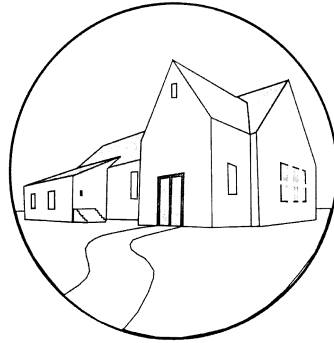


Salina Mennonite Church

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.

February 7, 2021



Gathering

Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer* HWB 11
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xg282my5QyU>
Instrumental <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ThVZxoOKpA>

Gathering Prayer VT 857

Holy God,
you call us together to reflect on your Word
and our life in your world.
Be with us now as we sing and pray together,
that we may hear your voice and understand your way.
This we pray through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

– United Church of Canada, *Voices United*, 2007

Hymn *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* VT 29
Praise Band <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jU1q33K6yQ>
Scenic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oKf84dtEGs>

Storytelling *Rocks, Weeds, Birds, and Seeds* Mark 4:1-20
Dramatized <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRhBbBTxbQ>
For Kids https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZEO_Ls2ERs

Song *Som'landela (We Will Follow)* VT 566
Soweto Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rjut3b8oEE>

Sermon in Word and Song

Hearing & Holding an Afflicted Heart

Scripture *Lament of One Afflicted* Psalm 102:1-11
NIV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Z8LOSHuIiM>

Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* VT 682
Ken Medema https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV_xxnGBITA
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Vsl6nax6Rs>

Scripture *Hymn of Praise/Prayer for Restoration* Psalm 102:12-28
Jewish <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdGx7OYxuiU>

Hymn *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653
Women's "Trio" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDDSr-77ZHo>
Violin/Viola <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvaJWpAgWg>

Hymn *What Can I Leave Behind* VT 154

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns
The Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* VT 628
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RR88AJicumM>
Bluegrass <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hje9vyn5ki8>

Benediction VT 1055

*Go, knowing you are beloved by God.
Go, praising God for the good news in Jesus Christ.
Go, living the message of God's grace, peace, and love.
Amen.*

– Eleanor Epp-Stobbe (Canada), 2013

Postlude *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* SJ 56
Ensemble <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0hp60WW6IQ>
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYV5Q0E2caE>

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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.

“Sunday School” Options

For Children – *Jesus Brings Good News*

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

For Adults

- Fellowship – On hiatus until further notice
- Bible Study – *In God's Image* – 7 pm Wednesday at Zergers'
- Book Study – On hiatus until further notice

Upcoming Events

Feb 14	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
Feb 19	Game Night via Zoom	7:00 pm
Feb 23	Church Board	7:00 pm
Mar 3	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm
Mar 7	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
1/31	Zoom 25 Church 10 Total 35	\$1000.00	SouperBowl of Hope \$11.00 Special Needs Fund \$20.00	\$1130.00

Local Announcements

Voices Together Merchandise: Let Pastor Christina know by February 15 if you'd like to order any of these products:

- Hymnal – Pew Edition – \$30
- CD Audio Recordings – 4 Vol. Set – \$60
(Digital recordings are available for the same price.)
- Face Masks – \$10

My Coins Count: Save your change for MCC. The jar is on the back table in the sanctuary. Add your contributions anytime before the sale which is scheduled for July 2 & 3.

COVID Restrictions: The number of people inside the church building is limited to 15 people. Masks are required unless you are in the building by yourself.

Game Night: Play Wild Animal Bingo and Scattergories on Zoom at 7:00 pm on Friday, February 19. Barb Kathrineberg is the host.

Bible Study or Fellowship: Contact Pastor Christina if you are willing to host either of these. The host can determine the frequency and dates.

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Pray for members of WDC congregations and communities grieving the death of loved ones during the pandemic.

Social Security and retirement income planning webinar:

Everence will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Verenike Supper: First Mennonite Church, 427 W. 4th, Halstead, KS will have a drive-through verenike supper on February 20 from 4-7 pm. This year they will offer a reduced menu of verenike, ham gravy and sausage. The cost is by donation and proceeds will go to local Covid-19 relief.

You are invited to join the virtual MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, February 27 at 9 a.m. CST The meeting will include a reflection on MCC in pandemic times, details about what COVID-19 has meant for MCC thrift shops and a look at our financial statements. Email centralstates@mcc.org to receive the Zoom meeting information.

FOR SALE: The Kansas MCC Sale has 2 Steel Shipping Containers for sale. These make excellent storage buildings. They are rodent and moisture proof. They are ALL steel construction with a heavy oak floor capable of handling a forklift. Size is: 40 ft long by 8 ft wide by 8 1/2 ft tall. Donation of \$2,500 requested. They come with heavy timbers to set on. Mileage charged for delivery outside Inman area. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257

Use your skills or try something new! Join the summer staff of MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-staff or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 633-4008 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for 30 participants who are about half-way through *ENVIADOS*, a 12-week curriculum used to prepare Colombian Mennonite church planters. Three cohort groups are meeting weekly.

Mennonite Education Agency: This month we want to especially remember computer and IT staff, who have been vital to many of the schools' online learning platforms. Where would we be without these clever individuals? We also want to remember the many teachers who have gained new skills in this area out of necessity. Together they have ushered in an era in education in which virtual and remote learning is the new normal.

Mennonite Church USA: February is Black History Month. Celebrate and learn about Mennonite Church USA's African American Mennonite history through a timeline that highlights the people, events and work of the church from 1886 to today. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/black-history-mennonite>

Menno Snapshots: Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, explains the denomination's resolution process and encourages us all to use our voices in his blog, "Do you understand the resolution process?" Read it: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resolution-process>

MC USA's annual Lent at Home guide for home-based worship provides daily and weekly scripture readings, prayers and rituals for individuals and families observing Lent (Feb. 17 to April 4). View and download it here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/lentathome>.

Learn, Pray, Join: During February and March, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn more about the Anabaptist peace witness and resistance to militarism by engaging its new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative – Cost of War. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-war>

Mennonite World Conference: Dear Lord, as we enter this new year, steady our hearts to spread the gospel of peace. May we follow your Spirit as we work for transformation and justice in this world. Lord, give us courage to proclaim this message in word and action, especially in places where there is corruption, persecution and natural disasters. Thank you for Jesus' peacemaking example.