

Salina Mennonite Church

May 12, 2019

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

Greeter: Henry Walker

Worship Leader: Kristin Van Tassel **Storyteller:** Tom Claassen

Speaker: Eugene Bales **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Gathering Song *He Came Down* Sing the Journey 31

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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Cindy Berry

Gathering Prayer Sing the Journey 121

Leader: God of love,
light a flame of love in our hearts to you,

People: a flame of love to our families and friends,
a flame of love to our neighbors,
a flame of love to our enemies.

ALL: *Light a flame of love in our hearts to all,
from the lowliest thing that lives,
to the Name that is highest of all. Amen.*

Hymn *Spirit, Working in Creation* Sing the Journey 10

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Hymn *You've Got a Place* Sing the Journey 4

Scripture *Romans 12:9-21* Pew Bible 922
1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Pew Bible 927
Luke 8:19-25 Pew Bible 841

Sermon *An Ecumenical Journey*

Hymn *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace* Sing the Journey 52

Sharing Our Lives/ Congregational Prayer

You are invited to share joys and concerns, reflections on today's service, as well as stories of your faith journey.

Offering *Love Medley* arr. Marilyn Ham

Offering Response *With joy, O God, we give to you* (Tune: Hymnal 46)
*With joy, O God, we give to you our tithes and offerings;
We ask that you would make the most of these material things.
Beyond ourselves, beyond these walls, let all our gifts expand.
Make us a witness to the world, a blessing of your hand.*

Hymn *One Is the Body* Sing the Journey 72

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

We extend welcome and gratitude to our guest speaker. Eugene F. Bales, Ph.D, was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri. He earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Philosophy from the University of Missouri-Columbia and taught Philosophy at Conception Seminary College. Dr. Bales has been at Bethany College in Lindsborg since 1991, teaching philosophy and religion, serving as Academic Vice President for six years, and serving as Provost and Dean of the College for three years. Even though he has retired, Dr. Bales continues to teach at Bethany.

Churchwide Prayer Requests

From WDC: As the school year ends, give thanks for Western District Conference members who serve as teachers, faculty and staff in schools, colleges, and graduate institutions as they support and shape the lives of students of all ages.

From MMN: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *La Casa Grande* children's home in Benin as it goes through leadership changes. Pray for Bienvenu and Chimène Kakpo, the new co-directors, and their biological family, as well as the larger family of more than 30 children, the house mothers, and other personnel.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for Hesston College students as they prepare for and take their final exams. Pray that God would give them peace of mind and the strength they need to finish the school year well.

From MCUSA: Pray for the directors and staff of Mennonite Church USA.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 19, 2018

7:30-8:30 a.m. MCC RIDE FOR RELIEF

We are serving breakfast pastries and coffee to motorcycle riders before they travel on to South Hutchinson. Everyone is invited to host and mingle with these Mennonites on motorcycles.

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Book Study

- *Seek Peace & Pursue It: Women, Faith, and Family Care*

Downstairs – Bible Study

- The Spread of the Gospel
- *Called to Reconcile* – Romans 11:11-24

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Lynn Newcomer

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

Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Music:** Donna Burnett

Third Sunday Potluck follows worship May 19.

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

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| May 19 | MCC Ride for Relief Breakfast | 7:30 a.m. |
| May 19 | Third Sunday Potluck | 11:30 a.m. |
| May 29 | Church Board @ Christina's | 4:00 p.m. |
| June 1 | Backyard Festival | 2:00 p.m. |
| June 2 | Congregational Meeting | 11:30 a.m. |
| June 4 | Worship Committee @ Zergers | 7:15 p.m. |
| June 16 | Third Sunday Potluck | 11:30 a.m. |
| July 2-6 | MennoCon19 in Kansas City | |
| July 26-27 | WDC Annual Assembly at Bethel College | |

Announcements

Backyard Festival: We are inviting community children to our backyard for fun activities and treats on Saturday, June 1. Activities include a bouncy house, bubbles, games, and crafts. Food will be popcorn and popsicles. Plan to attend and assist with this event.

Hesston College: Before departing for a spring tour to the Pacific Northwest, the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will present their last home concert of the 2018-19 year on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus.

Project Salina 2019: Project Salina's mission is to collect food for distribution through five Salina agencies to those in crisis. We are collecting donations for vegetables through May 31. Make checks payable to Salina Mennonite Church.

"How has God called you to co-create bridges in your church and community with new imagination and understanding?" Read "Looking to the Bridge Builders" from Sue Park-Hur, MC USA denominational minister for Leadership Development, on the Menno Snapshots blog: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/looking-to-the-bridge-builders

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