



*From Earning to Receiving*

## 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

*This Is My Father's World*

arr. Franklin L. Sheppard

### Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: whose ways are not our ways, whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

**People: where there is water in the desert and delightful food to share.**

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God without money and without price.

**All: So let us praise God and sing for joy.**

### Hymn

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns*

Voices Together 101

### Storytelling

*Lucia and Penny*

### Hymn

*Gott ist die Liebe/I Know God Loves Me*  
*vv.1&2 in German, vv. 1&3 in English*

Voices Together 158

### Scripture

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

### Hymn

*All Who Are Thirsty*

Voices Together 49

### Scripture

*Luke 13:18-21*

### Sermon

Matthew Regier

### 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 acting as if we must earn your love.**

**Open us to receiving your love as a gift.**

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

*What Is the World Like*

Voices Together 298

### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

### Announcements

### Hymn

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Voices Together 610

### Sending

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

*May you let go of your feelings of unworthiness and accept God's abundant gifts.*

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

**We welcome our guest speaker.** Matthew Regier has attended Mennonite churches since his youth and went to a Mennonite Brethren seminary. Currently he pastors Matfield Community Church in Matfield Green, Kansas. Matt is an artist, printmaker, and an avid gardener. His wife, Tia, founded a new project in Matfield Green called [The School for Rural Culture and Creativity](#) which explores the intersection of art and agriculture for place-based community living.

**Third Sunday Potluck follows worship. Everyone is invited to stay and eat together.**

### 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

Thursday	Mar. 24	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 27	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	Apr. 6	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm
Thursday	Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm
Friday	Apr. 15	Good Friday Virtual Service	7:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Sunrise/Breakfast @Stuckys’	7:00 am

### Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
3/13	Zoom 7 In-Person 25 Total 32	Rent \$200.00 \$2,710.00	Special Needs Fund \$200.00	\$3,110.00

### Local Announcements

**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:** Give thanks for the work of the WDC Immigration Task Force, as they connect and equip congregations that are offering hospitality and advocating for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

**Cottonwood Complex Fire:** The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is currently responding to the Cottonwood Complex Fire in Reno County Kansas. Each day we need 1-2 skid steer loaders, a track machine is helpful or a tractor with loader and a grapple fork is very helpful. We can use 4-6 volunteers each day to help with a cutting torch, sifting through and picking up debris. Please contact Cleo Koop at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com) or 316-282-0797 if you are able to help.

**Service Opportunities:** The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invites you to tithe a bit of your time and impact your world by furthering the work of MCC. There are variety of committees along with 1000 volunteers needed the weekend of the sale. Visit the sale website: [Kansas.mccsale.org](http://Kansas.mccsale.org).

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale:** Get ready for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee, April 8 & 9 at the Kan. Fairgrounds in Hutch. What can you bring as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand.

**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. Calvin Buller will lead the evening presentation, 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](mailto: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](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or call (316) 283-6300 and provide your name, mailing address, and email address. 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](mailto:welcome@mcc.org) to learn how to get involved in community sponsorship.

**The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors** is pleased to announce that Tammy Duvanel Unruh has accepted the position of Development Director. Camp Mennoscah is also pleased to announce that Cherie Bruce has joined the year-round staff as the Office Assistant. Click here to read more about these hirings and about other camp events and happenings. [Camp Mennoscah - Welcome, New Staff! Camp Mennoscah Announcements, March 14, 2022](#)

## Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**MCC response in Ukraine:** MCC continues to be in communication with our program partners, many of whom have reduced capacity because of the conflict. Currently, partners are responding in some regions as they are able with supplies they can secure. This includes distributing food, blankets, medications and fuel as well as other emergency supplies. The changing situations in the various cities and regions in Ukraine where there is conflict makes this work difficult and at times dangerous. MCC will continue to determine how it can support short-term needs. However, MCC’s strength continues to be mid and long-term disaster response and we are working to formulate these plans for Ukraine. MCC has been working in Ukraine for 100 years and we will continue to serve in Ukraine long after the crisis disappears from the news cycle. Donate today to support these efforts at [mcc.org/ukraine](https://mcc.org/ukraine)

**Make your voice heard!** Join MCC in urging President Biden to pursue peaceful solutions in Ukraine. MCC asks the United States government to continue considering approaches that do not rely on military intervention or military support. Engage with your elected officials on this topic and many others through MCC today! [Washington Office | Mennonite Central Committee U.S. \(mcc.org\)](#)

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN requests prayer for Austin Roberts, who has worked with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland since 2016. Pray for him as he juggles teaching locally and internationally with pursuing a mostly online doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

**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:** MC USA Executive Board reappointed Amy Gingerich for a second four-year term as executive director of MennoMedia, the denominational publishing arm. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/mennomedia-reappointed/](#)

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Men, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, invites all men to join them for a week-long Oregon Eco-excursion on June 11-19. Explore wild spaces, learn about God's creation and help with newly planted trees along the Zena Forest. For more information and to register (by April 11), visit: <https://oregon-eco-excursion.mailchimpsites.com/>

**Menno Snapshots:** For Eric Massanari, chaplain and spiritual director, writing poetry is more than a spiritual practice – it's a leap of faith! Read his blog, "Raids on the inarticulate: writing poetry as an act of faith," here: [mennoniteusa.org/writing-poetry-faith](#)

**Menno Snapshots:** Adriana Celis, writer for MenoTicias, journaled about her trip to Indiana in "MenoTicias in Indiana strengthens bonds for IBA and SeBAH biblical and theological education." MenoTicias is the Spanish-language digital newsletter of Mennonite Church USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency. Read Celis' blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/menoticias-in-indiana](#)

**Menno Snapshots:** In "An invitation to be born again," Joanna Harader echoes Scripture's call to repentance and encourages readers to turn toward a more life-giving way of being God's people by celebrating the faith, the gifts and the presence of LGBTQIA people. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/invitation-born-again](#)

**Mennonite World Conference:** God, when we look around us, we seek to find you. The heavens declare your glory, the psalmist proclaims. Yet in our changing world, it can be hard to see the stars through polluted skies, or glory in parched air and rainfall that never comes. Give us eyes to glimpse heaven's glory all around us in a fractured world.

May we remember: That the same spirals of the Milky Way are part of our DNA. That the constellations of our communities that come together in love and care for all your creation is a way of displaying our knowledge of you. That our patterns of coming and going, tending and nurturing, proclaim the work of your hands.

Give us your wisdom as we seek to honour and reflect your glory, in ourselves, in our communities, and in our world. Amen

—Anna Vogt, MCC Ottawa director and member of the Creation Care Task Force