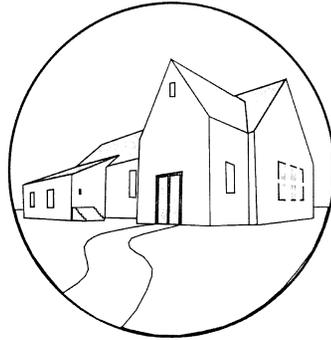


## Salina Mennonite Church

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 30, 2021**



### Stories from Acts

**Prelude** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* VT 88  
Piano/Organ Duet <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otrl08c-j-Q>

**Gathering Prayer** VT 863

Leader: I praise you God –  
in the sanctuary and under the stars;

**All: for your greatness and for your goodness;**

Leader: with loud hymns and quiet prayers;

**All: with helping hands and dancing feet;**

Leader: with all my breath and with all creation;

**All: We praise you, God. Amen**

**Hymn** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182  
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeSoE1Kmmv0>  
Solo w/guitar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha3K19rfoUg>

**Storytelling** *You've Got Mail* Acts 18:1-11  
2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 12-15; 9:6-8  
Saddleback Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxfzYYQ51gc>

**Hymn** *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* VT 131  
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWuTvpiVEmY>  
In French <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fk24w5DdKkE>

**Sermon** *Live Generously and Graciously toward Others*

**Hymn** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* VT 759  
Contemporary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2zt7PzHPqk>  
Piano/Cello <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjzhErlS9iw>

### Name your Joys and Concerns/The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn** *Guide My Feet* VT 816  
w/Organ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ew6oUUKWLws>  
A Cappella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huKWBLk2xdo>

**Benediction** VT 1069

*Christ be within us to keep us,  
beside us to guard,  
before us to lead,  
behind us to protect,  
beneath us to support,  
above us to bless.*

**Postlude** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VT 606  
Piano <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPn1IIqkkEU>  
Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmVAJVRuDBI>

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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 – *Seeking Justice Together*

- Stories during Sunday morning worship
- Activities to do at home

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Facing Life's Challenges* – 7 pm Wednesday at Zergers'

## Upcoming Events

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
June 24	Church Board @ Zergers'	7:00 pm

## Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
5/23	Zoom 12 Church 19 Total 31			\$0.00

## 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 Dustin and Collene Stucky into membership. Join us in the sanctuary, if possible. The format of our worship will remain the same. Masks are encouraged, especially for those not vaccinated. Zoom connection will continue each week.

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

**Proposed Welcome Statement:** At their meeting on May 27, the church board drafted a welcome statement to add to our current mission statement. We welcome your feedback. We will discuss this at the congregational meeting following worship on June 6.

Proposed statement: *Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking. We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, or status.*

**The church T-shirts are in!** Pickup at the church. Cost is \$10.00 per shirt. Pay by cash to Vera 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:** Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, and potential candidates considering ministry opportunities in WDC.

**Your Story, My Story:** “Woven into God’s Story” is our Annual Assembly theme. StoryCorps has 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. Take time to listen to another WDC member and discover the stories behind each other’s beliefs. Sign up at <https://onesmallstep.storycorps.org/wdc/>. The deadline for registrations is June 25. Virtual recordings will be scheduled July 28-30 (space is limited).

**The Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah** will happen in-person on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12. 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!

**Basics of Investing:** Everence will host a free, online webinar on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. Register for this webinar to learn about:

- The fundamentals of investing.
- Different types of investments available.
- How faith values can play a role in your investment decisions.

Get information or register at [everence.com/Kansas](http://everence.com/Kansas).

**From Hesston College:** Watch the newest Peacing it Together interview, hosted by Tony Brown, Hesston College's peace ambassador and artist in residence: [www.hesston.edu/peace-interviews](http://www.hesston.edu/peace-interviews)

## Churchwide Announcements

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Jae Young Lee, Karen Spicher and their children serve with MMN in South Korea. Pray for them as they promote peace ministries through organizations, such as Korea Peacebuilding Institute and Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute.

**MC USA:** Mennonite Church USA has updated its ministerial misconduct file-sharing policy to allow MC USA agencies to request misconduct files on any credentialed leaders they are considering hiring for paid or volunteer positions. Find out what went into this policy change here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-updates-misconduct-policy/>

**Learn, Pray, Join:** Tim Nafziger reflects on the power of stories in fighting against militarism in his blog, “The Courageous, Vulnerable, Improbable Story of Peace.” The blog is part of Mennonite Church USA’s Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War initiative. Read more about Nafziger’s story here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/courageous-story-peace/>

**Menno Snapshots:** Jen Helmuth Shenk felt the need to deepen her spiritual walk, so she began meeting with a spiritual director. Read about Shenk’s journey – from being a stay-at-home mom, to a photographer, to a pastor – in Evan J. Miller’s blog, “Where God’s Spirit is Already at Work.” <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/gods-spirit-already-at-work/>

**MC USA** Authors Elain Enns and Ched Myers shared a presentation based on their new book, “Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization” in a recorded webinar from MC USA. View it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinars/>

**Indonesia 2022:** Pray for the increased attention of congregation members from the three Mennonite synods in Indonesia to support Assembly 17 in July 2022. Pray for the efforts of Indonesian research centres to produce a COVID-19 vaccine to support the government’s target of reaching 70% of the population by the end of 2021.



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“Every morning, we wake up and thank God we are alive.”  
- 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