



Salem Mennonite Church

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Global Mission Emphasis Sunday, October 27, 2019

The Ecuador Partnership & the Ross Richers

I. GATHERED FOR WORSHIP

- Prelude Duet "This Little Light of Mine" – arr. Hayes
- Invocation Hymn "Rain Down" green SJ #49
- Welcome & Affirmation of Faith green SJ #135 (in English)
- Choral Praise "Our Song of Thanks" – Lantz
- Children's Focus Hello, Ecuador!

II. RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

- Hearing Scripture The Great Commandment – **Mark 12:28-43**
The Great Commission – **Matthew 28:16-20**
- Choral Response "For Those Who Serve" – Martin
- Guest Sermon Jane Ross Richer

*Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) worker,
serving with indigenous Cofán church leaders
in Ecuador's rain forest ... and Goshen, IN*

III. RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S PRESENCE

- Song of Response "The Peace of the Earth Be With You" green SJ #77
- Offering Ecuador Partnership
- Offertory Music Luke 15 & Psalm 49
- Cofán worship songs by Charles Yiyoguaje,
a worship leader in the Zabalo village church*

Congregational Sharing & Prayers

- ❖ We ask God for **healing and hope for local teen Ty Balvin** and his two brothers and parents Tina & Mike Saylor following last week's tragic suicide attempt; may our local churches surround and support all those who struggle with mental-emotional-social wellbeing.

- ❖ We give thanks for the **unified voice of thousands of indigenous Ecuadorians traveling from the Andes and the Amazon** who helped dialogue for a peaceful deal to end weeks of protest in the capital, Quito; may they receive a taste of Christ's reign of justice and peace
- ❖ We plead with God's Spirit **for the survival of the Amazonian rainforest communities and ecosystems** threatened by impending collapse at the hands of our supersized consumer appetites; may the Holy Spirit melt my cold heart and satisfy my needs so that I "live simply that others may simply live."

IV. SENT TO SHARE GOD'S NAME

Sending Song

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline" green SJ #99

Spoken Blessing

Postlude

Greeters: Chantel Hofer & Peg Waltner; **Musicians:** Janet Balzer & Barb Yoder (piano), Combined North & South Octet; **Worship Leader:** LaVonne Brockmueller; **Speaker:** Jane Ross-Richer; **Nursery:** Brad Carlson; **Coffee:** South East #19

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Adult S.S. Offering Today
 Offering Next Sunday
 Children's S.S. Offering

Salem Mennonite Home
 Salem Sunday School
 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.

- (1) Worship:** Jane Ross Richer will preach for South Church, then North.
- (2) Sunday School:** Jerrell Ross Richer will share in the Fellowship Hall during an all-church session, introducing us to the Ecuador Partnership.
- (3) Joint Potluck & Afternoon Session:** We will host North Church for lunch in our fellowship hall, followed by a time for additional sharing by both Jane and Jerrell regarding their particular ministry in the Ecuadorian rain forest.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (30th), 6:30 pm – Handbells, **7:30 pm** – Chancel Choir, **8:00 pm.** – Ladies'

NEXT SUNDAY, November 3

Speaker: Pastor Nick; **Worship Leader:** James Unruh; **Musicians:** Anne Waltner (organ), Ladies' Ensemble; **Greeters:** Chris & Carol Eisenbeis; **Offering:** Wellspring; **Nursery:** Bonnie Tschetter; **Coffee:** Class #10

COMING EVENTS

November 5 – Mission & Service Meeting

November 6 – Youth Supper & Bible Study

November 9 & 10 – Visit to Glendive, MT

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

There will be a Sunday School opening for the preschool-4th grade classes, next Sunday, November 3.

A special thank you to Fensel's for the beautiful fall arrangement in the sanctuary. ~The Worship Team

Thank you for allowing Freeman Academy students to participate in your service last Sunday. If you were unable to be with us, we would love to have you join us for Yuletide, December 16 and December 17. Please continue to uplift all of the students in our community, support them through activities & events, and prayerfully consider a gift toward Freeman Academy's general fund. Committee members will be available in the narthex again today to receive your donations. Thank you for making a positive impact at Freeman Academy.

It's not too late to register for the first *Shine: Living in God's Light* webinar, this Tuesday, October 29! In this webinar Joyce Peachey Lind will outline for us some of the "whys" of *Shine*. For more information or to RSVP see www.centralplainsmc.org/shine-webinar or contact Amanda Bleichy at (319) 325-4522.

October 31 is soon here and is the end of church year, if you are chairperson of any ministry team please submit your written report to church office by then. Thank you, Janver Stucky Moderator.

Memorial Portraits for annual All-Saints Sunday, November 3 – In worship we will remember those from our congregation and families who have died. You may bring a portrait of the deceased for the memorial display. Please have the portrait(s) to the church office by next Friday, November 1. On the portrait back please put your name and their name.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m., Oct. 28 in the Freeman Public Library. The education topic for this month is the relationship between soil health and human health and how to improve the health of your garden soil.

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. You need not be present to win. Pictures of the quilt can be seen on the Swan Lake Christian Camp facebook page.

The annual Swiss Mennonite and Historical Association banquet will be held on November 7 at the Pine Village Wellness Center in Moundridge, KS starting at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$20 per plate payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693, by November 2. **The featured speaker will be Patricia Goering Smith**, who will talk about her book, *Revolution Revisited: Behind the Scenes in East Germany, 1989*.

Introducing the Ross-Richers

Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer serve with Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) during the first half of each year working with indigenous Cofán church leaders in the Ecuadorian rainforest. Their work focuses on creation care, economic justice, inclusion of women and children, youth empowerment and community development initiatives. They are committed to creating deep roots and relationships.

In the second half of each year Jerrell teaches at Goshen College and Jane homeschools **their four children, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan**. The Ross Richer's home congregation is Waterford Mennonite. Some pictures of their work in Ecuador can be found at www.twowaymission.net

In Ecuador the Ross Richers serve under the umbrella of our "Ecuador Partnership" with the regional Mennonite Church, *Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecuador* (ICAME) and with the indigenous conference of churches, *Consejo de Pueblos y Organizaciones Indígenas Evangélicas del Ecuador* (FEINE). This broad Ecuador Partnership includes the congregations of Central Plains Mennonite Conference, as well as MMN, the Colombian Mennonite Church and the Venezuelan Mennonite Church. Further information about our partnership can be found at www.centralplainsmc.org/ecuadorvenezuela-partnership.html

