



**Salem
Mennonite
Church**

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Simple Secrets of Contentment

I. GATHERED FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

“Simple Gifts” – arr. Powell

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come” – arr. Woods

Choral Call to Worship

“Thank the Lord” – arr. Clausen

Welcome & Affirmation of Faith

blue HWB #713

Children’s Focus

Choral Praise

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” – arr. Ijames

II. RECEIVING GOD’S WORD

Hearing Scripture

Philippians 4:10-20

Hymn of Response

“My Shepherd Will Supply” blue HWB #589

Sermon

“In Plenty and in Want”

III. RESPONDING TO CHRIST’S PROVISIONS

Bringing Offerings

Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC)

“Simple Gifts” – arr. Held

Congregational Sharing & Prayers

- ❖ We thank God for the **witness of this week’s guest, Hugh Smith from Voice of the Martyrs**; we pray for protection as well as endurance in faithfulness for the 1 in 9 Christians and minority religious groups worldwide who experience high levels of persecution.
- ❖ We pray for Christ’s transformation of our own **deformed spirits of discontent or worry**; may we be reshaped to discover the treasure of Christ’s serenity, shalom and joy in the midst of any circumstance.
- ❖ We give God thanks for the **opportunities for community celebration**, such as the joy of taking part in (or even winning) a high school state championship; we share in the joy of area students who competed recently in state choir, cross-country, volleyball and football.

IV. SENT, FULL OF GOD'S SPIRIT

Doxology Hymn

"Sing to the Lord of the Harvest" blue #98

Spoken Blessing

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Greeters: Chris & Carol Eisenbeis; **Musicians:** Sharon Waltner (organ), Chancel Choir; **Worship Leader:** Janver Stucky; **Speaker:** Pastor Nick; **Nursery:** Rachel Waltner; **Coffee:** Class #10

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Adult S.S. Offering Today

Swan Lake Christian Camp

Offering Next Sunday

Heritage Hall Archives

Children's S.S. Offering

Yankton Banquet

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.

THIS WEEK

Mon. & Tue. (18th & 19th) – MCC Meat Canner at C & B Operations in Freeman

Wed. (20th), 6:15-7:00 – Christmas Eve program practice for children in grades 2-8 will be held at the **North Church**.

6:30 p.m. – Handbells, Youth Supper & Games

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

8:30 p.m. – Ladies' Ensemble, Men's Choir

Thurs. (21st), 7:00 p.m. – *Shine* Curriculum Webinar in the Conference Room

7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, November 24

Speaker: Pastor Nick; **Worship Leader:** Ruth Strasser; **Musicians:** Marilyn Brockmueller (organ), Men's Choir; **Greeters:** Chris & Carol Eisenbeis; **Offering:** Mennonite Disaster Service; **Nursery:** Deb Beier; **Coffee:** Class #10

12:30-2:00 – There will be Christmas Eve program practice here at church for children in grades 2-8. Remember to bring a sack lunch to eat before practice.

Come hear more of Megan Eisenbeis' MCC experience! – You are invited to a Nepali-inspired supper and time of learning starting at 5:30pm on Sunday evening, November 24 in South Church's fellowship hall. Megan will share about her work related to diet, nutrition and sustainable food choice. A love offering will be received for the meal and for MCC nutrition programs.

COMING EVENTS

November 27 – Early Bulletin Deadline & Printing

November 28 – Fellowship Hall Reserved

November 30 – Decorating Church for Christmas

December 2 – Deacon Board Meeting

December 3 – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting

December 8 – Church Annual Meeting, 5:30 potluck followed by meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

“Putting Jesus on the Ballot” 7:00pm this Tues. 11/19 – Wanting your politics to stay in line with Jesus? Concerned with our divisions? Come join the South Church group in the conference room Tuesday night to take part in MCUSA’s final online webinar entitled “Vision: Policy & Possibility When Jesus is Lord.” (The first two are at youtu.be/3l98iCOy5xE and youtu.be/_xPWGUoFvDs or simply search YouTube for, “Putting Jesus on the Ballot”)

On Thursday, November 28, when we gather as two churches to celebrate Thanksgiving, we will be accepting the following food donations for the Marion School. These items will be distributed by the school counselor to kids who need a snack to get through their day. Please place your donations in the baskets in the narthex and thank you from the Salem-Zion Outreach and Service Committee on behalf of Bearcat Avenue.

Granola Bars (all different kinds)

Mixed nuts

Protein Bars

Almonds

Peanut butter and crackers

Cash for yogurt and string cheese

Youth and children’s Sunday School teachers, mark your calendars for **7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 21** for a webinar that explores tips and tools and best practices for teachers of the *Shine* curriculum! For more information see www.centralplainsmc.org/shine-webinar. You are invited to join the South Church group in the Conference Room.

For any questions and to confirm your children’s participation in the Christmas Eve program, please visit with Carol Eisenbeis or call/text 605.661.6299. If you know of friends who may wish to join us, please invite them to do so!

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

This afternoon, Sunday Nov. 17th at 2 p.m., the Heritage Hall Museum & Archives will be hosting a program at the Prairie Arboretum Interpretive Center that is all about poppyseed. Freeman native, Shella (Ortman) Franz of Mountain Lake, MN, has researched and put together a presentation that will answer all of your poppyseed-related questions including what varieties of poppies are edible, where poppyseed originates, how it is grown & harvested, how it is connected to opium, and some of the traditional (and not so well-known) dishes that use it. Come see, taste and learn! Admission will be charged; HHM&A members are free.

Swan Lake Christian Camp will be hosting Piano Night at the Lake on Saturday, December 7 at 6:00pm. A meal will be served while being entertained with music from area musicians. Reservations are required and a free will donation will be taken. Call 605-326-5690 or email campoffice@myslcc.com to make your reservation. A raffle is being held for a Christmas quilt. The winner will be drawn at Piano night. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased by contacting Judi. Pictures of the quilt can be seen on the SLCC facebook page.

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m., November 25 in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend. The education topic for this month is hobby beekeeping presented by Bob Engbrecht

Wellspring Wholistic Care Center is sponsoring a Grief Seminar on Saturday, November 23, 1-4p.m. at the Prairie Arboretum Visitor's Center. Speakers from the surrounding area will share their grief challenges. This year's panel will be discussing Grief in the Holidays. If you are unsure as to how you will get through the holidays because of grief, this seminar is for you. Featured speaker is Dr. Daniel Burow. Contact Lavonne Brockmueller (925-4542) or Dennis Ries (925-7788) for more information.

As the holidays approach, the Et Cetera Shoppe once again would welcome your donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Making peppernuts can be a fun holiday activity to do with grandchildren, mentees, youth groups, extension clubs, and anyone else – so please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving!

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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