

Salina Mennonite Church

Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking.

Greeter: Lori Schmidt

Worship Leader: Mark Krehbiel **Storyteller:** Annelie Claassen

Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Music:** David Van Tassel

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Me & You & the Creatures Too

*Between Me & You and all the creatures,
God's promise and God's love grow wider.*

Gathering

Gathering Song *God's Love Is for Everybody*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Candle

We light this candle to remind us of God's presence with us.

Prelude

Call to worship

Leader: The time has come; the kingdom of God draws near.
Repent and believe the good news.

People: We have come.

We are here.

We worship God together.

Hymn *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* Hymnal 76

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling

Song *For Me, For You*

Scripture *Genesis 9:8-17* Pew Bible 6

Sermon *God Hangs Up the Bow*

Song *Between Me and You*

Confessing/Reconciling

Prayer of confession

Leader: God of creation and salvation,
too often we fear there is not enough,
and we want to keep what there is for ourselves,
including your love, so we build barriers.

We want to decide who's in or out.

We fail to see the impact of our selfishness.

**People: Help us to value all of your creation—
the earth, air, water, and all living creatures,
both the tame and the wild—the way you do.**

Help us to preserve and not destroy them.

Forgive us for making your love too small.

**Teach us to act with humility, grace, and mercy
as we seek to make things right.**

(Silence)

Words of assurance

Leader: All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful
for those who keep God's covenant and laws.

Responding

Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy* Hymnal 145

Sharing Our Lives/ Congregational Prayer

My Coins Count Collection

This money is given to MCC for service projects around the world.

Offering

Offering Response *Grant us, Lord, the grace* Hymnal 388

Sending

Hymn *Great is thy faithfulness* Hymnal 327

The Lord's Prayer

Stand in a circle and join hands.

Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."

Benediction

We are people of God.

We go in God's love

to extend God's love

and live God's promise.

Third Sunday Potluck follows worship in the fellowship room.

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission as they meet this week and give oversight to the financial resources and property of the conference.

Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network serve as resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus' justice and shalom.

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana: Pray for Goshen area youth and their families as they consider schooling options for next year and the benefits of Christian education at Bethany Christian Schools.

Journey International: Pray for Quinn Kathrineberg, Karina Brandt, and Shannon Schrock as they live and work in Ecuador. Read Quinn's blog at <https://quinnkberg.wixsite.com/quinninquito>.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 25, 2018

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Basement – Study the Bible together – everyone welcome

- Self-controlled, Upright, and Godly Faith
- *Preserving Faith for Future Generations*—1 Timothy 6:11-21

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Henry Walker

Worship Leader: Vera Zerger

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Storyteller: Gary Weathers

Piano: Lori Schmidt

Upcoming Events

Feb. 21	Lenten Scriptures & Prayer @ Christina's	7:15 p.m.
Mar. 6	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
Mar. 11	Congregational Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Mar. 22	Church Board	5:45 p.m.

Announcements

Lenten Scriptures & Prayers: A weekly Wednesday evening service begins *February 21* at 7:15 at Pastor Christina's home. The service will include singing, Bible reading, and prayer.

Plan to attend one or more of these events in February:

- **Friday, February 23 – MCC Central States Annual Meeting:** 10:30 am, MCC Center, 121 E 30th St, N Newton
- **Friday, February 23 – Stayed on Freedom: A Theology for Confronting Systemic Injustice as Beloved Community,** 7 pm, Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main St, Hesston: AVDS Keynote address by Dr. Drew Hart
- **Saturday, February 24 – Discovery: A Comic Lament,** 7 pm, Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main St, Hesston
- **Sunday, February 25 – Creation, Craftiness, & Cooling Off,** 4-6 pm, Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Dr, Hesston: Singing & Dessert Auction for Camp Mennoscah

A Child Protection/Sexual Abuse Prevention training will be held at the MCC Center on March 1, at 6:30, cost \$20. "Beyond Good Touch/Bad Touch" presented by Kathy Wiens. This workshop will explore how education on consent, respect, listening, and empowerment helps protect children against sexual perpetrators. More information at katherinebwiens.com.

Comforter Blitz: Join the 2018 annual Comforter Blitz to help make comforters for MCC to distribute around the world!

Monday, March 5th from 10 am - 5 pm

Tuesday, March 6th from 9 am – 5 pm

Wednesday, March 7th from 9 am – 4 pm

Location: Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder

Lunch is available each day by donation. Bring a snack to share.

All women are invited to the Women's Spring Supper, Thursday March 15, 2018 at 6 pm at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Program (7 pm) to follow the \$10 supper (fundraiser for the youth).

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