



*From Scarcity
to Abundance*

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 *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Martha Mier

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: who makes a way in the sea and provides rivers in the desert.

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: We live within the abundance of God,

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

All: as we worship God together.

Hymn	<i>Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing</i>	Voices Together 7
Storytelling	<i>Lucia and Penny</i>	
Hymn	<i>Help Us to Help Each Other</i>	Voices Together 722
Scripture	<i>Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:16-21</i>	
Hymn	<i>Beyond a Dying Sun</i>	Voices Together 416
Scripture	<i>Philippians 3:4b-14</i>	
Hymn	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Voices Together 323
Sermon	<i>From Scarcity to Abundance</i>	

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 believing the myth of scarcity. Help us live into your abundance.

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	<i>Let Us Build a House</i>	Voices Together 36
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Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Sending *From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of abundance. May you recognize messages of scarcity as lies and open your eyes to the abundant life of God in this world. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.*

Hymn	<i>As You Go Out from Here</i>	Voices Together 841
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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

Wednesday	Apr. 6	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer’s Home	7:00 pm
Fri-Sat	Apr. 8-9	Kansas Relief Sale in Hutchinson	
Sunday	Apr. 10	Worship	10:00 am
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
Thursday	Apr. 21	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
3/27	Zoom 12 In-Person 24 Total 34	\$200.00	Special Needs Fund \$50.00	\$250.00

Local Announcements

Holy Week Schedule: Make note of the events during Holy Week. The Maundy Thursday service in our building beginning at 7:00 pm on April 14 includes eating a snack and sharing communion together. The Good Friday service at 7:00 pm on April 15 will be on Zoom and will include participants from Mennonite churches in Manhattan, Topeka, Lawrence, and Kansas City. The outdoor Easter Sunrise service at Butch and Marla Stucky’s home at 7:00 am on April 17 will be followed by breakfast prepared by several members of SMC. Our 10:00 Easter Service will include communion.

My Coins Count: This is the last Sunday to add to the collection for MCC. 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 WDC’s Israel-Palestine Relations Task Force, as they host a zoom conversation this week with Jonathan Kuttub, and seek to raise awareness and deepen understanding of pathways toward justice and peace.

Beyond the Two-State Solution Virtual Book Club: Whether you've read the book, haven't read the book, or are interested in learning more about Israel-Palestine justice, join the Israel-Palestine Task Force on April 5, 7 pm. To receive the Zoom link, email wdc@mennowdc.org by April 4.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: The sale is this coming weekend at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. Fliers are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Info is also at www.kansas.mccsale.org or on Facebook @ Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

Everence® April webinar: Social Security and retirement income: Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Tuesday, April 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Cottonwood Complex Fire: The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has been responding to the Cottonwood Complex Fire in Reno County Kansas. We have completed 17 jobs of clearing debris from homes that were a total loss in the fire and have 5 more sites we are working on. We will be concluding the clean-up phase of the disaster response soon. Thanks to all of the volunteers who responded with equipment and labor in this project.
--Cleo Koop Kansas MDS Chairperson

How Can We Help? On April 21, 7 pm the WDC Immigration Task Force invites you to learn the latest on how to support new migrants and refugees near you and learn about how to join the mission of two organizations who have been working at refugee resettlement and immigration justice for many years. Guest speakers will be Charity Stowell (MCC Newcomer Connections Coordinator) and Jen Rafter (International Rescue Committee Development Coordinator). To receive the Zoom link, please register by emailing wdc@mennowdc.org by April 20.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Eastern Mennonite High School students will conclude their week-long MMN civil rights tour in the southern United States through the Youth Venture program. Pray for participants as they apply their new perspectives to the injustice in their home communities and congregations. Pray also for participants in Youth Venture's two July civil rights tours and an immigration/borderlands tour. Application deadline is May 1.

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: mennoniteusa.org/men-eco-excursion

Menno Snapshots: "Whaat? It's still Lent?" Read about author Talashia Keim Yoder's at-home Lenten experience and her family's joys and sorrows along the way. "Our family loved the Advent ritual of candle lighting," wrote the author of this year's Lent at Home guide, "and we naively assumed Lent would be just as beloved. Wrong. It felt like a long, long slog." mennoniteusa.org/seeking-jesus-lent

Menno Snapshots: Mary Lou Weaver Houser, artist and spiritual director, claims gardening as a metaphor for how she intends to nurture community on many levels, whether with personal/family relationships, neighborhood diversity/spirit, creative community at church, or biodiversity in our natural world. Read more about her "elemental love nature's beauty" in her blog, "Ferocious Love." mennoniteusa.org/ferocious-love

Menno Snapshots: "I often tell people that my two primary identities are being Black and being Mennonite. Both identities have formed me into the person that I am today, and, although it may not be obvious to many, the two intersect in so many ways," writes Daniel Grimes in his blog, "Black history and the connection to Anabaptist faith values." Continue his story here: mennoniteusa.org/black-history-connection-anabaptist

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for the infrastructure development of the Mennonite Church Uganda Conference. Pray for the training of our church leaders. Pray that God will bring volunteers to reinforce ongoing evangelization. Pray for the construction of the church headquarters.
—Submitted by Simon Okoth