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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

Prelude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Cindy Berry

Gathering Words

Leader: Life-giving God, may your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers.

People: Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us and within us.

Leader: Come alive in our words and actions as we join in worship.

People: To you alone belongs all praise and honor and glory and blessing,

Leader: now and to the end of time.

All: Amen.

Hymn *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* Voices Together 46

Storytelling *Fall of Jerusalem – 2 Kings 24:18 - 25:12*

Hymn *Peace Be Still* Voices Together 202

Scripture *Exodus 19:1-8*

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

Sermon *Covenant and Commandments*

Scripture *Exodus 20:1-17*

Hymn *O God, We Read the Holy Law* Voices Together 571

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

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

Announcements

Benediction Voices Together 1053

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

Christian Education

For Children & Adults – *Fall of a Kingdom: Exile and Restoration*

- Intergenerational activities at 9:00 am Sunday in the fellowship room
- Story during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God's Plan for Freedom and Justice* – In the basement

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	Oct. 12	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	Oct. 16	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Oct. 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Thursday	Oct. 27	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 29	Wiener Roast @ Stuckys'	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Nov. 2	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's home	7:00 pm

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
	Zoom 8			
	In-Person 20	\$4,410.00	Special Needs Fund \$745.00	\$5,155.00
	Total 28			

Local Announcements

Hayrack Ride/Wiener Roast: Join us Saturday, October 29, at Butch & Marla Stucky's home. Activities begin at 4:00 with horseback riding. The hayrack ride and wiener roast follow. Hot dogs, buns, s'mores, table service, and drink provided. Bring side dishes and lawn chairs.

Constitutional Amendments: Please review the proposed amendments to our church constitution emailed to you on September 2 and October 5. Direct any questions to church board members: Pete Smucker, Vera Zerger, and Kristin Van Tassel. Contact Pastor Christina if you need a paper copy.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for boards, councils, elders and other church leadership teams in WDC congregations, and pray for God's guidance as they care for their communities of faith.

"We Own This Now," a Ted and Company play, is coming to Kansas for several showings! Created in partnership with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, "We Own This Now" is a benefit for the Kanza Heritage Society. This play looks at love of land and loss of land. What does it mean to "own" something? What is the relationship between "owning" and "taking" — and what is the relationship between "ownership" and (taking) responsibility? For more information about the showings: [We On This Now: Kansas Tour / Oct 29 - Nov 5 - Ted & Company \(tedandcompany.com\)](http://tedandcompany.com)

The WDC Resource Commission invites you to an hour on Zoom with Joanna Harader, author of the newly released *Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way*, from Herald Press on Saturday, Oct 15 at 10:00 am. Through invitational spiritual practices and reflections, this daily Advent Devotional centers the stories of five women in Jesus' genealogy – Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary – plus three additional female figures connected to Jesus' early life in the days leading up to Epiphany. Find out how you and your congregation can use this book in worship, small group, and retreat settings. Sign up on the WDC website: [Expecting Emmanuel Virtual Event - Western District Conference \(mennowdc.org\)](http://mennowdc.org).

Faith Formation resources for you: The WDC Resource Commission has paid for a subscription for the Vibrant Faith Summer-Fall 2022 Season Pass of faith formation webinars! Vibrant Faith seeks to transform the way churches envision and design faith formation for all ages and generations in the 21st century. For more details about the webinars, go to: <https://vibrantfaith.org/masterclasses/>. To access these resources at no cost to you, email Michelle at wdc@mennowdc.org.

Everence will hold the popular Social Security and retirement income workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will cover, Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your retirement income last, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Western District Women: Western District Women in Mission invites you to join a virtual "Book Shelfies with Bethany" hour on Tuesday, October 25 from 7-8 p.m. Bethany Martin, Manager at Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton, KS, will present book reviews to add to your reading list as you settle in with good books during the winter months or think about gifts for Christmas. A very brief business meeting will be held to vote on some changes to our bylaws and to elect the new executive committee members of Western District Women in Mission. Registration deadline is October 24. To register and receive a Zoom link, please e-mail westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

Quilter's Corner is gladly accepting donations for the MCC sale which is April 14 and 15, 2023. Bring your fabric, notions, quilts and quilting supplies to the MCC Center in North Newton clearly labeled for Quilter's Corner. If questions, contact Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples' Day. Mennonite congregations around the world are growing in their awareness of the need for healing, both in white settler communities and in Indigenous communities. MMN requests prayer that this awareness will lead to action that addresses the wounds of all who live with injustice.

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools – early childhood, primary, secondary, undergraduate, graduate and seminary – affiliated with Mennonite Church USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter, with prayer requests from the schools, can be found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

Mennonite Church USA: The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board has changed how it will divide donations directed to "Mennonite Church USA" among its agencies and affiliated Racial/Ethnic Council groups. The changes to the denominational unified giving formula were implemented to address evolving ministry needs. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/giving-formula

Menno Snapshots: When our beliefs feel like they are unraveling, it may feel like we are losing our faith in God altogether. Sherill Hostetter, a spiritual director with the Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network, shares how her crisis of faith led her to explore her spiritual journey through writing. Read her blog, "Knowing and unknowing," here: mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/knowning-unknowing

Learn,Pray,Join: Mass Incarceration: In her blog, "Mass incarceration and restorative justice," Loraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA denominational minister of Peace and Justice, writes, "Restorative justice principles hold transformation as a value — transformation of people, systems and structures that oppress." Read the rest of her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/restorative-justice

Mennonite World Conference: Lord have mercy! God of love, show your grace to the children in Myanmar who are affected by war. Minister to their hearts and spirits so that the chill of fear and the root of bitterness will not take hold and poison their futures.

Jesus, bring conversion and repentance to the leaders and the soldiers of the civil war in Myanmar. May they see the suffering they are inflicting begin to re-evaluate their goals and strategies.

Spirit of God, walk alongside the church members who are displaced and suffering, and the pastors who are ministering among them. Assure them of your steadfastness. Amen!