



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude	<i>Praise to the Lord</i> - Young
Choral Call to Worship	<i>A New Psalm</i> – Patti Drennan
Call to Worship	STJ #126
Invocation Prayer	
Opening Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> – HWB #37
Greeting and Welcoming Each Other	
Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace	HWB #691
Anthem	<i>A New 23rd</i> – Robin Kaufman Anderson

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings	Hebrews 10:19-25 (NIV); Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NIV)
Sermon	<i>Grandma said, “Be Good.”</i>

III. RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST’S BODY

Hymn of Response	<i>Help Us to Help Each Other</i> – HWB #362
Announcements and Offerings	
• Today’s Worship offering:	Central Plains Mennonite Conference
• Today’s Sunday school offering:	Bethany Food Pantry
• Children’s Offering:	Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

Congregational Sharing & Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD’S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> – HWB #366
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Speaker: Barb Tieszen; **Worship Leader:** Brent Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Kaufman Sisters (special music) Linda Schrag (accompanist); **Greeters:** Monte Waltner and Wendy Miller; **Coffee:** Lee and Marilyn Brockmueller

THE CHURCH AT WORK

NEXT SUNDAY, July 5, 2026

Sunday, July 5, 10:00 a.m. – Community Church Service at the Community Center
S. Roy Kaufman is preaching. **There will be NO CHURCH SERVICE HERE**

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 7, 7:30 p.m. – Prayer & Fasting

Sunday, July 12, 12:00 – Lunch & 1st Summer Study session on Evangelism

Thursday, July 16 – Serve at the Yankton Banquet

Saturday, July 17-18 – SD MCC Sale on Freeman Academy Campus

Saturday, July 18, 4:00-9:00 p.m. – FJC/FA Athletic Reunion

SOUTH CHURCH NOTES

In April, the Pastor and Deacons sent a reply letter to Central Plains Mennonite Conference leaders following their letter notifying us of their licensing of a chaplain in a same-sex marriage. This was a reply to a notification addressed to Pastors and Deacons, and was not intended or stated to represent South Church as a whole. Our letter recognized a significant change in credentialing qualifications of CPMC that we felt deserved deliberation by the CPMC delegates as a whole, which was our recommendation. CPMC leaders declined to follow our proposal. We appreciate the response comments made by members to the Pastor and Deacons following our sharing this development with the church. We recognize South Church members have diverse perspectives on same-sex marriage, and on CPMC polity, and we are open to continuing to listen and discuss that with our members. All are welcome to meet individually with Pastor Spencer or any of the Deacons to discuss it in person. The Pastor and Deacons will also be in the Conference Room following worship on July 12 for anyone who would like to meet then to share and discuss this with them.

Summer Study Series on Evangelism will begin on Sunday, July 12. This first session will be held following a brown bag lunch after Sunday School. Subsequent session times will be determined by those attending this first time. Questions may be directed to Pastor Spencer or LaVonne Brockmueller.

Maddie Anderson Card of Thanks is posted on the Narthex bulletin board.

Community Notes

MCC Relief Sale reminders: The annual sale is rapidly approaching in just 3 weeks on **July 18.**

1. **My Coins Count** – keep saving those coins to help 400 displaced students in Kitwit, DR Congo; \$97 provides one student school supplies, a uniform and covers fees for the national exam. We ask everyone with coins to donate, to please bring them on Sunday, July 12. There is a container in the narthex starting today. Your coins can also be taken directly to the Sale.
2. There are still openings to register a theme basket – call 605-660-2714

See the bulletin board in the narthex which gives details about the various aspects of the Sale.

Frisbee Golf – This is replacing the Bike Ride from past years. It is a family friendly event that will take place on **Friday evening, July 17.** (See the bulletin board in the narthex for details).

Bake Sale – Bakers, please consider donating breads, poppyseed rolls, noodles, kuchen, pies, etc. Jams and jellies are also in demand. Guests like to buy food items that they can take home with them.

Meal – Our church is responsible for: **10 pies** that will be served with the meal. There is a sign-up sheet and pie plates on the table in the narthex.

12# frozen Hamburger (from those of you who have beef butchered) for the sloppy joe booth. Talk to Marilyn if you have some to donate.

Questions – ask Cindee Mutchelknaus, Chantel Hofer or Marilyn Brockmueller

Freeman Junior College & Freeman Academy Alumni, Coaches and their families are invited to attend a reunion on the evening of July 18 to celebrate the legacy of 120+ years of athletics on campus. There will be fellowship, food and fun – opportunities for informal games, friendly competition, team photos, and time to tour the campus. Join us after the MCC Sale starting with campus tours at 3:30 p.m. Food for purchase will be available from Armando's Tacos. If anyone has questions or input, please contact Nathan Epp at 605-929-4716 or Vernetta Waltner at 605-321-7351.

Freeman Academy is thankful for the ongoing prayers and support of so many individuals in your church and in our community. As we continue the process of closure, we are **seeking volunteers who would be willing to help with various tasks around campus**. Many of these tasks involve sorting, organizing, and inventorying. Interested? You may contact Vince Green: vgreen@freemanacademy.org directly or call the school office. Our office is open 9 AM - 3 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.