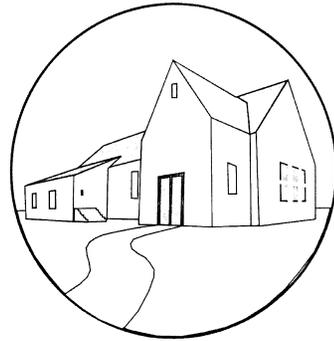


Salina Mennonite Church

A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA

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

June 7, 2020



At Home Worship

Hospitality: Reaching Outward, Drawing Inward

Focus statement: *Hospitality is a relationship of giving and receiving. As God welcomes each of us, we step out in risk and trust to give and receive welcome in the world.*

Gathering

Hymn *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him* Sing the Journey 3
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ModYoPReYYw>

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome one another,
just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

All: *Welcome, all, wherever you are!*

Leader: Welcome, with all your questions, your mistakes,
and your great celebrations.

All: *Welcome, all, however you've come!*

Leader: Welcome, with all your wondering, your sadness,
and your great joy.

All: *Welcome, all, whoever you are!*

Leader: Christ has welcomed us.

All: *Glory to God!*

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXb_fk62Y_E

Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Sing the Journey 56
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihhvm6eLWZI>

Scripture *By the Oaks of Mamre* Genesis 18:1-15
Dramatized <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bHHRZR8Dx8>
For Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrGkO8TOFck>

Humility and Hospitality

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Read Aloud <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saCkVyiMjgw>

For Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HahHU5vRTns>

Hymn *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* Hymnal 307
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYpH3y4608E>

Christian Hospitality Under the Long Shadow of Racial Injustice

**Notes on the Scripture

In Luke 14, Jesus is at a dinner party, and as he watches the people around him, he starts to give some pointers about how to give and receive hospitality. Hospitality is not a private spiritual practice, because it always brings us into relationships with others. Hospitality can also be a risky venture, opening people on both ends of the relationship to the uncertainty of what happens when lives are shared. Jesus tells his listeners to look around for the people who are truly vulnerable to their surroundings. The spiritual practice of hospitality is not just letting people in the door – it's letting them through the walls that we build and maintain to protect ourselves. And as Abraham discovered by the oaks of Mamre, the paradox of hospitality is that the roles of the people in a relationship do not always remain clearly well defined. Abraham was being a host, but it wasn't long before his guests became host to the birth of new life within him and Sarah.

**From Mennonite Church USA

We Need to Engage in More Costly Peacemaking
<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/more-costly-peacemaking/>

Mennonite Church USA Statement on Racial Injustice
http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc_usa-statement-on-racial-injustice/

Prayers of Lament: Responding to the Violence of Racism
<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/lament-violence-of-racism/>

Why We Need #BringthePeace
<https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteChurchUSA/videos/658924277990244/>

Hymn *How Can I Say* Sing the Story 117
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0Wr6GPI1o8>

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering *Support our budget by mailing contributions to the church.*

Hymn *We Shall Overcome*

Recorded in April <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBtmPiCgToI>

Benediction

Send us, Lord! Into places we know, where your love may startle and challenge. Send us, Lord! Into places we don't know, where your love may comfort and invite. We will go.

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Pastor Christina's Schedule

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

June 11	Sharing and Prayer via Zoom	7:00 pm
June 14	Worship via Zoom	10:00 am
June 17	Congregational Meeting via Zoom	7:00 pm
June 23	Church Board	7:00 pm
June 28	Backyard Fellowship	6:30 pm
July 1	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board as it meets this week to offer vision and leadership to the conference in the midst of challenging times.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Juliet Kilpin and Peaceful Borders, an Anabaptist organization in the United Kingdom that advocates for refugees. Pray for resources for refugee-led support groups (Hopetowns) that bear witness to suffering and injustice and provide the basics: food, water, shelter, and a cellphone charger.

Mennonite Education Agency: Please pray for seniors of Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA, who celebrated their graduation this past week. Pray also for wisdom and energy for the faculty and administration as we consider how to adjust for the coming school year in ways that will support the students and mission of our school.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for our conferences that are meeting online for their annual gatherings this month: Central District Conference, Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference, Central Plains Mennonite Conference and Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference.

Announcements

Bible Study: Anyone interested in joining a midweek Bible study class is invited to contact Tom Claassen.

From the Church Board: We will continue meeting via Zoom through the end of June. We anticipate beginning in-person/Zoom hybrid worship on July 5. We welcome suggestions and questions.

Second Quarter Congregational Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 17 via Zoom. Agenda includes:

- Committee/Coordinator reports
- Being church as the country reopens
- Other questions or suggestions

Backyard Fellowship: Everyone is invited to gather in the church's backyard beginning at 6:30 pm on Sunday, June 28.

From WDC Resource Library:

Virtual Summer Story Hour

- Children ages 3-8, come take a dip in the ocean through Summer Story Hour! Virtually join Library Director Jennie Wintermote and volunteer Marjie Warkentine for "Oceans of Fun" with 8 weekly sessions June 15-August 3. Sign up today at <https://forms.gle/61539e9zGnE7u98y5> The first 15 children who sign up will receive a list of supplies they will need for each project. Join us for "oceans" of stories and fun!

Summer Reading Programs--Running June 1-August 15

- **Adults**--This year you're invited to read any title in our collection and submit a brief review. Each review will be a ticket into our prize drawings for books, giftcards, and more. Submit reviews at <https://forms.gle/r4kpXQBQqZPuGjiw8>, or post them on the WDC Resource Library FaceBook page.
- **Children**--Download a reading log [here](#) and mark off a box for each book you read (picture books) or every 15 pages (for chapter books) or contact the library for a copy. Turn in your reading log after August 15 for fun prizes. (Turn in by mailing, dropping off, or sending a picture of your log to crlib@mennowdc.org). Register your child(ren) at <https://forms.gle/mgPPft74HBDs9ZMu6> so we can have enough prizes ready!

From MCUSA: Learn more about the humanitarian work being done in North Korea during a free webinar on June 12 at 5:30 p.m. EDT. Mennonite Church USA is co-sponsoring this webinar, led by author Joy Yoon. Register by June 10 at <https://bit.ly/NKoreaWebinar>.

Menno Snapshots: Pastor Melissa Florer-Bixler shares what it means to honor all members of the body of Christ in the church's responses to the pandemic and reopening in her blog, "The most precious of all." Read more at <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/most-precious/>