you so much for your help! After deducting the first check for \$1989, the current balance is \$11,905.40. **Distributions:** The first disbursement of \$1989 has been drawn from the Gordon Scoville benevolent fund, which is administered by Central Plains Mennonite Conference. This first check will supplement Gordon’s resources to help cover his July room and board at Kinship Pointe of Seward. We had planned to first draw on Gordon’s Social Security *and* disability, then supplement the balance from your generous contributions. Unfortunately, we were just informed this week that his disability has now been discontinued, since Gordon has reached full retirement age. This will mean that more of the room and board—about \$3970 will need to be covered monthly by contributions. This is extremely disappointing, but it reminds us just how critical your contributions are for his ongoing care! The joy we have in contributions to date has been that many churches and individuals feel led to assist! (His incidental expenses are being covered locally.) *If you or your congregation would like to continue Gordon’s ongoing 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.*

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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  
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553  
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331



Grounded in the words we read in Philippians 2: 3-4, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others,” **MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely.** The realities of COVID-19 continue to change but the dedication of MCC staff to work for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ continues on. Essential workers will continue to work at MCC, but the rest of the staff will work from home. Your material resource donations (school, hygiene or relief kits and comforters, details at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits)) are needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room towards the east end of the building (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> North Newton, KS 67117). In spite of the challenges from COVID-19, the global work of MCC continues. Your financial donations are needed to keep this work going. Give now at [mcc.org/donate](http://mcc.org/donate) or by sending checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. To contact staff with questions please email us at [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) or call the office 316.283.2720.

**In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> 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. **Kit contents are listed on the back.** Relief kit items will be taken to the MCC Distribution Center in Newton, KS for packaging. Hygiene kits will be assembled in fabric bags here at the church. Boxes will be set out for your donations. Monetary gifts may be given to Chris Eisenbeis, designated for “MCC Kits”. Thank you for responding to this ongoing need, especially urgent during this pandemic crisis. Visit [mcc.org](http://mcc.org) for more information.



### Hygiene Kit Contents (NEW item only)

- ❖ 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
- ❖ 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- ❖ 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- ❖ 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16" X 26")
- ❖ 1 wide toothed comb (6-8 in.)

### Relief Kit Contents (NEW item only)

- ❖ 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- ❖ Shampoo (1 of 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz.; place in a resealable plastic bag)
- ❖ 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha, Sundlight or Zote brands)
- ❖ 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- ❖ 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx.. 29" X 60")
- ❖ 2 wide-toothed combs (6-8 in.)
- ❖ 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- ❖ 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- ❖ Sanitary pads (**THIN**; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, we will provide toothpaste with the kits when they ship from our warehouse.

