



# Salem–Zion Mennonite Church

## “Harvest Mission Festival”

November 2, 2025

### GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude/Gathering Music – *Praeludium in E flat* (J.S. Bach) Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship Gwen Ortman

L: We sing of God’s steadfast love that is from everlasting to everlasting.

**P: We proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations and in all seasons.**

L: The faithfulness that grows a seed into a great harvest;

**P: The faithfulness that invites all to participate in God’s Reign.**

L: God’s faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

**P: God’s steadfast love is established forever.**

***ALL: Christ is our foundation and God’s eternal love and faithfulness  
abides with us.***

Prayer of Invocation

\* Singing our Praise – *Come, Ye Thankful People* VT #123  
*Santo, santo, santo* VT #102

Greeting each other

Children’s Story Linda Shelly

Peace Lamp

Offering – Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory – *Let us ever walk with Jesus* (Paul Manz)

### HEARING GOD’S WORD

\* Hearing the Gospel John 6:5-15

Song – *There’s Enough for All* VT #757

Hearing the Old Testament I Kings 17:8-16

Sermon – “Called to Give and Receive” Linda Shelly

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Response Song – *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* VT #778

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Corey Miller

### SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

\* Sending Song – *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* VT #392

\* Benediction

\* Doxology – *Praise God* VT #71

Postlude – *Improvised*

## **Church Calendar**

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Deadline for bulletin submissions is 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

### **TODAY**

As we are celebrating the fall harvest in our parts of the world, we also celebrate all the ways that Christ continues to gather in people into God's Reign of Salvation, Justice and Peace. On our Harvest Mission Festival Sunday, we are glad that Linda Shelly is here to share stories and insights and we are delighted to have our friends from the South Church join us in our time of worship. Welcome to all!

Following our worship, we invite all to join us for a potluck meal in the fellowship hall.

Linda Shelly recently retired from being the director for Latin America with Mennonite Mission Network, a position she held for 23 years. Prior to this, Linda served as Latin America/Caribbean Program Director for Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, Pennsylvania, after working with MCC in Honduras and Bolivia. Currently Linda lives in Newton, KS.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Mission Network** (the Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 offerings were switched).

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

Noon – Fellowship Meal

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

4:00pm – Swiss Choral rehearsal

**TONIGHT** – Come back this evening to hear Linda share more about “*Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology*” (MTAL). There will also be a time for questions and answers. The service begins at 7:00pm and we will have some refreshments following the service.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Nov. 5 (Wed)** – Children's Choir, 6:15-6:45pm

**Nov. 5 (Wed)** – End-of-year reports due to the church office

**Nov. 7 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### **NEXT SUNDAY – November 9**

Next Sunday our theme is “*Remembering the Saints.*” The texts are Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Ps. 149, Eph. 1:11-23, and Luke 6:20-31. Pastor Corey will be preaching and we will be remembering loved ones who passed away over the past year.

The offering will be for Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**November 10** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00pm

**November 23** – Annual Business Meeting at 12:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship time before our meeting begins.

**December 1** – Yearbook deadline

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## **Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News**

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### **Remember to praise God for:**

- Linda Shelly's many years of faithful service with the beloved people of Latin America.
- Mennonite Mission Network that sends forth workers to share in the Good News of Christ.
- The safe and wonderful trip that Corey and Nancy experienced when visiting family in VA last week.

### **Remember to pray for:**

- young college-age individuals in our congregation: Ella Waltner.
- attentive ears to all the places where God is inviting us to share and join in the mission for Christ's glory.
- our sister churches in the Quad Cities area cluster: Casa de Oracion Emanuel, Iglesia Cristiana El Balsamo, Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano, Iglesia Torre Fuerte, Templo Alabanza and the El Buen Pastor church plant.

Estelle Waltner is organizing a food drive for the **Bethany Food Pantry** for the Thanksgiving season, seeking monetary donations with which to purchase items. Donations can be made by cash or check (made out to Estelle) by November 5 so that she can have the food ordered by Thanksgiving pickup time. Please contact Estelle if you have questions: (605) 310-3424, or [ecwaltner23@gmail.com](mailto:ecwaltner23@gmail.com).

The November church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

**To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support** through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!



## Community Connections

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"Are You Smarter Than An 8th Grader?" scheduled at the Freeman Community Center at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9, will offer a unique look at one-room country schools. The game-show format (modeled after the popular "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader" TV show) will feature students, teachers, pastors and members of the business community who will attempt to correctly answer questions from a 1912 eighth-grade exam. The teams will be able to consult with a panel of six high school students – three from both Freeman Academy and Freeman Public. The event is being presented by Heritage Hall Museum & Archives free to the public, thanks to nine local businesses that are joining the museum as sponsors. The museum will be accepting donations for its Diamond Valley School Renovation Project. The one-room country school served students south of Freeman from 1882 to 1969 and is now part of the HHM&A complex.

The **Freeman Network For Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, November 12 at 1:30 P.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

**Sowing Seeds of God's Peace:** *"If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time."* - Galatians 6:8-9

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