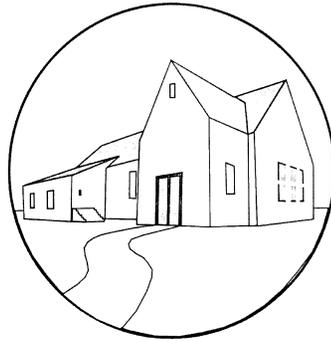


Salina Mennonite Church

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.

May 16, 2021



Stories from Acts

Prelude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Cindy Berry
Piano https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjl_sBE6YCO

Gathering Prayer VT 862

Leader: You who open doors and dismantle barriers,
ALL: *Open our hearts to praise you,*
Leader: that we might live the full truth of who we are,
that we might live as neighbors and friends,
no longer strangers and enemies.
ALL: *Open our hearts to the transforming power of your love.*
Leader: that we might forgive and reconcile,
making peace and learning war no more,
that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit,
to tell your grace to all the world.
ALL: *We pray in the name of the One who walked among us
as brother and friend. Amen.*

Hymn *Let's Walk Together* VT 6
Youth Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEISCo3l6zk>
Solo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLOmSmDvfsA>

Storytelling *Good News for Everyone* Acts 10:1-48
Animated <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKU9MyuGrj0>

Hymn *You've Got a Place* SJ 4 (VT 801)
Duet <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCUsKkaRgB4>
Ensemble <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwsI4TjkQ4Y>

Scripture *Children of God* Galatians 3:23-29
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNN9_DmEC1w

Sermon *All Are Welcome*

Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* VT 156
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6vR0vktA0k>
Different Tune <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dyRKgm6I-s>

Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *The Love of God* VT 162
Ensemble <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUy3yaSd9b0>
Quintet https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ag1Zvu5_vnU

Benediction *Ephesians 3:20-21* VT 824
Now to the One who, by the power at work within us, is able to do exceedingly far more than all we could ask or imagine, to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Postlude *The Love of God* arr. Fred Bock
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8q7hRwZev8>

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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 – *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

May 22	Memorial Service for Susan Reitz	10:00 am
May 23	Worship (hybrid)	10:00 am
May 25	Church Board @ Zergers'	7:00 pm
June 2	Worship Committee @ Newcomer's	7:00 pm
June 6	Homecoming Sunday	10:00 am
	Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
June 20	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
5/9	Zoom 20 Church 13 Total 33	Rent \$150.00 \$360.00		\$510.00

Local Announcements

Memorial Service: A memorial service for Susan Reitz is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday, May 22, in the church's backyard. A reception will follow the service, beginning around 10:45. Everyone is invited to attend the service and/or reception.

Homecoming Sunday: We are returning to in-person worship on Sunday, June 6. The service will include dedication of the Voices Together hymnal. We invite you to join us in the sanctuary, if possible. The format of our worship will remain the same. Masks are encouraged. We will continue to maintain the Zoom connections each week.

Membership News: We plan to receive Dustin and Collene Stucky as members of Salina Mennonite Church on Sunday, June 6. The Church Board has approved their membership requests. Please direct any questions to Pastor Christina.

Note of Thanks: Thank you for the rose bush in Nancy's name. It means more than I can put into words and it gives me a quiet place to go and reflect. Thank you again. —Boz (Gary Weathers)

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission, meeting this week to discern faithful use of resources, and give thanks for generous contributions that support conference ministry.

Congratulations! Deborah, Camp Mennoscah's dedicated and generous office assistant of over 7 years, is retiring! She has reduced her hours and has graciously agreed to stay on for a time while the next assistant is found. Camp Mennoscah is seeking someone to share in office/support operations and guest services in a position with potential growth. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

MCC Central States COVID-19 update: We look forward to re-opening the MCC office in North Newton on July 6. Please keep us in your prayers as we consider our protocols, processes and capacity. Material resources donations continue to be accepted in the 24-hour donation room. Financial donations can be made at mcc.org, mailed to the office (MCC Central States PO BOX 235 North Newton, KS 67117) or dropped off by appointment. Please call the MCC office at 316-283-2720 with any questions. Thank you for continuing to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

SWAP summer staff needed! MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is in need of Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but these paid 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) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for spiritual revival of the congregants (Psalm 85:1-6). We pray that the world may know Christ the Savior.

Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN in praising God for Robin Gingerich's 20 years of ministry at LCC International University in Lithuania. Pray for students from around the world, who persevere in learning despite the many difficulties caused by COVID-19 restrictions, which compound other trauma they may have experienced in their lives.

MennoCon21: Have you been wondering whose faces you will see on stage at MennoCon21, Mennonite Church USA's biennial convention on July 6-10? Read about who the worship speakers are and what topics they will be covering at this first hybrid (in-person and online) convention:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon21-worship/>.

Learn, Pray, Join: Jonathan Brenneman reflects on how the militarized state of Israel causes children to suffer and how our taxpayer dollars aid in causing that suffering. Read his blog, "Investing in Justice Rather Than Militarism at Home and Abroad," here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-over-militarism>

Menno Snapshots: For a variety of reasons, regularly attending Sunday morning church services is just not feasible for many people. Beryl Jantzi, in his blog, "Revisioning Church: Sabbath Diaspora and Christian Synagogues," addresses this issue by offering several ways that churches can accommodate a non-traditional Sabbath.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/diaspora-synagogues>

#BringThePeace: In response to increased violence and hate crimes against Asian American Pacific Islander people, the Mennonite Church USA Women in Leadership Steering Committee made a statement urging the church to work together to call out anti-Asian rhetoric and abuse. Read more here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/aapi-statement/>.

Welcome Statements

Which of these most closely represents the welcome in our congregation? What would you add or change?

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church – Wichita, KS: *We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world.*

Houston Mennonite Church – Houston, TX: *We are excited to join God in welcoming and celebrating people of all orientations, gender identities, ethnicities, races, ages, documentations, economic statuses, mental or physical abilities, marital statuses, or other differences, into the full life of our church. The church grows more vibrant as we embrace one another. All those looking for a church home are invited to Houston Mennonite Church. Here, everyone is fully welcome.*

Albuquerque Mennonite Church – Albuquerque, NM: *We of Albuquerque Mennonite Church are committed to Jesus' call to be a growing community that embodies God's love in the world, a community that cherishes and practices worship, healing, hospitality, peacemaking and respect for all. Open and affirming, we hold that every person is created in God's image, valued without regard to origin, sexual identity, affiliation or status.*