



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	<i>Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus</i>	arr. Martha Mier
Psalms	<i>Praise for Deliverance from Trouble</i>	Psalms 34:1-8
Hymn	<i>We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer</i>	Voices Together 34
Storytelling	<i>Birds and Lilies</i>	Luke 12:22-34
Hymn	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	Voices Together 177
Scripture	<i>Final Exhortations</i>	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Hymn	<i>Help Us to Help Each Other, Lord</i>	Voices Together 722
Sermon	<i>Will You Let God Prepare You to Be a Blessing?</i>	Loren Van Tassel
Hymn	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	Voices Together 759
Show and Tell		
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer		
Announcements		
Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	Voices Together 417
Benediction		1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
	<i>May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.</i>	
	<i>May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>	
	<i>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.</i>	

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

Out of the office February 18-28. Available February 22-25 by text or phone.

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Feb. 27	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	11:10 am
Sunday	Mar. 6	80 th Birthday Party for Mike Mattson	11:30 am
Thursday	Mar. 24	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
2/13	Zoom 14 In-Person 18 Total 32	\$1,260.00	SouperBowl of Hope \$196.00 Special Needs Fund \$300.00	\$1,756.00

Local Announcements

Congregational Meeting: Agenda for the brief March 6 Congregational Meeting includes activity reports, plans for the year, and information about the upcoming MC USA Special Assembly.

Birthday Party: Everyone is invited to celebrate Mike Mattson’s 80th birthday after worship and the congregational meeting on Sunday, March 6.

The Salina Souperbowl of Hope: Our donations of \$416 will provide 998 cans of soup to be distributed through the Salina Food Bank, Salvation Army, Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and DVACK.

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 WDC congregations in pastoral transition, and for all congregational leaders and ministry candidates as they seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

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.

Verenike Supper: First Mennonite Church, 427 W 4th St, Halstead, KS will be hosting their annual Verenike Supper this year on Feb. 26, 2022 from 4-7pm. This will be a drive-thru supper at the church. Verenike, ham gravy, sausage, a pickle, and a cookie will be served. The donation proceeds will benefit Safe Hope, New Hope Shelter, and the Kansas MCC Relief Sale. Safe Hope provides domestic and sexual violence advocacy services to Harvey and surrounding counties. New Hope Shelter serves homeless men, women, and children in Harvey and surrounding counties. They look forward to seeing you there!

List your quilt in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Quilt Auction Buyer's Guide. Deadline is March 1. Please deliver your quilt, comforter or quilt related item to a quilt committee member or taken to the MCC Center in North Newton. Quilt forms are available online at kansas.mccsale.org. For more information, contact Charlene Driggers, charlene.driggers@gmail.com or 620-947-1749.

MCC Comforter Blitz: All are welcome to join the fun at 14th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 7, 8 and 9 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9-5, and Wednesday 9-4. Come and have a good time while helping others. No sewing skills required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. You can bring snacks to share during work day. Masks are highly encouraged and plan to practice social distancing. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC, to make good quality, beautiful comforters for MCC to send for warmth, comfort, and love all around the world. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at 316-283-2720, or check the Facebook Page, “MCC Comforter Blitz for Kansas”.

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: Deb Byler, who is serving with MMN, and the women leaders of the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala have resumed their ministries after more than a year of COVID-19 restrictions. Pray for their safety in travel, spirit-inspired teaching and healing from traumas that many of the women have experienced.

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: Learn about “A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation,” which will be presented at Mennonite Church USA’s Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30. Members of the Inclusive Mennonite Pastors leadership team, who authored the resolution, will discuss it with other church leaders during a webinar on Monday, Feb. 21 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, Mennonite Church Canada and Herald Press are partnering to encourage every Mennonite to read carefully selected books chosen to equip the church. Join authors Regina Shands Stoltzfus and Tobin Miller Shearer for a CommonRead Conversation about their new book, “Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an Antiracist Spirituality,” on Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. EST/6 p.m. CST. Register here: <https://www.mennomedia.org/register-now/>

Mennonite Church USA: Please join MC USA in praying that the hybrid Pastors & Leaders | Deep Faith 2022 Conference, a joint conference by MC USA and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, provides encouragement and insight for pastors and leaders across the denomination. Pastor Christina is attending this in person on the AMBS campus Feb. 21-24.

Menno Snapshots: Kyle Rodgers felt the call to ministry as a young child, but he did not receive encouragement to pursue this calling. As an adult, he felt the calling again, and he became a pastor with the mission of encouraging youth and adults to pursue God’s call. Read his blog, “Never too young for God,” here: mennoniteusa.org/never-too-young-for-god.

Menno Snapshots: In retirement, spiritual director, Leslie James, found a new passion: creating worship art. Read her blog, “In the place just right,” to find out how this passion turned into a spiritual practice for her. mennoniteusa.org/place-just-right

At the national assembly on January 29, Iglesia Menonita Hispana (Hispanic Mennonite Church) elected Josué González of Miami, Florida, as moderator-elect. González is set to graduate this spring from Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, (IBA – Hispanic Anabaptist Bible Institute) which is operated by Mennonite Education Agency. Gonzalez is a founding member and elder of Iglesia Menonita Encuentro de Renovación (Encounter for Renewal Mennonite Church) in Miami, which is part of the Mosaic Mennonite Conference. Iglesia Menonita Hispana (IMH) is a Racial/Ethnic constituency group of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) and reaches multicultural Hispanic and Latino/a Mennonites across the country. González' four-year term begins immediately. He will serve two years as moderator-elect and two years as moderator. He will also serve on the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) of MC USA.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for the three Anabaptist synods in Indonesia: GITJ (Gereja Injili de Tanah Jawa – the oldest Anabaptist-Mennonite Global South conference in the world), GKMI (Gereja Kristen Muria Indonesia) and JKI (Jemaat Kristen Indonesia). Pray for the churches' safety and witness in Indonesia, part of a small Christian minority in the country with the largest number of Muslims in the world.