

Salina Mennonite Church
September 2, 2018
The Story: Chapter Twenty-Eight

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

Greeter: Richard Burnett
Worship Leader: Lori Schmidt **Storyteller:** Lois Newcomer
Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Donna Burnett

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways*
 - *Theme 1: Identity & Context*
 - *Session 1.1: Belovedness and Confession*

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Gathering Song *Jesus, stand among us* Hymnal 25

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

Opening Prayer

Leader: Glory to you, almighty God,
**People: for you sent your only-begotten Son,
that we might have new life.**
Leader: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
**People: for you became flesh and dwelt among us,
that we might become your people.**

Leader: Glory to you, Holy Spirit,
**People: for you are the promised gift,
that we might witness in power.**
**ALL: Glory to you, almighty God,
and to your Son, Jesus Christ,
and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen**

—From Book of Common Worship (Presbyterian Church, USA, 1946)

Hymn *Holy Spirit, come with power* Hymnal 26

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling *The Holy Spirit*

Scripture Video *New Beginnings* Acts 1-12

Hymn *Wind who makes all winds* Hymnal 31

Sermon *Be Open; Be Ready*

Hymn *Come, gracious Spirit* Hymnal 303

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

Offering Response *Praise God from whom* Hymnal 119A

Hymn *Spirit of God! descend* Hymnal 502

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Local Prayer Requests

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for participants and leaders who will gather next weekend at Camp Mennoscah for the Mennonite Women and Girls' Retreat.

The Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala invited Deb Byler of Mennonite Mission Network to empower women leaders. Pray for her as she helps organize an October meeting for women in areas that are far from Carcha, the church's administrative center.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Research shows that children under the age of five suffer greatest from child abuse and neglect. Pray that resources such as [Dove's Nest](#), [GRACE](#) and [Everence](#) may be utilized to provide safe, healthy environments to enhance faith and learning.

Pray for Glen Guyton, newly installed executive director of Mennonite Church USA.

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NEXT SUNDAY, September 9, 2018

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways* together
 - Theme 1: Identity & Context
 - Session 1.2: Sin, Truth-telling, Repentance

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Amanda Ediger

Worship Leader: Mike Mattson

Storyteller: Sherry Krehbiel

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Lori Schmidt

Pastor Christina's Schedule This Week

Office Hours: 9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

Available other times by text, phone, or email

Upcoming Events

Sept. 4	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
Sept. 16	Backyard Cookout	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Congregational Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Sept. 27	Church Board	5:45 p.m.

Journey Forward: Pathways

Journey Forward is Mennonite Church USA's churchwide renewal process of engaging in Scripture, storytelling and sharing how God is at work in the lives of people and congregations across MC USA. Its purpose is to renew our local and denominationwide identity and affirm our core beliefs as we live out the mission to which God calls us. The process invites you to connect how you're living God's call to broader church mission and draws our attention to how the Living Word is moving in our midst.

Propelled by the energy and outcomes of the 2017 Future Church Summit (FCS), a "Renewed Commitments" document concisely names core values orienting MC USA toward a faithful future. These are organized into four theological themes. The accompanying "Pathways" study guide is a resource for use in exploring how we might live out these values in our context.

Everyone is encouraged to join the Pathways discussion at 9:00 each Sunday from September through November.

Backyard Cookout

Sunday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m.

- Invite friends, neighbors, and anyone with a connection to Salina Mennonite Church to our annual cookout.
- Meat, buns, beans, table service, and drinks are provided.
- Sign up to bring side dishes or desserts.
- Sign up to help with setup beginning at 5:00.

Announcements

The MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride is September 15th. See the paper on the back bulletin board for details.

Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old! Come out to camp on Sunday, September 23, as we dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary! Annual Meeting events begin with worship at 10am with the Whale playground dedication at 5pm and annual meeting following. Register campmennoscah.org.

From MCUSA: See the highlights, video and photos of the recent service celebrating the installation of Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA at mennoniteusa.org/gleninstalled.

Mennonite Disaster Service is seeking weekly volunteers for October, November and December 2018! Join us as individuals or groups to help those affected by disasters. We are working in the following locations: Lake County, CA; Pine Ridge, SD; Victoria County, TX; La Grange, TX; Fort Myers, FL; West Virginia; Williams Lake, BC; and Puerto Rico. Contact Deanna Frey by calling 1-800-241-8111 or visit mds.mennonite.net.

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