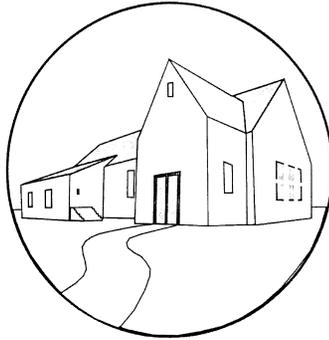


Salina Mennonite Church

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.

September 20, 2020



At Home Worship Gathering

Song *Sithi Bonga (We Sing Praise)* Sing the Story 94
LMS Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97stiXp0bg>
Angolan Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19OmpDf6kZs>

Gathering Prayer Sing the Journey 122

Leader: Source of all hope and holiness,
we gather this morning to be church.
Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.
Bless those who are distant, but not from your love.
Bless each of us who are worshipping together

All: **that we may choose justice by your Spirit,
draw kindness from the well of your mercy,
and walk humbly in your path, O God. Amen**

Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Hymnal 343
Mennonite Hour https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bWjb_6MzWY
Contemporary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkMapZB8qMk>

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling *Jacob & Esau, Feuding Brothers* from Genesis 25,27,32,33
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeQ74_sHk2Q

Scripture *Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8*
Exodus 17:1-7 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bFak6RbF-g>
Romans 5:1-21 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GdcvpDfPBk>

Sermon *Getting to Hope* Don Schroeder

Hymn *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* Hymnal 614
Congregation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDpByzZqeQ4>
Piano & Violin https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_2W2cUUfYU

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns
The Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn *In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting* Hymnal 526
English <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vO6nZ2OvtUY>
German <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWIAZvC7jZY>

Benediction

*We go now with faith,
trusting God's Spirit to guide us.
We go now with hope,
waiting for the fullness of Christ's reign.
We go now with love,
resting in God's care and the care of God's people.*

Hymn *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Sing the Journey 76
Bethel College <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jZtEcc6ZNI>

We welcome Don Schroeder as our guest speaker. Don is a Native Kansan growing up in Newton and is a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary. His last parish before retirement was Sunrise Presbyterian here in Salina. He currently volunteers as a chaplain at Tammy Walker Cancer Center. Salina Mennonite Church is the 101st church in which he has preached.

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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.

“Sunday School” Options

For Children – Becoming a People of God

- Bible stories during Sunday morning worship
- Story Bibles to read and activities to do at home

For Adults

- Fellowship – Weather permitting
 - 6:30 pm Sundays in the backyard
- Bible Study – *Joining God: Relationship & Worship*
 - 7:00 pm Wednesdays at Zergers’
 - Contact Tom Claassen for information
- Book Study – *Addiction Nation* by Timothy King
 - 7:00 pm Thursdays via Zoom
 - Contact Pastor Christina for information

Upcoming Events

Sept 27	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
Sept 29	Church Board	7:00 pm
Sept 30	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm
Oct 2	First Friday Game Night via Zoom	7:00 pm
Oct 4	World Communion Sunday	10:00 am
Oct 4	Nancy Weather’s Memorial Luncheon	1-4 pm

Worship Totals

2020	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
9/13	Zoom 17 Church 9 Total 26	\$750.00		\$750.00

Third Sunday Backyard Fellowship

Everyone is invited to gather in the church’s backyard for a time of fellowship beginning at 6:30 pm, *this Sunday*, September 20. Bring a lawn chair. Keep a safe physical distance. Masks are encouraged.

Local Announcements

MCC School Kits: Join our school kit project. Bring completed kits or kit contents to the church by next Sunday, September 27. We will assemble the kits after worship on the 27th.

24/7 Travel Stores Food Bank Fill-up: During the month of September, donate to your local food bank at the register and 24/7 Travel Stores will match your donation up to \$30,000 donated.

World Communion Sunday: We will celebrate our oneness in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world on Sunday, October 4. Whether you are at home or in the sanctuary, please provide your own bread and juice for communion. You might choose communion elements with an international flavor.

Luncheon in Memory of Nancy Weathers: Sunday, October 4, 1:00-4:00 at The Friendship Center, 746 Commanche Ave. (Centennial Park south of Hickory Hut)

Blessing Box: We are collecting notebook paper, spiral notebooks, erasers, and Ticonderoga pencils to give to neighborhood children.

Cottonwood School: We are collecting snacks, small cups, masks, disinfecting wipes, and Expo dry erase markers.

Conferencewide Announcements

Racial Justice from the US to Palestine: The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force invites you to a virtual conversation on racial justice. Palestinians Alex Awad and Jonathan Kuttub join US citizen Sarah Nahar to share their experiences of injustice and hope. Join this free live event on WDC's Facebook page on September 21, 7 pm. You're welcome to donate to WDC at: www.mennowdc.org

Register NOW for the MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride! The ride is a “virtual” event this year. Register any time until September 29 at: [Register online at Bikereg.com](http://Bikereg.com). Raise money for MCC to fund the construction of new wells and repair existing water and sanitary systems at schools in Nicaragua. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Checks to MCC Flatlander Bike Ride may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

WDC Garden Newsletter: You are invited to read the latest issue of WDC's quarterly newsletter now available at: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-garden-september-october-november-2020/>.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

The KMRS is sponsoring an online auction at the Acutria Auction site. <https://charityauction.bid/KMRS>

Bidding began on September 1 and will close at 5:00 PM on September 26. This auction features donations that would have been sold at the silent or general auction at the KMRS event last April. Items will continue to be added through the time period of the auction so check out the auction site often. There will not be any quilts sold at this auction but the quilt committee is putting together a quilt online auction for October. More details will follow as those details are worked out.

This is an opportunity to contribute to the continuing needs of the Mennonite Central Committee. The auction site is easy to use and is geared for non-profit charitable organizations. Items purchased may be picked up at a distribution points in North Newton, Topeka and Hutchinson. Shipping or delivery will be considered upon request.

Please check out the items on the auction site and bid. If you have something you would like to donate or have questions, please contact Jim Robb at jimandbeatyrobbs@gmail.com or 620-747-0186.

You have been very generous in your donations and contributions to KMRS and MCC. For this we are thankful. But in this centennial year we should consider stretching ourselves as the original supporters of MCC did. The best way to celebrate is to "give in the name of Christ."

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Church USA staff invites you to join them in supporting the Mennonite World Conference Global Sharing Fund to provide COVID-19 relief to congregations with less access to aid and resources, especially in parts of Africa, Latin America and Asia. Visit <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/word-conference-relief-fund>

Learn, Pray, Join: "FORGOTTEN." This is the word that Ana Alicia Hinojosa, an MCC immigration education coordinator, said has been on her mind since South Texas/Rio Grande Valley was hit with Hurricane Hanna in late July. Read her powerful call to action in her blog, "Do something bold for immigration justice."

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/do-something-bold>

#BringThePeace: Mennonite Church USA is offering Justice Fund grants to congregations that are actively addressing racial justice, poverty, police brutality/reimagining policing and immigration or are seeking start-up money to engage in these areas. Apply or donate at:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/applications-for-justice-fund/>

Menno Snapshots: In his blog, "Building stamina for anti-racism," Goshen student Cade Fisher talks about the need for young people to prepare for the long, hard work of anti-racism. Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/building-stamina-for-anti-racism/>

Mennonite Central Committee invites you join Celebration 2020, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. Find information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Gifts Discernment Committee and staff as they meet online next Saturday for Reference Council, a time for orientation and reflection together on common mission and priorities for the coming year.

Mennonite Mission Network: Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado request prayer for the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Benin since quarantine ended in June. Pray especially for the protection of the children and staff at *La Casa Grande* and that the children will not fall behind in their education.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the many international students who were unable or denied visas to enter the United States to study this fall. Many are taking online classes with the hope of joining the campus community second semester. Pray for strength and courage as they meet the challenges of studying across vast time zone differences and in a foreign language, and feelings of loneliness as they study alone.