



Salem Mennonite Church

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Mennonite Church USA

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Lord, Show Us What We Don't See

I. GATHERED BY THE SPIRIT

Prelude

“Savior, When in Dust to You” – Manz

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” – Bish

Invocation Hymn

“Open My Eyes, that I May See” blue HWB #517

Welcome & Call to Worship

Confession of Sin

(2x each) “Kyrie” blue HWB #152

Confession of Faith

“The Lord is My Light” green SJ #97

Hearing Scripture

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Children's Time

II. RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Hearing Scripture

John 9:1-41

Pastoral Reflection

“I am blind. Help me see clearly”

III. RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S INVITATION

Song of Response

“Open My Eyes/Abre Mis Ojos” purple SS #65

Ministry Update & Offering

Ecuador Partnership

“Lenten Meditation” - Innes

Congregational Prayers & Sharing

- ❖ We pray for the Holy Spirit of God to renew the hearts and vision of **each individual member of South Church** during this Lenten season; may Jesus Christ heal me that I may testify, “*One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see!*” (John 9:25)

- ❖ We give God thanks for the start of the **sixth year of ministry in the Ecuadoran rain forest for Jane & Jerrell Ross Richer** and we rejoice for the three January baptisms of Cofán church members in their village of Zábalo; may the indigenous church continue to be built up through the Ross Richer family's ministry that God may *"give the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ"* (2 Corinthians 4:6).
- ❖ We pray for **Ecuador Ministry Partners, Peter & Delicia Wigginton-Bravo and their young daughters Aliyah & Ariana** as they celebrate recent healing for Ariana's brain; may the years of epilepsy be finally healed and may their family receive strength to: *"approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need"* (Hebrews 4:16).

Benediction

Postlude

"Toccatà in E Minor" – Pachelbel

IV. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregational Vote

Ministerial Search Team ballot

Greeters: Chris & Carol Eisenbeis; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organ); **Song Leaders:** Mixed Octet; **Worship Leader:** Brent Mutchelknaus; **Speaker:** Pastor Nick; **Children's Time:** LaVonne Brockmueller; **Nursery:** Deb Beier; **Coffee:** Young Marrieds

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Adult S.S. Offering Today

Salem Sunday School

Offering Next Sunday

Student Tuition Sharing Fund

Children's S.S. Offering

Community Gardens

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who have come to worship with us this morning! Please take time to greet others, invite them to Sunday school, and grab some coffee.

There will be a Sunday school opening for the preschool-4th grade classes following worship.

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the morning worship service to elect the Ministerial Search Team. **The slate of candidates is:** Brad Anderson, Angie Brockmueller, Cheryle Gering, Brent Mutchelknaus, Jarrod Preheim, Amy Waltner, Audrey Waltner, Matt Waltner, Bob Wollmann

Please join us after the Sunday School hour for the annual Student Tuition Sharing Fund chili dinner. This annual fundraiser generates assistance for all of our students attending Mennonite schools at any level. There's always PLENTY of food, so don't go home - stay for homemade chili, Elizabeth Anderson's rolls, fresh colby cheese, and the ever-popular dessert buffet!

Christian Formation Team, remember to grab your bowl of chili and come to the conference for our meeting.

THIS WEEK

Tues. (3rd) – Day of Prayer & Fasting, **7:30 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting

Wed. (4th), 6:30 p.m. – Youth Supper & Games, Handbells
7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir, **8:30 p.m.** – Ladies' Ensemble

Thurs. (5th), 7:00 p.m. – Mission & Service Meeting

Sat. (7th), 10:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study at the Freeman Public Library

NEXT SUNDAY, March 8

Speaker: Pastor Nick; **Worship Leader:** Cheryle Gering; **Musicians:** Marilyn Brockmueller (organ), Handbells; **Greeters:** Chris & Carol Eisenbeis; **Offering:** Mennonite Mission Network; **Nursery:** Rachel Waltner; **Coffee:** Young Marrieds #10

COMING EVENTS

March 14 – Men's Bible Study

March 18 – Youth Supper & Bible Study

March 19 & 26 – Early Bulletin Deadline & Printing

March 20, 21 & 27, 28 - Schmeckfest

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

I would again like to thank the members of the church and community for your many acts of kindness. This journey has been a very humbling experience, and your prayers have been felt. Please continue to pray that the cancer is eradicated and that my CT scan on March 11 is clean. Thank you. Linda Graber

The Trustees are looking for several individuals who would be interested in the church's janitorial positions. Please contact one of the Trustees (Craig M., Myles M., Don W., Jeffrey P., Duane R., Rodney W.) if you have any questions or are interested in this paid position. In addition, if anyone would like to submit a lawn mowing bid for this year, please talk to Craig Miller.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will meet at 12 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in the Freeman Public Library meeting room. Anyone is welcome.

The Swan Lake Christian Camp Annual Meeting will be held March 8 at 4:00 pm. Former Camp Director Denise Nickel who served at the camp from 1980-1992 will be sharing stories of her time at Swan Lake Christian Camp. The business meeting will be followed by dinner. Please make reservations for the meal by calling 605-326-5690 or email at campoffice@myslcc.com.

Families interested in Freeman Academy's vibrant Christian education are invited to open houses on Friday, March 13, and Monday, April 20. Drop in for coffee and conversation about our caring community which provides Variable Tuition, Faith and Leadership Scholarships, and personalized lessons for students. Short tours including classroom visits are also available. Both open houses welcome guests from 9:45 am to 1 pm. Contact Enrollment Director Lynnelle Allison for more information at lallison@FreemanAcademy.org or 605.925.4237 extension 225.

Screening for incoming kindergarten students will be held March 31 at 3:45-4:45 pm in Music Hall at Freeman Academy. Parents can register their children at FreemanAcademy.org. Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2020. Class size is limited to 12 students with one teacher. For more information contact lallison@FreemanAcademy.org or 605.925.4237 extension 225.

Needed: Your 2020 Peace Mug Nominations – Know someone who has demonstrated Jesus's way of peacemaking? Nominate them for the Annual Peace Mug Award at Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Annual Meeting! Send your nomination to Peace & Justice Task Group member Jane Yoder-Short (wilmajane17@gmail.com) by Friday, March 6th. Please include their name, contact information, and a simple description of why you're nominating them.

SCHMECKFEST NOTES

Due to a last minute staff shortage at the Tyndall Bakery, kuchen making in Tyndall is rescheduled for March 6 with March 13 as a snow date. Filling will be made on March 5. Please contact Debra Schmeichel if you are willing to help, 648-3430, ssag@goldenwest.net. Thank you!

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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