



# Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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**May 15, 2022**

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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**

“Canzona” – Gabrieli  
“The Spacious Firmament” – Haydn/arr. Bish

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome & Greeting One Another**

**Opening Hymn**

“Be Thou my Vision” – HWB #545

## **II. HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**Hearing Scripture**

Ephesians 2:11-22

**Sermon**

“Preaching Peace”

**Worship Music**

“I Was Hungry” – Sara Thomsen

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

**Announcements & Offerings**

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is for Bethany Food Pantry
- **Children’s Offering** is for MCC Hygiene Kits

**Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

## IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Sending Hymn**

“The Church’s one Foundation” – HWB #311

**Spoken Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Bryn Calfaria” (MH #602) – Albrecht

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**Greeters:** Peg Waltner and Monte Waltner; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist), Barb Tieszen; **Worship Leader:** Cal Graber; **Speaker:** Pastor Jack; **Coffee:** North East #18

## **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.

### NEXT SUNDAY, May 22

**Speaker:** Pastor Jack; **Worship Leader:** Norm Kaufman; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); **Greeters:** Peg Waltner and Monte Waltner; **Coffee:** North East #18

**Worship offering** is for Mennonite Mission Network

**Sunday school offering** is for Camper Scholarships

**Children’s Offering** is for MCC Hygiene Kits

### COMING EVENTS

**May 27-29** – Special MC USA Delegate Session in Kansas City

**June 4** – Church Clean-up Day

**June 6-10** – Vacation Bible School will be held at North Church

### SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

**Prep work for the new carpet** will begin on May 23. The fellowship hall and offices will be off limits for the week.

**The Annual Meeting** for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference will be held in Freeman, starting Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19. Some conference attendees prefer to stay in family homes, and we are putting together a list of potential hosts from the local congregations for in-home lodging during the conference. If you are able to provide in-home lodging for CPMC Annual Meeting participants, please contact Brent Brockmueller at [brentbrockmueller@gmail.com](mailto:brentbrockmueller@gmail.com).

**Members of the Interim Team** are Angie Brockmueller, Gregg Waltner, Kaye Waltner, Peggy Waltner and Janver Stucky. If you have concerns or ideas about our church moving forward, please contact one of the team members.

**Lucille Graber's brother**, Marvin Glanzer, passed away on May 6. Funeral services will be on Saturday, May 14 at the First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Georgia. Continue to pray for Lucille and her family at this time.

**When you're in charge of coffee** on Sunday morning, any supplies not stored in metal or glass need be stored in the fridge. The mice will chew through plastic and cardboard.

**Central Plains Annual Meeting** isn't just for delegates and pastors (although if you are delegate, youth delegate or pastor and haven't registered—register now!) -All are invited to Freeman, SD June 16-19 to worship, learn, fellowship, and discern together! Visit our website to learn more and to register! [www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2022](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2022)

**We are excited to announce** that we will be having DVBS this summer! It will be held June 6-10 from 9am-1:15pm at the North Church. Registration forms will be available on the table in the Narthex. They will be due May 22. Our theme is Passport to Peace! Every day we will focus on a different country/continent. We are looking for some willing individuals to let us borrow some décor and/or pictures from Africa, North America, Asia, Europe and South/Central America. We are wondering if there would be a few individuals willing to share a personal story about peacemaking. **We are also looking for the following supplies:** Big world maps, globes, safety cones, empty milk jugs, yarn, buttons, train decor, train puzzles, map puzzles, airplane decor. **If you are willing** to help out or have questions, please contact Lacey Friesen, Lynelle Hofer, Carmelle Miller or Libby Miller.

## **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**The Rural Revival monthly meeting** will be May 23 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

**Freeman Academy representatives invite you** to a town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 17 in the Dining Hall immediately after the Pep Band Concert/Academic Awards program. This will be a follow-up town hall about our Schmeckfest Task Force that is exploring Schmeckfest possibilities for the post-Covid era. Task Force members, board and FA staff will be present for this discussion.

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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  
Jack Scandrett, Interim Pastor, 605-679-0258/jackscandrett4@gmail.com  
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

## MC USA Special Session Resolutions Voting Results

### **Resolution 1 - to be voted on by delegates at the Special Assembly**

44 yes 47 no Therefore, we retire the Membership Guidelines as the active polity in Mennonite Church USA.

Neither the original Membership Guidelines for the formation of Mennonite Church USA, nor the current version, outline the review process for pastors or gives authority to the Executive Board of MC USA to overtake the **governance authority of the area conference or local congregation.**

### **Resolution 2 - to be voted on by delegates at the Special Assembly**

70 yes 21 no Mennonite Church USA Accessibility Resolution

This resolution would commit MCUSA members, congregations and organization “to deepen our understanding of barriers for people with disabilities, to take action to make our community life and facilities accessible and welcoming to all, and to discern and affirm the gifts of each person for our common good.” For example, motorized door openers or wheelchair ramps, assisted listening devices or hearing loops, large print worship materials, Sunday school classes that raise awareness and understanding.

### **Resolution 3 - will be presented for option to discuss and process during the Session**

36 yes 55 no Resolution for Repentance and Transformation

Written by the Inclusive Mennonite Pastors group, this resolution would “rescind” the Membership Guidelines, confess that MC USA “policies, structures, practices, and theologies...have caused great harm to LGBTQIA Mennonites and their families” and commit to inclusive actions at the denominational level. Delegates will discuss and vote on this resolution **ONLY IF** they first vote to add it to the agenda.

### **Resolution 4 - will be presented for discussion but NOT a vote**

48 yes 43 no Resolution for Justice in the US Criminal Legal System

This study resolution calls MC USA to confront injustice in the U.S. criminal legal system. It advocates reforms, including “ending cash bail, enacting policies mandating reductions in police violence (and) ending mandatory minimum sentencing” It says the “U.S. criminal legal system, at its core, promotes violence and punishment, not reconciliation and peace.”