

## 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 30, 2022

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#### **Gathering Hymn** Together

Voices Together 389

Welcome

#### Prayer of Praise (based on Psalm 71)

From the moment of our births, we have leaned upon you, Lord. Over and over again you have listened to us and rescued us. In your goodness you have been our rock and our anchor, our strength in times of trouble. From our infancy until now and forever into the future, you are our hope and our trust. Amen.

Hymn	We Sing to You, O God	Voices Together 80
Storytelling	Blessed Are	Luke 6:20-36
Hymn	Blessed Are You	Voices Together 290
Scripture	Luke 6:20-36	
Sermon	Blessings and Woes	
Hymn	O God in Heaven	Voices Together 720
Show and Tell Joys and Concerns Congregational Pray Announcements	yer/The Lord's Prayer	
Hymn	God of the Fertile Fields	Voices Together 750
the God who <sub>I</sub> the God whos	has known you before you were born; promises to be your refuge and rock; e love never fails; s you, sustains you, challenges you, and delivers you	—now and forevermore.
Hymn	Sizohamba naye (We Will Walk with God)	Voices Together 815
	<b>Christian Education</b>	

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 if you are interested in this

## **Pastor Christina's Office Hours**

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

(unless called for jury duty February 1)

#### **Upcoming Events**

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Wednesday	Feb. 2	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 6	Worship – In Person with a Zoom Connection	10:00 am
Tuesday	Feb. 17	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 6	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am

#### **Worship Totals**

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
	Zoom 26			
1/23	In-Person 0			
	Total 26	\$787.93		\$787.93

#### **Local Announcements**

**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. In-Person worship with a Zoom connection will resume on February 6. Please stay home if your presence would be a risk to yourself or to someone else.

Congregational Meetings: Dates for 2022 are March 6, June 5, August 28, and December 4.

#### **Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team looking ahead to preparations for our annual conference gathering, July 29-31, 2022.

**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.

**To supporters of Western District Conference:** As Western District Conference comes to the end of our fiscal year on January 31, we invite you to share a gift with WDC during this season. We are grateful to many who have given their time and resources to WDC in 2021 to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, **D**well in just & loving relationships, and **C**onnect to God's mission in the world. As of December 31, contributions and other income are \$331,300. This leaves a gap of \$94,000 to meet our expenses year to date, so your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap towards WDC's 2021 budget goal! You may make an online contribution <u>here</u> or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

**Take Action with MCC:** Urge the Biden Administration to reverse the expansion of harmful "Remain in Mexico" policy. <u>Find background information, a faith reflection and send a message to President Biden</u> on this topic today.

**MCC Central States Annual Meeting** will take place virtually on Saturday, February 26 from 1-2:30 CST. Please email <u>tinaschrag@mcc.org</u> for a link to the Zoom meeting.

## **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for Mennonite Bible School (formerly Bethany Bible School) in Mthatha, South Africa. Praise God for the visionary leadership of Reuben Mgodeli, and pray for the 41 church leaders who graduated this year.

**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:** The MC USA Executive Board will meet Feb. 3-5 in Elkhart, Ind. Please pray for the members of the Executive Board, as they gather to discuss how to best guide the denomination.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Christle Hain has joined the MC USA Communications team, as the marketing communication and engagement associate, and Camille Dager has been promoted to director of marketing and communications. Read more here: <u>https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/communications/</u>.

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA partners with MMN to create and nurture missional peace churches in the U.S. through its renewable Thrive: Church Planting Grant. Every dollar donated provides church planters with the support they need to pursue their calling of planting a peace church within MC USA. To help support ministry, please prayerfully consider donating here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/give/</u>.

**Mennonite World Conference:** Rainy season brings difficult weather in Southeast Asia. Pray for the Philippines recently struck by a typhoon and for Indonesia which sees more natural disasters in this season. Praise God for church agencies like GKMI's Mennonite Diakonia Service in Indonesia which respond with material aid and the love of Christ.