

Salina Mennonite Church
July 15, 2018
The Story: Chapter Twenty-Two

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

Greeter: Lynn Newcomer
Worship Leader: Pete Smucker **Storyteller:** Kristin Van Tassel
Speaker: Pete Emery **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read *The Story* together – Chapter 22
- *The Birth of a King* – Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2; John 1

Basement – everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together – Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy
- *The Widow and the Unjust Judge* – Luke 18:1-8

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Gathering Song *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* Hymnal 76

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

We light this lamp as a reminder of our calling to be peacemakers—in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our world.

Prelude: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. John Leavitt

Gathering Words

Leader: With the birth of Jesus God calls us to become new,

People: **to make room for our own nativity,
even when there is no room at the inn.**

Leader: Where we are busy –

People: **grant peace.**

Leader: Where we are lost –

People: **grant salvation.**

Leader: Where we are sad –

People: **grant joy.**

Leader: Where we are bitter –

People: **grant love.**

Leader: May this be a time to hope for all these gifts of God.

All: **Amen.**

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Hymn

There are many gifts

Hymnal 304

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Baby Jesus

Scripture Video

The Birth of a King

Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2; John 1

Hymn

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Hymnal 324

Sermon

Hymn

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

Hymnal 352

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

How have you experienced joy and God's love this week?

Where have you seen the need for God's peace this week?

Offering

Offertory

The Birthday of a King

tran. William Stickle

Offering Response

Lord of all good

Sing the Journey 60

Hymn

New earth, heavens new

Hymnal 299

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Third Sunday Potluck follows worship in the fellowship room.

NEXT SUNDAY, July, 22 2018
9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Read **The Story: /Chapter 23** Jesus' Ministry Begins
- Matthew 3-4, 11; Mark 1-3; Luke 8; John 1-4

Basement — everyone welcome

- Study the Bible together – Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy
Entering God's Kingdom – Luke 13:22-30

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Henry Walker

Worship Leader: Kristin Van Tassel **Storyteller:** Carolyn Funk

Speaker: Pete Emery **Piano:** Donna Burnett

Pastor Christina is on Sabbatical

For pastoral concerns, contact Butch Stucky, Gary Weathers, or Amanda Ediger. For information about worship, contact Annelle Claassen, Kristin Van Tassel, or Lori Schmidt. For bulletin related questions, contact Lois Newcomer.

Upcoming Events

July 26 - SMC Board Meeting	5:45pm
July 27 - WDC Annual Assembly, Tabor Menn. Church	7:00pm
July 28 - WDC Annual Assembly, Eden Menn. Church	8:30am
Bryan Moyer Concert, Eden Menn. Church	7:00pm
July 29 - WDC Worship, Alexanderwohl Menn. Church	10:30am
Informal worship, Salina Menn. Church	10:00am

Announcements

Elizabeth Bryan's father, James Ewing Bryan, passed away last Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. He was 97.5 years of age.

Please remember Elizabeth and her siblings in your prayers.

WDC Annual Assembly 2018!

Tom Claassen and Kathy Dunn will serve as our delegates.

Rachel Siemens, Pastor at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, KS, has resigned effective late September. She will become the lead pastor of Carman Mennonite Church in Manitoba, Canada.

Lois Barrett has retired as Professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on June 30,

Mennonite Central Committee Learning Tour- Explore the Root Causes of Migration in Guatemala and Honduras, November 7-17. Guatemala and Honduras homeland. MCC seeks to educate and expose Learning Tour participants to the realities that many people face that result in migration, internally and to foreign countries. This Learning Tour will provide firsthand stories, opportunities to meet the people as well as the organizations that are walking with them, participate in the rich culture, and witness the efforts of Guatemalans and Hondurans who are striving for positive change in their communities. Throughout the course of the tour, we hope to explore various perspectives on the topic, learn about how our decisions impact migrants, plant the seeds for ongoing connections, and learn about practical ways to support and advocate for the people and communities that we encounter. Approximate cost will be \$700 (plus airfare). For more information or to sign up for this trip please contact chrislandes@mcc.org.

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