

Advent to Epiphany

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



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

Greeter: Vera Zerger

Worship Leader: Pete Smucker

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Storyteller: Sherry Krehbiel

Piano: Donna Burnett

January 5, 2020

Epiphany

Unable to Go Back the Way We Came!

Gathering Song *Oh, How Joyfully* Hymnal 209

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Candle Lighting *Praying for Peace around the World*
Walking Together video from Mennonite Mission Network

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh God, my God, you cry out to us.

People: Asking, when will you see the light that I am,
the grace I have extended to all people,
the dance out of the darkness and into righteousness
to which I invited you?

Leader: Can we see that in you we are transformed,
unable to go back the way we have known?

All: *God, what are we waiting for?*

Opening Prayer

Hymn *The First Noel* Hymnal 199

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Scripture *Isaiah 60:1-6* Pew Bible 602

Hymn *What Child Is This* Hymnal 215

Sermon *Ring Out! Ring In!*

Sharing the Table

Words of Invitation and Confession

Sharing Bread and Cup

Hymn *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* Sing the Story 30

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

Offering Prayer

Hymn *Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* Sing the Story 32

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.

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for youth in WDC congregations, and the leaders who mentor, teach and accompany them in their faith journey.

Mennonite Mission Network: January 5 Deb Byler of MMN has just returned to Guatemala after three months on North American Assignment. Pray for her as she continues to work with Mennonite women in Bible studies, trauma healing, and leadership training.

Lezha Academic Center, Albania: Please pray for healing for all who lost their loved ones and homes during the major earthquake that struck Albania in November. Approximately 51 people died and 3,000 were injured.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for staff members: Caleb Allen of Kansas and Camille Dager of Pennsylvania new to the Communications team and Roberta Yoder of Indiana new to the Archives. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/36eK3Ns>.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 12, 2020

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Adult Book Study

- *Faith Travels* by Marlene Kropf – Walking in Wilderness

Downstairs – Adult Bible Study

- *Dedicating the Temple of God* – Solomon’s Speech

Downstairs – Children’s Sunday school

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Ted Zerger

Worship Leader: Gary Weathers **Storyteller:** Christina Litwiller

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

Upcoming Events

Jan. 8	Worship Committee @ Zergers’	6:00 pm
Jan. 14	Church Board	7:00 pm
Jan. 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Feb. 2	Super Bowl Party @ Newcomers’	
Feb. 13	Thrive of the Heartland Meal	5:30 pm

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

Announcements

The Great Winter Warm Up: MCC is celebrating their 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6500 comforters in 24 hours. Volunteers have organized events in Kansas on January 11 and 18. Check out the schedule listed on the poster in the entryway.

Before Rosa Parks. Before Martin Luther King Jr. Before Nelson Mandela. There was Paul Robeson. Hesston College artist-in-residence and peace ambassador Tony Brown gives his MLK Day tribute to the 20th century civil rights activist Paul Robeson at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 19, at Hesston Mennonite Church. I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson’s Life in Word and Song, will be narrated by Victor Hogstrom, President of KPTS Channel 8 in Wichita (PBS). Tickets are \$12 for all adults, available at the Hesston College Bookstore in Erb Hall or at 620-327-8104, as well as at the door. Students college-age and younger are free. More info at: www.hesston.edu/MLK.

Boots, Buckets and Barrows: Ted & Co. TheaterWorks, Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) and Hesston College are partnering for a unique fundraising opportunity on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. In an event called Boots, Buckets and Barrows that is part theater show/part auction to support the ongoing work of MDS, Ted & Co. will present the original play *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fetuccine*, which is interrupted two times to auction off buckets of home-related items. The event will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31 at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S. Main St, Hesston). Proceeds from this event will benefit both MDS and scholarships for Hesston College students in the Disaster Management Program. A second south central Kansas show will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1 at Journey Mennonite Church (808 S. Poplar St., South Hutchinson).

2019	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
12/29	47		\$2365.25		\$2365.25