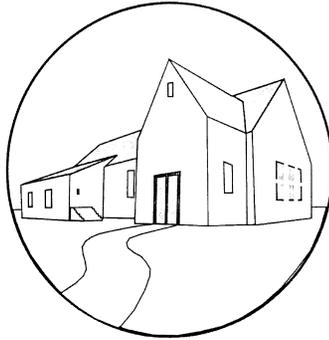


Salina Mennonite Church

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 23, 2021



Stories from Acts

Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Flute & Harp <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAv2ErzLEEs>
Trio <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADaNGj6p890>

Gathering Prayer

VT 863

Leader: Source of all hope and holiness,
we gather today to be church.
Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.
Bless those who are distant, but not from our love.

**All: Bless each of us here,
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 *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

VT 7

A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RcJKEk3XbB8>
Band <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RM4oQq2fI-Q>

Storytelling *Down to the River to Pray*

Acts 16:11-15

Illustrated <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jx19H1bdmE>

Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children*

VT 682

Ensemble <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yh9ivThjOz4>
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPLXYhdUTQs>

Scripture *God Is Love*

1 John 4:7-16

Sermon *Prayer and Hospitality*

Hymn *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace*

VT 719

Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41yENZ9xk7w>
Solo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A05v6PJNVQg>

Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River*

VT 667

Buddy Greene <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EI7QntXqavo>
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSHrueWgG-U>

Benediction

VT 1062

*Live without fear:
Your Creator has made you holy,
has always protected you,
and loves you as a mother.
Go in peace to follow the good road,
and may God's blessing be with you always.*

Postlude *Sweet By and By/Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Cindy Berry

Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByP0X4diBuk>

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Pastor Christina's Schedule

Office Hours This Week: 9:00-12:00 Thursday – Friday

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 27	Church Board @ Zergers'	7:30 pm
May 30	Worship (hybrid)	10:00 am
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
5/16	Zoom 12 Church 12 Total 24	\$55.00	Building Fund \$20,000.00	\$20,055.00

Local Announcements

Homecoming Sunday: We are returning to in-person worship on Sunday, June 6. The service will include dedication of the Voices Together hymnal and receiving the Stucky family into membership. 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.

June 6 Congregational Meeting: Agenda includes activity reports, update on building projects, and discussion of a welcome statement.

The church T-shirts are in! They are available for pickup at the church. Cost is \$10.00 per shirt. You may pay by cash to Vera or Christina or by check to Salina Mennonite Church: memo: T-shirts. We have a few extra if anyone is interested. If you have any questions, email/text Vera Zerger or email Salina Mennonite Church.

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, as congregations and individuals use its materials for spiritual growth, sermon preparation, leadership development, Bible study, children's stories, and many other forms of learning and faith formation.

WDC Annual Assembly will be held July 30-August 1, focusing on the theme of "Woven Into God's Story", based on Colossians 2:2-7. Some parts of it will be only virtual, and other parts will be only on-site at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, KS. Much of it will be hybrid with people on-site and virtual sharing together. Information is posted as it becomes available, and online registration will be available at the beginning of June at: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>

Special Annual Assembly Storytelling Opportunity! WDC's Assembly theme July 30-August 1 is "Woven into God's Story." When was the last time you really listened to the story of someone who doesn't see the world as you do? The folks at StoryCorps have invited WDC to partner with their storytelling project, *One Small Step*, to share and record our own stories within WDC. *One Small Step* is an initiative to facilitate conversations across differences, between people who may disagree politically. It's not a debate. It's a chance to spend time virtually with someone different than you and discover the stories behind each other's beliefs. To join another WDC member for an online conversation, sign up at <https://onesmallstep.storycorps.org/wdc/>. The registration deadline is June 25 and virtual recordings will be scheduled July 28-30 (space is limited). For more information about *One Small Step* see the attached flyer.

The Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will happen in-person this September! Details are being discussed but please circle the dates of Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12 and consider joining our fellowship and reconnecting. Of course, some things will look different including no programming for girls, only meeting on Saturday and Sunday, building use being limited, bodies being one year older, etc. We'll send out more details and registration information later this summer; hope to see you there!

Chose Thrift First – Join MCC and take the [Chose Thrift First pledge!](#) Learn how you can care for our planet by making secondhand your first shopping choice. Shop at an Et Cetera Shop in Hillsboro or Newton to support the work of MCC.

Churchwide Announcements

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for the board members of the Paris (France) Mennonite Center as they meet on Friday, May 28. May they discern God’s leading as they evaluate priorities and explore new global relationships. restrictions, which compound other trauma they may have experienced in their lives.

MC USA: Join author Sarah Augustine as she shares about her new book, “The Land is Not Empty, Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery,” in a webinar on June 3 a 7 p.m. EDT/6 p.m. CDT/5 p.m. MDT/4 p.m. PDT. A question-and-answer time will follow. Spanish interpretation provided. This webinar is cosponsored by Mennonite Church USA and MennoMedia. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/land-not-empty

Learn, Pray, Join: Hiro Katano writes about his experience as a peace educator with the Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute in his blog, “Peace as Cultural Transformation in Northeast Asia.” The blog is part of Mennonite Church USA’s Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War initiative to raise awareness of the destructive powers of militarization. Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/peace-cultural-transformation>

Menno Snapshots: In her blog, “The Sacred Work of Holy Agitation,” Bonita Croyle shares what she hopes to accomplish as a member of Mennonite Church USA’s Women in Leadership Steering Committee. Read about her passions here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/sacred-work-holy-agitation>

#BringThePeace: In “Conference Minister’s Response to the Tragic Shooting near Boulder Mennonite Church,” Rev. Amy S. Zimbelman reflects on the prayer vigil held in the aftermath of the shooting that took place in Boulder, Colorado, in March. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/uncategorized/boulder-shooting/>

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for wisdom for national church leaders as they give guidance and counsel to the church.



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- Rifqa Younes M. Hamalawy,
Al-Najd Development Forum

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Responding to conflict in Gaza: You can provide emergency relief today. The recent violence has made poor humanitarian conditions in Gaza worse, at a time when hospitals were already overwhelmed with COVID-19. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed and damaged with thousands displaced. Your gifts will help MCC partners provide emergency relief, like emergency food, hygiene supplies, household items, housing reconstruction and trauma healing. Thank you for supporting vulnerable families, your compassion and care will be felt across borders and walls. Donate today: <https://donate.mcc.org/cause/gaza-relief> 888-563-4676; MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501