



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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Dare to Imagine God's Dance!

Welcome

Prelude *Star of the East*

George Cooper & Amanda Kennedy

Call to worship

Leader: Come and join in a holy dance—a dance God has been imaging since the beginning.

ALL: We come, weeping.

Leader: Join in God's comforting dance.

ALL: We come with nothing.

Leader: Join in God's dance of abundance.

ALL: We come, feeling disconnected.

Leader: Join in God's intimate dance.

ALL: We come, although we do not know how to dance.

Leader: Will we dare to learn the moves? Do we dare step onto the dance floor?

ALL: We will join in God's daring dance.

Hymn	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	Voices Together 265
Storytelling	<i>Missing!</i>	Luke 2:41-52
Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Voices Together 247
Scripture	<i>I Will Turn Their Mourning into Dancing</i>	Jeremiah 31:7-14
Reading	<i>If God Is Almighty, Why Do We Suffer?</i>	Peter W. Marty
Reading	<i>The Scandal of Christmas</i>	Kevin Wiebe
Hymns	<i>What Child Is This/Helpless and Hungry</i>	VT 267/268
Scripture	<i>The Light Shines in the Darkness</i>	John 1:1-18
Reading	<i>The Summons – For the Time Being</i>	W. H. Auden
Reading	<i>Time Propels Us Like a Current (VT507)</i>	Andrew Donaldson
Hymn	<i>In the Beginning</i>	Voices Together 270
Scripture	<i>The Lavish Blessings of God in Christ</i>	Ephesians 1:3-14
Reading	<i>Hostages' Escape: God Prepared a Path before Them</i>	Paul Schrag
Reading	<i>Ring Out, Wild Bells – In Memoriam A.H.H.</i>	Alfred, Lord Tennyson
Hymn	<i>See Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	Voices Together 274
Show and Tell/Sharing		
Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer		
Announcements		
Hymn	<i>O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i>	Voices Together 275
Benediction	<i>New Day's Lyric</i>	Amanda Gorman
Postlude	<i>Blowin' in the Wind</i>	Bob Dylan

Christian Education

For Children – *Meet Jesus, the Messiah – Advent and Christmas*

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

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Participating in God’s Reality* – 7:00 pm Wednesday at Zergers’
- The discussion on lectionary scriptures will resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022

Pastor Christina’s Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

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

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	Jan. 5	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 9	Worship including Communion	10:00 am
Tuesday	Jan. 18	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
12/26	Zoom 9 <u>In-Person 23</u> Total 32	\$6550.00	Special Needs Fund \$45.50 Afghani Refugee Fund \$376.64	\$6972.14

Local Announcements

Memorial plans: The family of Gary Weathers invites you to a celebration of life at Ryan Mortuary, 137 N 8th St, Salina, from 4:00 to 8:00 on Friday, January 7. Our congregation is also invited to a private memorial service at 3:00 on Saturday, January 8 at the church. A time of fellowship will follow.

Afghani Refugee Project: We collected \$2,076.89 to support the work of Catholic Charities in Dodge City as they assist several refugee families. Thank you for your generosity.

My Coins Count: We have begun our annual collection of money to be given to MCC for service projects around the world. Place your loose change and paper money in the container on the back table.

COVID Precautions: We encourage you to continue to care for your own health and the health of others by taking reasonable precautions.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff in the coming year, as they work to support ministers and church leaders, equip congregations with resources, and encourage church planting initiatives and partnerships. Kathy Neufeld Dunn is an associate conference minister for WDC.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN thanks our congregation for its generous support of God’s work. Continue to hold our personnel and partners in your prayers, as we join to share the light and love of Jesus in our neighborhoods and around the world.

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with Mennonite Church USA. MEA’s monthly prayer newsletter can be found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

Mennonite Church USA: In his blog, “Transformation through proximity,” Thomas Dunn, one of the newest Mennonite Church USA Executive Board members, reflects on how he has been transformed by the relationships he has built. Read his story here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/proximity/.