

Salina Mennonite Church

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

Greeter: Tracie Smucker

Worship Leader: Vera Zenger

Storyteller: Barb Kathrineberg

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Music: Donna Burnett

January 6, 2019

Epiphany

Light

On Epiphany Sunday we bask in the glow of Christ, the light of the world, who brings all the powers of the world to their knees.

To counteract evil in our world, we give glory to God, the one who gave us the Son, who himself leads us in the ways of God's justice and righteousness.

Gathering

Gathering Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 212

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship

(based on Isaiah 60:1-6)

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come
and the glory of God has risen upon us!

**People: Nations will come to the light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Leader: The love of God for all peoples and nations
is revealed through his Son, Jesus Christ.

**People: We are now one world and one family,
called to be children of God.**

All: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Oh, Beautiful Star

Sing the Story 32

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling

The Magi

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible 783

Music

Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets Voices Together 9

Scripture

Matthew 2:13-23

Pew Bible 784

Sermon

The Light of God

Responding

Hymn

Worship the Lord in the Beauty

Hymnal 220

Sharing the Table

Words of Invitation

Sharing Bread and Cup

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

Offering/Offertory

Offering Response

Lord of all good

Sing the Journey 60

Sending

Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymnal 216

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

Anyone who desires to follow God's ways is invited to participate in communion. On Communion Sunday we have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. Include your donation in your offering check or place it in the basket.

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for WDC staff as they gather for an annual staff retreat this week. Kathy Neufeld Dunn is part of this group.

Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family who are returning to Ecuador after six months in the United States. Their two-way mission with Mennonite Mission Network requires many transitions. Pray for wisdom and patience. Pray especially for daughter, Sierra, who is remaining in the United States for college.

Hesston (Kansas) College: With construction underway on new nursing and athletic facilities, thank God for the generosity of donors who join Hesston College to nurture and educate students well within a Christ-centered environment.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Morning Prayers

- Pray together using *Take Our Moments and Our Days*

Downstairs – Bible Study

- Loving God by Trusting Christ
- *Submit to God in Love* – James 4:1-10

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Ted Hale

Storyteller: Gary Weathers

Worship Leader: Annelle Claassen

Speaker: Mike Mattson

Music: Lori Schmidt

Pastor Christina's 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

Jan. 8	Worship Committee @ Panera	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 20	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
Jan. 24	Church Board	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	Circles of the Heartland Meal	5:30 p.m.

Announcements

Two opportunities beginning next Sunday, January 13:

- **Souperbowl of Hope:** Salina Souper Bowl of Hope is an annual event which was created to collect cans of soup to be distributed to the Emergency Aid Food Bank, Salvation Army, Salina Rescue Mission, Ashby House and DVACK. The goal this year is to collect 53,000 cans of soup. Bring your soup or donations to the church by February 3rd^h. A \$25 donation will buy 60 cans of soup.
- **My Coins Count Collection:** Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for MCC's relief, development, and peace building work around the world. We will collect coins until April 12 when the money will be delivered to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

Circles of the Heartland Meals in 2019:

- February 14
- May 9
- August 8
- November 14

Looking ahead to 2019:

- MennoCon19 (Mennonite Church USA convention) is coming up July 2-6, 2019 in Kansas City.
- The 2019 WDC Annual Assembly will be held on July 26-27 at Bethel College in North Newton, KS.

Introducing the new monthly MC USA Faith Formation Network e-newsletter! Sign up to receive it at mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation.

The latest episode of the Holding it(,) Together podcast is out now, focusing on infertility, miscarriage and infant loss. Listen on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher or online at <https://themennonite.org/the-latest/holding-together-podcast/>.

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