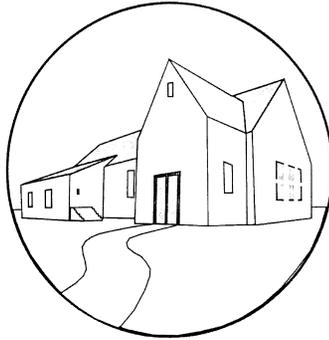


Salina Mennonite Church

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.

April 11, 2021



GATHERING

Prelude *Low in the Grave He Lay* VT 333
Arrangement by Carla Klassen
Pianist: Beverly Lapp, Vice President and Academic Dean, AMBS

Call to Worship VT 1047
Allan Rudy-Froese, Assoc. Prof. of Christian Proclamation, AMBS

Opening Prayer
Sibonokuhle Ncube, AMBS student from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* VT 737
Janet Abai, AMBS student from Jos, Nigeria
Anna Ressler, AMBS student from Apple Creek, Ohio, U.S.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SQSUrMCEBs>

PROCLAIMING

Scripture presentation (John 20:19-31) |
Rachel Miller Jacobs, Assoc. Prof. of Cong. Formation, AMBS
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xcdu6XXOuRQ&t=77s> (1st 3 minutes)

Sermon
Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister, WDC
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0wle6zMMd8&t=5s>

Worship materials for the first half of the service are supplied by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) and Western District Conference (WDC).

RESPONDING

Hymn *We Walk by Faith* VT 588
Marty Haugen https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hk_7EUvww8
w/guitar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMXaIPitEOA>

Storytelling *Go into the World* Acts 1:3-6, 8-11
Saddleback Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>

Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Hymn *Lift Your Glad Voices* VT 340
Virtual <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IUtEaA38MY>
Hand Chimes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTky1GXiJKc>

Benediction VT 1056
God dearly loves us, and through Christ left us an example, that we might follow in his footsteps. Christ is the light that has come into the world; may God grant that this light shine around you, and that you walk in it. Amen.

Postlude *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* VT 831
Piano https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cU2Q_phGHQY

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Additional Worship Materials from AMBS and WDC

AMBS
Witnessing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XThMDJVkKKk>
Praying <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw1StOXIZd8>
Sending <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbcEj6NcuBc>

WDC
Kathy Neufeld Dunn https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEt_ReKWJ_g
Sandra Montes Martinez <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aiqk9hyGec4>

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 – *Living the Good News*

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

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Living for God* – 7 pm Wednesday at Zergers’

Upcoming Events

Apr 11	Plant Sale at Zerger’s	3:00 pm
Apr 18	Worship (hybrid)	10:00 am
	Memorial Rose Bush Planting	4:30 pm
Apr 27	Church Board @ Zergers’	7:00 pm
May 5	Worship Committee	5:30 pm

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
4/4	Sunrise 24 Zoom 22 Church 16 Total 38	Rent \$150.00 \$2942.00	Special Needs Fund \$145.00 Building Fund \$450.00	\$3687.00

Local Announcements

Plant Sale: Purchase plants at Zerger's home on Sunday, April 11, after 3:00 pm. Proceeds benefit MCC.

Salina Spring Spruce Up: Volunteer on Saturday, April 17, 8:00 am to noon. Choose from 8 projects at various locations. Tools are provided. You must wear a mask, bring your own water, snacks & gloves. Social Distancing will be mandatory. Contact Pastor Christina for details.

Memorial Rose Bush Planting: We are adding a peace rose to our Peace Butterfly Garden in memory of Nancy Weathers on Sunday, April 18, at 4:30 pm. Join us in the backyard for this event.

Worship Plans: You are welcome to join worship in-person as you are comfortable. We will continue to wear masks. We will continue to maintain the Zoom connections each week.

SMC Church Board: We welcome your input and help with the projects we are considering. Contact Annelle or Christina

- Visibility
 - Name & MC USA logo on front door
 - Name on east side of building
 - Improve online presence – Website & Facebook
- Welcome
 - Write a welcome statement
- Church building
 - New furnaces
 - New seating in the sanctuary
 - Refurbish the walls in the sanctuary

MennoCon21: Would you like to attend portions of the MC USA convention July 6-10 from your own home? Christina will be attending virtually instead of in-person as originally budgeted. The church board is offering some of the “excess” funds to pay registration for on-line attendance for up to six members of SMC. Contact Pastor Christina if you are interested. Learn more about MennoCon21 here: <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org>

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations engaged in ministries with immigrants and refugees, as they seek to embody God’s love and justice.

Men and Boys Retreat, April 16-18, at Camp Mennoscah! Come to Camp Mennoscah for time for fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

Everence Online Webinar– Make Medicare an Easy Step: Tuesday, April 20 starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include:

- Signing up for Medicare: how, when and where.
- What Medicare covers (and does not cover).
- Prescription drug coverage.
- Plans that supplement Medicare.

Register soon for this free, online event by contacting Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

WDC Hope Fund update: One year ago in April 2020, the WDC Executive Board established the Hope Fund to support WDC congregations and ministers in response to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Since then, contributions of over \$45,000 have been received, and grants totaling over \$31,000 have been distributed to assist with expenses such as rent and repairs, utilities, groceries, pastoral support, medical expenses and mental health care. Thanks be to God for the mutual support and generosity that has been shared through these funds! In anticipation of future needs beyond the pandemic, the Executive Board recently approved an expansion of the Hope Fund guidelines, to also include assistance in times of natural disaster or similar emergencies, and to allow WDC commissions (in addition to congregations) to also apply for grants to assist congregations and ministers. The Board also approved a Hope Fund Task Force to continue administering the fund. Gifts to the Hope Fund may be made online at <https://mennowdc.org/> or by sending a check to PO Box 306, N. Newton, KS 67117.

Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar April 21 & 22 at 7pm: MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. [Register here](#) for this two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America.

Bethel College Women's Association invites donations to help purchase two earth-friendly water refill stations for the Bethel campus. The stations will accommodate water bottles, and cost \$890 each. Donate at bcwamarketonline.com by April 30, 2021. Thank you for your support!

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Deb Byler as she works with Kekchi Mennonite women in Guatemala to write a curriculum for women in church leadership. During the past year of COVID-19 quarantines, Deb has written from home. Pray for her and her colleagues as they begin to travel to churches again.

Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for the Executive Board of MC USA, which is gathering for a virtual meeting on April 16-17. The Executive Board meets two or three times per year, setting the vision and guiding the direction of the denomination.

Mennonite Church USA: After living in sanctuary at Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church for three years, Edith Espinal was finally able to move back into her own home with her family in February. Celebrate with the Espinal family by reading Edith Espinal's story here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/edith-espinal/>

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) recently met and provided feedback on four proposed resolutions, concerning the denomination's Membership Guidelines, inclusion of LGBTQIA people, accessibility for people with disabilities, and justice in the U.S. criminal legal system. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/clc-resolutions>

Menno Snapshots: What is the Voices Together committee doing now? How did the name "Voices Together" originate? What were some of the most difficult decisions the Voices Together committee had to make concerning certain hymns? Katie Graber answers these questions and more in her blog, "Answers to your Voices Together questions." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/vt-questions>

Mennonite World Conference: Lord, you have placed us as your caretakers upon the earth. Show us your glory in the world around us, in its abundance and its fragility. Forgive us for our selfish consumption. Teach us humility in our dominion and remind us how our actions affect those around us.