

Salina Mennonite Church

November 18, 2018

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

Greeter: Lynn Newcomer

Worship Leader: Lori Schmidt

Storyteller: Carolyn Funk

Speaker: Gary Weathers

Piano: Donna Burnett

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways*
 - *Theme 4: Experience Transformation*
 - *Session 4.3: Revealing God's Beauty*

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Journey Forward: Witness to God's Peace

Gathering Song *Peace before us* Sing the Story 16

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude

Call to Worship (Micah 6:6-8)

Leader: “With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

**People: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?**

Leader: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

**People: Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”**

Leader: He has gold you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you

**People: but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

Hymn *What does the Lord require* Hymnal 409

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Prayer of Confession with Sung Response Hymnal 144

We confess, loving God, that we have been quick to judge others
but slow to forgive our neighbors, let alone our enemies.

Sing: Kyrie eleison

We have often engaged in division and strife in our personal lives
and among our churches.

Sing: Kyrie eleison

We have accepted peace as not going to war but have neglected
to do justice for the poor and marginalized.

Sing: Kyrie eleison

We, who are called a people of peace, are in desperate need
of your mercy and forgiveness.

Sing: Kyrie eleison

Assurance of Forgiveness (Philippians 4:7)

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hymn *We are people of God's peace* Hymnal 407

Scripture *Ephesians 2:14-17* Pew Bible 950

Sermon *On the Road*

Sermon Response

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

Offering & Prayer

Hymn *You shall go out with joy* Hymnal 427

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Third Sunday Potluck follows worship in the fellowship room.

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek God's direction for the future.

Mary Raber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is seeking temporary resident status in Ukraine. Pray for patience with the bureaucratic process and that God will open the way for a document that gives her greater freedom for ministry

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana: Pray that the cast of "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Goose" will be granted health and the ability to perform their best after many weeks of practice.

Renewed Commitments for MC USA

A Living Document for the Journey Forward Process¹

God invites us to experience and bear witness to the belovedness of all creation. We yearn to know and share in the mystery of God's unending love.

We confess that sin fragments our wholeness and strains our relationships with God, each other and the world. Confronted with the misuses of power in our lives, communities and institutions, we seek to tell the truth and repent.

The Holy Spirit beckons us toward the restoration of all things in Christ. God continually calls us beloved. On this journey together, we commit to:

Follow Jesus: As an Anabaptist community of the living Word, we listen for God's call as we read Scripture together, guided by the Spirit. Through baptism we commit ourselves to live faithfully as Jesus' disciples, no matter the cost.

Witness to God's peace: We are called to extend God's holistic peace, proclaiming Christ's redemption for the world with our lives. Through Christ, God frees the world from sin and offers reconciliation. We bear witness to this gift of peace by rejecting violence and resisting injustice in all forms, and in all places.

¹ http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/JF_-_DRAFT-Document-V3.pdf

Experience transformation: The Holy Spirit dwells in and among us, transforming us to reflect God's love. Through worship the Spirit gathers the body of Christ, where our diversity reveals God's beauty. The Spirit empowers our communities to embody the grace, joy and peace of the gospel.

Strengths

Weaknesses

Opportunities

Threats (Obstacles)

Pathways

A study structured around the four "Renewed Commitments" themes²

Theme 3: Witness to God's Peace

Living as Witnesses

1. Where have you seen God's redemption at work?
2. Where have you seen injustice at work in our community?
3. What could we do to help bring justice and peace?

God's Gift of Peace

4. What does God's peace mean to the world? To our community? To our lives?
5. Name people or organizations in our community who show us what peace or justice look like.

² <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/pathways-study-guide/>

Extending Peace

6. How has our congregation, our denomination, our faith worked against Christ's reign of peace?
7. What are you willing to do concerning immigration?

NEXT SUNDAY, November 25, 2018 9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs fellowship room – all ages welcome

- Discuss *The Journey Forward: Pathways*

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Leadell Ediger

Worship Leader: Luke Van Tassel **Storyteller:** Annelle Claassen

Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

Pastor Christina's Weekly Schedule

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

This schedule may vary. Check first before stopping by.

Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 28 | Church Board @ Christina's Home | 5:45 p.m. |
| Dec. 3 | Worship Committee @ Tucson's | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 9 | Congregational Meeting | 11:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 16 | Third Sunday Potluck | 11:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 23 | Christmas Eve Service | 7:00 p.m. |

Announcements

Giving Tuesday is November 27 - Western District Conference invites you to join this global giving initiative! Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. You may make an online contribution at <http://mennowdc.org> or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

MCC and WDC are co-sponsoring a Texas Borderlands Learning Tour May 5-10, 2019. Contact Pastor Christina for more information if you are interested in participating in this tour.

First Mennonite Church, 1161 E. Ave A, McPherson, KS, invites you to a German Dinner & Bake Sale on Saturday Dec 1 from 5-7 pm. The menu will be verenika with ham gravy, bohne berrogi with cream sauce, sausage, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, zwieback and cherry moos. The dinner is by donation.

All are invited to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS to hear Brass Christmas with the McPherson Community Brass Choir and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers on December 9 at 7 pm.

Looking for a unique Christmas gift this year? Consider buying one of the resources on our wish list in honor of your loved one! The Resource Library is excited to partner with Faith & Life Bookstore for this project. Visit our list & purchase online OR visit the wishing tree in the store. All items purchased will be delivered to the library and added to the collection in January.

<http://faithandlifebookstore.net/wdc-resource-library-wish-list/>

From MCUSA: Find updates from the recent **Constituency Council Meeting** about church vitality, a prayerful sending for Southeast Conference, the proposed Mennonite media merger and more at mennoniteusa.org/healthy-structures.

Sunflower Adult Day Services, Salina, is offering additional help for caretakers with exceptional personalized care for elderly and developmentally disabled adults. We are now accepting new participants. We are open 7:30am-5:30pm Monday through Friday. Call 785-823-6666 and let us know how we can assist you with caring for your loved one.

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