



From Security to Generosity

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 *Morning Has Broken* arr. Martha Mier

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: through the wilderness of Lent, through the wilderness of life.

Leader: We crave the safety of God's shelter,

People: the cool comfort of the divine shadow, the security of the holy fortress.

Leader: God offers the care of angels,

People: the gentleness of creation, the protection of love.

Leader: God is generous to all who call on the holy name,

All: so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.

Hymn *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues* Voices Together 764

Storytelling *Lucia and Penny*

Hymn *There's Enough for All* Voices Together 757

Scripture *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

Hymn *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* Voices Together 747

Scripture *Psalms 91*

Hymn *And I will Raise You Up* Voices Together 641

Scripture *Luke 4:1-13*

Sermon *From Security to Generosity*

Lenten Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,

for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

People: Forgive us for seeking security. Lead us into your way of generosity.

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly.

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Hymn *The Glory of These Forty Days* Voices Together 305

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn *The Lord Lift You Up* Voices Together 832

Sending

From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of generosity.

May you release whatever you hold in fear, so that you may be free to live generous lives.

As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.

A congregational meeting follows worship. Agenda includes activity reports and plans for the year.

Christian Education

For Children – *Becoming Disciples – Lent & Easter Stories*

- Puppet show during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Disciples and Stewards* – 7:00 pm Wednesday at Zergers’
- Informal Discussion – *Lectionary Scriptures* – 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

Sunday	Mar. 13	Worship	10:00 am
Thursday	Mar. 24	Church Board @ Vera Zenger’s Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Apr. 6	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
2/20	Zoom 9				
	In-Person 19			SouperBowl of Hope \$100.00	
	Total 28		\$2,300.00	Special Needs Fund \$100.00	\$2,500.00
2/27	Zoom 7				
	In-Person 19				
	Total 26		\$1,130.00		\$1,130.00

Local Announcements

Special Needs Fund: If you would like to help with Gary Weathers’ funeral expenses, please donate money to our Special Needs Fund.

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.

Community-Wide Clean-Up Day: Volunteers are needed at twelve worksites around Salina from 8:00 am until noon on Saturday, April 30. Make plans now to help out ... and wear you SMC t-shirt.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregational delegates planning to attend the special session of MC USA assembly in May, and for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in this week’s zoom forum hosted by WDC in preparation for the assembly. Pastor Christina is SMC’s delegate.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: Service Opportunities: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invites you to join our family. By tithing a little bit of your time each year, you have an amazing opportunity to impact your world by furthering the work of Mennonite Central Committee. There is variety of committees along with 1000 volunteers needed the weekend of the sale. Visit the sale website: Kansas.mccsale.org.

MCC Comforter Blitz: All are welcome 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. No sewing skills required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. 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 \(mennowdc.org\)](#)

Everence® to hold Medicare webinar in March: Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, March 8, 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. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

The Berlin Exodus (Berlin Escape) in 1947, is the theme of an evening presentation on Wednesday, March 23, at 7:00pm at First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson KS. This event marks the 75th anniversary of the moving of 1,200 Ukrainian Mennonite refugees located in Berlin through the Russian occupied territory of Berlin and East Germany, to a waiting ship in Bremerhaven, West Germany. MCC worker, Peter Dyck, orchestrated the escape during the last days of World War II, working with the American military, the Dutch government and the country of Paraguay in this highly secretive venture. Calvin Buller will lead the evening presentation on March 23, which will include the playing of an audio recording with Peter Dyck telling the story in his own words. First Mennonite Church (FMC) is located at 52 Rambler Road in Hutchinson. Childcare will be offered for nursery through 5th grade children. FMC recommends that masks be worn in the building.

The God Who Sees: Anyone interested in the topic or has read the book is invited to the WDC Final Thursday Book Discussion on *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen González on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm. Email the library at crlib@mennowdc.org to register for the discussion or to borrow a copy of the book. For those in the central Kansas area, on March 20 & 21, author Karen González will be lecturing at Bethel College. These lectures are free and open to the public.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine. MCC is evaluating the situation and giving support to staff and partners as the situation allows. All international MCC staff have been evacuated from Ukraine including two SALT participants from Kansas. Aaron Ensz from Buhler has returned to the U.S. and Micah Epp from North Newton has relocated outside of Ukraine. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as well.

Impact 2022: Do you care about helping Mennonite Central Committee make an impact in the U.S. and around the world? If so, we want to listen to you. Your input can help fulfill MCC's desire to find the best ways of responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. Share your ideas in this short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCCImpact2022-Media>. Thank you!

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN praises God for the safety of its personnel and partners in Burkina Faso during January's coup d'état. Pray for peace, both on the national level and in the increasing number of communities impacted by Islamist militant violence. May Mennonite churches witness to God's peace.

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 Education Agency of MC USA has released its free Lent at Home 2022 worship guide and calendar for download. The annual guide provides options for individuals and households to follow daily or weekly rituals, which include guided Scripture readings, prayers and special activities for the Lenten season. Download it here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome.]

Mennonite Church USA: Learn about the Accessibility Resolution that will be voted on at the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30. Clare Krabill, COO of MHS (an agency of MC USA), and Jeanne Davies, executive director of Anabaptist Disabilities Network, will discuss this resolution during a webinar on March 7 at 7 p.m. ET / 4 p.m. PT. Register today: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-accessibility

Mennonite Church USA: Record your family's births, marriages and deaths for free, using Mennonite Church USA Archives' vital records form on the Archives home page here: mennoniteusa.org/historical-archives/

Menno Snapshots: Katie Graber and Anneli Loepp Thiessen of the **Voices Together hymnal project** discuss why representation matters in music and how churches can be intentional about singing with the voices that have been missing from published worship collections for too long. Read their blog, "Who writes the songs?" here: mennoniteusa.org/who-writes.

Mennonite World Conference: Forced displacement brought Mennonites to Kazakhstan during World War II, but there are no MWC member churches today. Pray for this country that has recently experienced protests and violence.