



From Fear to Compassion

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 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Carol Tornquist

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,

Leader: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

People: We come to be reminded of God's power and to be led more deeply into God's love.

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a mother hen.

All: and to learn the holy way of compassion.

Hymn *The God of Sarah Praise* Voices Together 190

Storytelling *Lucia and Penny*

Hymn *The Lord Is My Light* Voices Together 437

Scripture *Psalms 27*

Hymn *What a Fellowship* Voices Together 160

Scripture *Luke 13:31-35*

Hymn *Blessed Be Your Name* Voices Together 637

Sermon *From Fear to Compassion*

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 living with fear. Help us live out compassion.

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 *When Twilight Comes* Voices Together 501

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn *When the Storms of Life Are Raging* Voices Together 595

Sending

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

May the embrace of Jesus ease your fears and encourage you to care for others.

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

Postlude *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Mark Hayes

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

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| Sunday | Mar. 20 | Worship and Third Sunday Potluck | 10:00 am |
| Thursday | Mar. 24 | Church Board @ Vera Zerger’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 |
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| | | Zoom 9 | | | |
| 3/6 | | In-Person 24 | | | |
| | | Total 33 | \$2,940.00 | Special Needs Fund \$650.00 | \$3,590.00 |

Local Announcements

Third Sunday Potluck: We will eat together after worship next Sunday, March 20. Please plan to join us whether or not you bring food to share.

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 your SMC t-shirt.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they consider nominees for elected leadership positions in our conference.

Kansas MDS response: Information regarding a Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) response to the Cottonwood Complex Fire in Reno County Kansas. At this time clean up response is on hold due to hotspots in the fire area. Kansas MDS Unit is planning a response. We would like to assess available equipment that volunteers would be willing to bring for clean up. If you have a high loader, bobcat, backhoe, dump truck please indicate your availability for using this on this project by emailing or calling Cleo Koop at cleohkoop@gmail.com or 316-282-0797. As soon as there is clearance for clean up, information will be sent out inviting volunteers.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Quilter’s Corner: Quilting donations are welcome and needed i.e. quilting fabrics, quilting supplies, vintage linens, unfinished quilting projects, etc. Donations may be taken directly to the MCC Center with the indication that they are for Quilters’ Corner. If you have questions contact Ann Yoder Smith, 919-604-3282, rws.ays@gmail.com.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: By working together for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, we have the opportunity to share with the needy of our world. Each year, it is the sale board and supporting committee's goal to raise funds to cover the budget leading up to the sale. The purchasing committee needs cash gifts for 45 items ranging in cost from \$350 for butter to \$8,800 for building rentals. By meeting the budget prior to the sale, all proceeds sale weekend can be donated to MCC. Send contributions to sale treasurer, Jo Kasitz, treasurer, 1715 Casey, Newton, KS 67114.

Virtual Visit - War and Peace: MCC's peacebuilding work and response to conflict: In this special live session, MCC staff and alumni will share stories about what peacebuilding work looks like in the midst of conflict in Ukraine, Colombia and DPRK (North Korea). They'll explore questions like: What does peace look like in the middle of war? And, how do we embody a peace perspective? Join the live virtual visit on Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. CST / 6 p.m. MST. For more information and to register for the event, visit mcc.org/webinars.

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. 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. On March 20 & 21, author Karen González will be lecturing at Bethel College. These lectures are free and open to the public.

“After We’re Gone: Disabilities and Estate Planning” webinar: Caring for someone who is dependent due to a significant disability is a major responsibility. Making provisions for that person’s physical, emotional and financial well-being after the death of a parent or caregiver can be complex and confusing. Anabaptist Disabilities Network is partnering with Everence to host a webinar about estate planning for families with a dependent disabled family member. “After We’re Gone: Disabilities and Estate Planning” will take place Thursday, March 31 at 1 and 7 p.m. For more information and to register, go to: <https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/Resources/Webinars/Pages/After-We're-Gone.aspx>.

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. 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 robertleatchison@gmail.com. More information at: [Beyond-2-State-Discussion-Flyer.pdf \(mennowdc.org\)](#)

Community Sponsorship Are you interested in learning more about how you can welcome a refugee or asylum-seeking family into your community, or is your congregation already welcoming newcomers? Through welcoming, congregations can gain a greater sense of community, extend and receive hospitality, and develop a deeper understanding of God's love for all people. MCC will provide resources, education, and support as congregations welcome a family together. Fill out [this short survey](#) as a first step or contact MCC's Newcomer Connections Coordinator at welcome@mcc.org to learn how to get involved in community sponsorship.

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.

Mennonite Mission Network: March 13 MMN requests prayer for Prince of Peace Mennonite Church and the Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, as Zaden Issah, Sam Setiawan and leader Michael Oyer recently welcomed three new participants from Germany: Sarah Huber, Alexander Mantler and Daniel Schumacher. Ask God to bless their transition to a larger household.

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: The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA affirmed a "clean" audit report and strong financial results during its meeting on February 3-4 and provided direction and feedback for the work ahead related to the upcoming Special Session of the Delegate Assembly (May 27-30, 2022), the resolutions process and denominational polity. Read more: mennoniteusa.org/news/board-affirms

Mennonite Church USA: Everyone is invited to attend Mountain States Conference's Faith & Life Forum, entitled "The Myth of the Perfect Victim," on Zoom on March 26 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. MST. Join Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary assistant professor Susannah Larry and mental health therapist Will Larry as they guide us to better understand men's and women's experiences of violence and the ways we can all be supportive. <https://mountainstatesmc.org/2022-faith-life-forum/>

Mennonite Church USA: During Women's History Month (March), the Women in Leadership ministry of Mennonite Church USA invites you to engage in its small group Bible study, "Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy." Learn more: mennoniteusa.org/resource/laboring-toward-wholeness

Menno Snapshots: "In the context of anti-racism work, particularly in the church, I have learned that we need each other, and we need to hold constant our vision of God's shalom for all of creation," said Regina Shands Stoltzfus, author of this season's CommonRead book, "Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an Anti-Racist Spirituality," in her recent blog. Read "Black history is also joy," here: mennoniteusa.org/black-history-joy

Mennonite World Conference: Differing acceptance of vaccination causes division in churches in Canada and the USA. This is a negative witness in the community. Pray that church members would follow Jesus' example of loving their neighbor both inside and outside the church.