



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.

We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability or status.

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Welcome

Hymn

Instrumental

Come, You Thankful People

Voices Together 123

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxqEsZNavv0>

Land Acknowledgement

Voices Together 878

We acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

We gather as Salina Mennonite Church on the traditional land of the Comanche, Osage, Pawnee, and Kaw/Kansa Peoples.

We give thanks to Creator, and to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations.

We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and worship here, as we witness to the reconciling movement of the Spirit and seek to live into right relations with our Indigenous neighbors and all of creation.

Words of Thanksgiving

Voices Together 864

Leader: We offer thanksgiving to our Creator, recalling that Christ is the center of creation and our lives as Christians.

As we face east, the direction of the rising sun,
we offer thanks for the gifts of the tree world and for new beginnings.

**ALL: Help us to be honest with you and others
and to be wise and just in our use of the resources of the earth.**
We give thanks to you, O God.

Leader: As we face south, where we receive warmth,
we offer thanks for the gifts of the animal world and for the call to be humble.

**ALL: Enable us to walk good paths, to live as family should,
and, with you, to renew the face of the earth.**
We give thanks to you, O God.

Leader: As we face west, where we receive teachings of faith,
we offer thanks for the gifts of the rock world and the purifying and fruitful waters.

**ALL: Sustain us and the earth through your Holy Spirit,
and give us faith as strong as the rock.**
We give thanks to you, O God.

Leader: As we face north, the direction of wind and snow,
we offer thanks for the plant world and for kindness and wisdom.

**ALL: Breathe your strength and endurance into us,
and give us wisdom to treat each other with kindness.**
We give thanks to you, O God.

Leader: As we face center:
From above comes the unconditional love of God.
From the earth comes the gift of life.

ALL: We give thanks for love like the wings of the eagle.
 We dedicate our lives to you, our Creator and Savior.
 As we walk on this earth, may we learn together
 and celebrate the way of peace, harmony, and tranquility.
 We give thanks to you, O God.

Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	Voices Together 120
Choir	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_IP6WWTstM	
Storytelling	<i>What Can We Do for You?</i>	2 Kings 4:8-37
Animated	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W72gCrRUy-s	
Hymn	<i>Know That God Is Good/Mungu Ni Mwema</i>	Gather Round Curriculum
Children	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGeOvWyYIi8	
Scripture	<i>1 Samuel 25:1-35</i>	
HopeKids	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2PEwrjqROU	
LifeKids	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSjmjKVR404	
Sermon	<i>The Wisdom of Foolishness</i>	Peter Goerzen
Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	Voices Together 716
Virtual Choir	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1G6uArjXYI	
Show and Tell		
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer		
Announcements		
Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Voices Together 114
Congregation	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmJtef10DWw	
Sending Prayer		Voices Together 1067
	<i>God of power,</i>	
	<i>may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,</i>	
	<i>may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,</i>	
	<i>may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.</i>	

We extend gratitude and welcome to our guest preacher. Peter Goerzen teaches Bible and religion at Bethel College. His spouse, Katherine, is one of the pastors at Tabor Mennonite Church, in rural Newton. They have two elementary-age children, Sophia and Nathan.

Christian Education

For Children – *Living as God's People – Leaders in the Land*

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

For Adults

- Bible Study – *God's Approachable Community* – 7:00 pm Wednesday at Zergers'
- The discussion on lectionary scriptures will resume after we are back in the building

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Nov. 28	Worship (on Zoom?)	10:00 am
Wednesday	Dec. 1	Worship Committee @ Newcomers'	7:00 pm
Sunday	Dec. 5	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
TBD	TBD	Church Board @ Claassens'	TBD

Local Announcements

Sanctuary Renovation: We are waiting for the carpet to be installed. We will continue to worship on Zoom until our sound system is hooked up.

Anabaptist World: Our budget includes a subscription to Anabaptist World for anyone in the congregation who wishes to receive this magazine. Let Pastor Christina know by November 28 if you would like to receive a copy in your home. If you are already part of the group subscription and want to discontinue it, let Pastor Christina know by November 28.

The 22nd Annual Dr. Temple Food Drive, which directly benefits the Salina Rescue Mission, will be held on Friday, November 19th from 2pm-7pm and Saturday, November 20th from 10am-3pm at all three Dillons stores in Salina. Drop off your donations at Dillons during the times listed.

Congregational Meeting: Agenda for the December 5 Congregational Meeting includes activity reports and approval of the budget and committee assignments for 2022.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for God's faithfulness, goodness and generosity, and the many ways that WDC congregations share these gifts so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

WDC Texas congregations are planning a joint worship service on Saturday, December 4th, at 6:30-8:00pm on Zoom and Facebook live. Worship will include Christmas music, updates from the congregations represented, and a chance to celebrate being together in Christ. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81046316079?pwd=djZkUU56RTRDdUN3WnEwRHVGOU8zZz09>
This event can also be found on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/WfpxUjTI>

Western District Conference: Access announcements, news, resources and prayer requests at [Western District Conference - An area conference of Mennonite Church USA \(mennowdc.org\)](https://www.mennowdc.org)

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Liz Breckbill and Erin McWilliams are participants in MMN's Alamosa, Colorado, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they extend the ministry of the Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, through educating local youth on environmental issues in their community and contributing to environmental restoration.

Mennonite Mission Network: Access news and information at [Mennonite Mission Network Home](https://www.mennonitemissionnetwork.org)

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools – early childhood, primary, secondary, undergraduate, graduate and seminary – affiliated with Mennonite Church USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter can be found at [November MEA Prayer Requests](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/prayer-requests).

Mennonite Church USA: Access news and information at [Home | Mennonite Church USA \(mennoniteusa.org\)](https://www.mennoniteusa.org)

Mennonite Church USA: Are you looking for a meaningful Christmas gift for friends or family? Give a gift of peace and inspiration with the **“Pause: Play, Breathe, Pray” card deck!** Developed by Mennonite Church USA Faith Formation leaders, each card has a different image on one side and a prayerful pause on the other. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/pause-play-breathe-pray>

Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty: Poverty is present in our communities, even when it's hidden. In their blog, "Poverty in Harvey County, Kansas," Hesston College's Del and Michele Hershberger share how under-employment, natural disasters and depopulation have caused people in their community to struggle silently with poverty, often leaving those around them oblivious to their financial difficulties. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/poverty-harvey-county>.

Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty: In his blog, "Seeing poverty up close around the world," Stanley Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, recounts his experiences with poverty in Cambodia, South Africa and Argentina, where he saw people impoverished due to low wages, lack of education, gentrification and systemic oppression. Read about his experiences here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/seeing-poverty-up-close>

Menno Snapshots: Ruth Goring, Mennonite author of children's books, wrote about how her faith community nurtured her writing and art for children. Read her blog, "Picture books for the kin-dom of God," here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/kin-dom-of-god>.

Mennonite World Conference: In October 2021, unusually heavy rains and the flood damaged hundreds of homes and swept away the crops in western Nepal, affecting thousands of people and killing more than 100. Many members of Nepal BIC Church members were impacted by these floods at the time when they are trying to come up from the effects of COVID-19 lockdowns. NGOs and local government offer support for those most affected. BIC Nepal is also supporting the victims although these are not all sufficient for all the victims. Please continue to pray for us and the flood victims.

Mennonite World Conference: Access news and information at [Mennonite World Conference | \(mwc-cmm.org\)](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mwc-cmm.org)