

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/Lighting the Peace Lamp

We light this lamp as a reminder of our calling to be peacemakers—in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our world.

Prelude Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee arr. Cindy Berry

Psalm Make a Joyful Noise Psalm 100

Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing Voices Together 28

Storytelling Sisters ... Luke 10:38-42

Hymn Mountain of God Voices Together 11

Scripture *Hearing and Doing the Word* James 1:19-25

Hymn Take, O Take Me as I Am Voices Together 748

Sermon Being Present

Hymn Bless the Arms That Comfort Voices Together 527

Show and Tell Joys and Concerns Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Announcements

Hymn Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song Voices Together 581

Sending Prayer Voices Together 1030

Grow us slowly, persistently, and deeply, God, to be people who watch without distraction,

listen without interruption, and stay put without inclination to flee.

Postlude Blest Be the Tie That Binds arr. Evonne Neuenschwander

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* 9:00 am Sunday in the Fellowship Room

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday	Feb. 17	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 20	Worship – In Person with a Zoom Connection	10:00 am
Wednesday	Mar. 2	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 6	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
	Zoom 15		Building Fund \$50.00	
2/6	In-Person 17	Rent \$150.00	SouperBowl of Hope \$120.00	
	Total 32	\$2,610.00	Special Needs Fund \$46.21	\$2,976.21

Local Announcements

The Salina Souperbowl of Hope: Today, Sunday, February 13 is the last day to donate to the annual Souperbowl of Hope. 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 are collecting 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.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for health and strength for WDC pastors, chaplains and other ministers as they continue to offer leadership and compassionate care for others in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.

Join the WDC Resource Library's Final Thursday Book Discussion on Thursday, February 24 to discuss *Been in the Struggle: Pursing an Antiracist Spirituality* by Regina Shands Stoltzfus & Tobin Miller Shearer. Discussion will be via Zoom from 7:00-8:00pm. Register by emailing crlib@mennowdc.org. Copies of the book available at the library.

The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force is sponsoring a Zoom book discussion of Jonathan Kuttab's book, Beyond the Two-State Solution. This event will take place on Tuesday April 5, 2022 from 7-8 pm CT. The first 20 registrants will receive a free copy of the book. To register email wdc@mennowdc.org or call (316) 283-6300 and provide your name, mailing address, and email address. Specific questions about the event may be referred to Bob Atchison, 785-313-2292 or by e-mail to robertleeatchison@gmail.com. More information at: Beyond-2-State-Discussion-Flyer.pdf (mennowdc.org)

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the opportunities that MMN's SOOP program offers for learning and service. February is a busy month for SOOP, with more than 60 participants working in Arizona (three locations), Colorado, Florida (two locations), New Mexico and Texas. Pray that each participant will be blessed, as they bless others.

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: Learn about "Clarification on MC USA Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines," a resolution that will be voted on at MC USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30. Michael Danner, MC USA associate executive director, and Linda Dibble, MC USA moderator, will discuss it during a webinar on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. ET. Read the resolution and register for the webinar on the delegate resource page: mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada are partnering to create a new guidebook that addresses the prevention of abuse by church leaders, as well as providing guidance for leadership accountability. The project is expected to be presented to the delegate assemblies in 2023. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/mc-canada-usa-partner.

Mennonite Church USA: Listen to Mennonite Church USA's Women in Leadership podcast, "Holding It(,) Together," hosted by Bonita Croyle. In Season 2, episode 3, Erica Littlewolf discusses "Bodies and Grief." Available here or any podcasts can be heard: mennoniteusa.org/hit

Mennonite Church USA: Join Mennonite Men and men from around the country on a week-long eco-excursion in Oregon, June 11-19. Explore nature, learn about forest ecosystems and help nurture newly planted trees along the Zena Forest. More information at <u>oregon-eco-excursion.mailchimpsites.com/</u>.

Menno Snapshots: Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated every January, but his legacy can be celebrated and honored throughout the year. Ann Jacobs, in her blog, "Some reflections on MLK Jr.," provides several ideas for how to live out King's peacemaking vision during Black History Month and all year. mennoniteusa.org/reflections-mlk

Mennonite World Conference: The Lord hears the prayers of his people. The churches in India praise God for fulfilling their day-to-day needs and keeping them safe. Many families lost their dear ones, yet the Lord granted his care and protection.

There have been natural calamities like flood, cyclone, untimely rain and sometimes no rain. Joblessness causes financial stress and many young people leave to search for employment. Pray for open doors to income generating projects.

Visitation to church and community members continue (heeding public health advice for safe interactions): Anabaptist-Mennonites bring the Word of God and prayer, hygiene items and food.

Praise God: BICC Odisha planted 10 new churches, two new house fellowships and baptize hundreds of new believers in 2021.

—Bijoy Roul, BICC Odisha; Paul Phinehas, Gilgal Mission Trust; Benjamin Nand, Mennonite Christian Service Fellowship