

# 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	Near to the Heart of God	arr. Martha Mier
People: yo Leader: If People: yo Leader: If People: yo	you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled, ou are welcome. your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail, ou are welcome. you are eager to praise God, and if you need to be quiet, ou are welcome. od welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us h	Voices Together 853 ere.
Hymn	Gott ist gegenwärtig (God Is Here among Us)	Voices Together 62
Storytelling	The Peace of God – Philippians 4:1-14	
Hymn	El Senyor és la meva força (In the Lord I'll Be Thankful)	Voices Together 118
Scripture	Psalm 102	
Hymn	Come, Ye Disconsolate	Voices Together 643
Sermon	Bring Your Burdens to God	
Hymn	Abide with Me	Voices Together 502
	oys and Concerns Prayer/The Lord's Prayer	
Hymn	When Peace Like a River	Voices Together 617
ke an and may t	eace of God which passes all understanding, ep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, ed of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; he blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy main with you always. Amen.	Voices Together 1054 Spirit,

#### **Christian Education**

For Children – Becoming Disciples – Letters to the Churches

Story during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults - 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- ▶ Bible Study *Disciples and Stewards* In the basement
- ▶ Informal Discussion *Lectionary Scriptures* 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	May 25	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Thursday	May 26	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	May 29	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	June 1	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	June 5	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Sunday	June 5	Backyard Cookout	6:00 pm

#### **Worship Totals**

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
5/15	Zoom 9 <u>In-Person 22</u> Total 31	\$1,160.00	Project Salina \$150.00	\$1,310.00

#### **Local Announcements**

**Project Salina:** We are collecting money for Project Salina during the month of May. The agencies that benefit from Project Salina are the Emergency Aid Food Bank, the Salvation Army, the Salina Rescue Mission, the Ashby House and DVACK. Place your cash or checks written to Salina Mennonite Church in the jar on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**Backyard Cookout:** Kick off the summer by coming to our backyard cookout on Sunday, June 5 at 6:00 pm. Invite friends, neighbors, and anyone with a connection to Salina Mennonite Church to come with you. Meat, buns, table service, and drinks are provided. Bring side dishes or desserts.

## **Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for the many ways that WDC's Resource Commission and Resource Library encourage spiritual growth and pray for meaningful discussion at this week's "Final Thursday" book discussion sponsored by the Resource Library.

**2022 WDC Annual Assembly:** Join us in-person or virtually for the 2022 Western District Conference Annual Assembly July 29-31 at Camp Copass, Denton, TX. Friday evening we will bear a broader conference perspective on being God's people "United in Purpose, Together in Love" by Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider. Sunday morning the Pastor of Family, San Antonio Mennonite Church, Dianne Garcia, will share how they have come together to love God and care for their neighbors as they minister among immigrants who pass through their community. Assembly registration will open soon.

**Everence**<sup>®</sup> to hold retirement income workshop in June: The retirement income workshop (Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.) will cove, Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Join the MCC Central States team! We are hiring an Human Resources Coordinator, a Young Adult Program Coordinator and a Material Resources Center Volunteer Coordinator. Find out more about each position and apply today at <u>mcc.org/serve/openings</u>.

**MCC in need of material resources:** MCC is resuming shipments of material resources to Ukraine. Five containers of emergency supplies are being shipped to Ukraine in the next few months with more planned for later in the year. With this increase in demand for supplies for Ukraine and other countries around the world, MCC's inventory of material resources is getting low. *We need comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief, school and sewing kits.* Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to mcc.org/kits for information on needed supplies.

## **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Brian and Noelia Fox of MMN visit the Mennonite church in Barcelona, Spain, monthly. Pray that God will protect the Fox family on the roads, as they make the seven-hour drive from their home in Burgos. Pray also for the congregation in Barcelona as they discern their next avenues of ministry.

**Gardening for good: Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia,** May 26 at 7 pm CDT. In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet—from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. Learn more and register at mcc.org/virtual-visits.

**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 <u>Prayers for Mennonite Education</u>.

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA is holding a Special Session of the Delegate Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri, May 27-30. Pray that delegates have open and discerning hearts, as they make decisions that affect the denomination.

**Menno Snapshots:** "While Mennonites might be known for peacebuilding efforts and justice-focused upper-education curricula, our internal dynamics hint otherwise," writes Amanda K Gross, an anti-racist organizer and artist, in her blog, "Playing in the Honeysuckle and Poison Ivy." Read it here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/honeysuckle-poison-ivy</u>

**Menno Snapshots:** "What gives you joy?" asks Dan Schrock, one of the wellbeing specialists for Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan. In his blog, he asserts that, by working to find what brings us joy, we are drawn nearer to the heart of God. Read more: <u>mennoniteusa.org/gives-you-joy</u>

**Menno Snapshots:** Joyce Peachey Lind, who attended the Pastors & Leaders | Deep Faith 2022 conference earlier this year, shares how starting her first pastorate in the middle of a pandemic taught her a lot about being a pastor during wilderness time. Read more here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/respite-wandering</u>

**Mennonite World Conference:** Pray for peace and stability of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa. Pray for the healing of people affected by the recent conflicts in the country and full recovery of communities. Pray for brothers and sisters persecuted because of their faith in some parts of the country. Pray for MKC to contribute to the holistic transformation of communities affected by ethnic-based conflicts. Pray for people affected by drought in southern, southeastern, and eastern parts of Ethiopia.

-from the Meserete Kristos Church, Ethiopia