

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.

January 16, 2022

Welcome

Hymn

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

Call to Worship

Voices Together 1 Voices Together 870

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Leader: We gather in preparation,
ALL: for good news is about to be proclaimed.
Leader: We gather in expectation,
ALL: for joy is about to break forth in our midst.
Leader: We gather in celebration,
ALL: for we are people who say
yes to the manger,
yes to the One incarnate for others,
yes to the wholeness of God.
Leader: In preparation and expectation,

ALL: let us celebrate!

Hymn	Arise, Your Light Is Come!	Voices Together 273				
Storytelling	Welcome Home?	Luke 4:14-30				
Hymn	Mountain of God	Voices Together 11				
Sermon	Good News					
Hymn	Praise with Joy the World's Creator Voices T					
Announcements	yer/The Lord's Prayer					
Hymn	Wonderful Grace of Jesus	Voices Together 170				
Sending WordsVoices Together 1064Leader: When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins:ALL:to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.						
Hymn	You Shall Go Out with Joy	Voices Together 847				

Christian Education

For Children – Meet Jesus, the Messiah – On the Way with Jesus

> 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'

▶ Informal Discussion – *The Gospel of Luke* – Check with Christina

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday	Availa
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Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Upcoming Events

Tuesday	Jan. 18	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 23	Worship – World Anabaptist Fellowship Sunday	10:00 am
Wednesday	Feb. 2?	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's Home	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
	Zoom 12			
1/9	In-Person 18	Rent \$200.00		
	Total 30	\$1,800.00	Special Needs Fund \$325.00	\$2,325.00

Local Announcements

Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday: Each year, Anabaptist-related churches around the world are encouraged to worship around a common theme on a Sunday close to January 21. On that date in 1525, the first Anabaptist baptism took place in Zurich, Switzerland. Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday provides an opportunity to remember our common roots and celebrate our worldwide *koinonia*. Our worship on January 23 will include songs from around the world, scripture readings in four different languages, a video from Mennonite World Conference, and a sermon by Gerald Hildebrand from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Find out more about Mennonite World conference and this special event at: Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday | Mennonite World Conference (mwc-cmm.org)

The Salina Souperbowl of Hope: We are collecting donations for the annual Souperbowl of Hope from now until February 13. This year's goal is 56,000 cans of soup to be distributed between the Salina Food Bank, Salvation Army, Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and DVACK. \$25 will buy 60 cans of soup.

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. Worship is on Zoom only on January 16. The church board will make a decision about subsequent Sundays during their meeting on Tuesday, January 18.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations joining God's work of economic justice, racial equity and peace-building in our communities and world.

Medicare Webinar: Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. Register at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or <u>central.kansas@everence.com</u>.

Book Discussion: You are invited to the WDC Final Thursday Book Discussion on January 27 at 7:00pm via Zoom. We will discuss *This is God's Table: Finding Church Beyond the Walls* by Anna Woofender and explore what it means to explore "raw, honest, gritty way[s] of doing church." Contact the library at crlib@mennowdc.org to register or borrow a copy of the book.

Healing & Hope: A confidential group of women supporting each other in seeking healing and hope after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). The group is faith-centered, hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton for those in the Central Kansas area, and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div, and Gail Unruh-Revel, LSCSW, CST, CSAT. Meetings are currently occurring via zoom. Please contact Audrey Ratzlaff at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or Pastor Laura Goerzen laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org if you have questions or would like to participate.

WANTED for the Kansas MCC Sale General Auction: Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Motorcycles, Campers, etc. Call Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257, for details and pickup NOW so we have time to get them cleaned up and ready for the sale in April. ALL proceeds go to MCC. We usually get GOOD prices for your donations. Help make a difference in the lives of those struggling around the world through MCC. Thank you!

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: This weekend, as we remember Martin Luther King Jr., who followed Jesus' way of nonviolent civil disobedience to bring hope to people who have been marginalized by society, pray for MMN's ministry of dismantling racism in the United States 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 <u>Prayers for Mennonite Education</u>.

Mennonite Church USA: Herald Press, MC USA and MC Canada are encouraging Mennonites to read carefully selected books to equip the church. Join other North American Mennonites in reading the current CommonRead book, "Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an Antiracist Spirituality" by Regina Shands Stoltzfus and Tobin Miller Shearer. Learn more here: <u>https://www.mennomedia.org/commonread/</u>.

#BeTransformed: Anti-Asian racism is not new, but since the onset of COVID-19, anti-Asian aggression has drastically increased. Rob Muthiah, in his blog, "Lament as a transformative anti-racism practice," reflects on how lament has helped him deal with the anger that he feels about the treatment of Asian people, like his own father, in the U.S. <u>https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/transformative-anti-racism/</u>.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for the many MWC meetings in Indonesia in July 2022 – the member church delegates at the General Council, Commissions, MWC networks (mission, service, peace, education, health), and the global Assembly itself. Pray for health and safety of all participants. Pray that the Spirit will move in the midst of the gatherings, uniting and strengthening the body.