



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.

October 30, 2022

Christina Litwiller, Pastor
600 State Street
Salina, KS 67401
785-825-2663

salinamennonite@hotmail.com
www.salinamennonite.org

Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Leader: You who opens doors and dismantles barriers,

ALL: *Open our hearts to praise you,*

Leader: that we might live the full truth of who we are,
that we might live as neighbors and friends,
no longer strangers and enemies.

ALL: *Open our hearts to the transforming power of your love.*

Leader: that we might forgive and reconcile,
making peace and learning war no more,
that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit,
to tell your grace to all the world.

ALL: *We pray in the name of the One who walked among us
as brother and friend. Amen.*

Hymn *Summoned by the God Who Made Us*

Storytelling *A Vision of New Life – Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Hymn *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty*

Scripture *Isaiah 55:1-2*

Hymn *All Who Are Thirsty*

Sermon *Thirsting for Justice*

Hymn *This Is My Song*

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Sing a New World into Being*

Announcements

Benediction

Christ be within us to keep us, beside us to guard, before us to lead,
behind us to protect, beneath us to support, above us to bless.

Voices Together 862

Voices Together 1

Voices Together 550

Voices Together 49

Michelle Armster

Voices Together 710

Voices Together 809

Voices Together 1069

We extend gratitude and welcome to our guest preacher. Michelle Armster is the executive director of MCC Central States.

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	Nov. 2	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	Nov. 6	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Nov. 20	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Tuesday	Nov. 15	Church Board @ Vera Zerger’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 5				
10/23	In-Person 29		\$111.00		\$111.00
	Total 34				

Local Announcements

Movers Needed: Help Mark and Sherry Krehbiel load a U-Haul on Sunday, November 13. They will provide lunch from Hickory Hut at 12:30. Loading will begin at 1:00. Let them know if you can help.

Birthday Party: Everyone is invited to Pastor Christina’s 65th birthday party on Saturday, November 12 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Come and go or come and stay.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for everyone reading this to have eyes to see where God is working in the hearts of our friends and neighbors, the wisdom to ask, “In what hospitable way can I help them connect with God?” and the heart to reach out with opportunities to connect on matters of faith.

– Pastor Karen Mascho, Church Planting Commission

“**We Own This Now**” is coming to McPherson, KS. This Ted & Company play will be performed at McPherson Church of the Brethren, 200 N Carrie St, on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 pm.

Cost: Freewill offering. 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. “We Own This Now” provides a starting point for further conversation: 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?

The WDC Historical Committee invites you to attend “Old Books Made New: The Surprising Wisdom of Erasmus for Today – An Intercollegiate Symposium” on Nov. 4-5 at Bethel College. On Nov 4, a keynote address will be given by Greta Kroeker, Ph.D. at the University of Waterloo at 6:30pm. The events on Nov 5 will feature student presentations and roundtable discussions from 8:30am-2pm. Bethel College article on the event: <https://www.bethelks.edu/article/intercollegiate-symposium-look-scholars-relevance-500-years>

MCC Buckets of Thanks: This Thanksgiving season, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for MCC. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks (aka an MCC relief kit) for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. For more information visit: mccbuckets.org. A relief bucket includes:

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 600 ml; place in a resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Sunlight®, Fels Naptha®, or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-sized toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 75 cm x 150 cm)
- 2 wide-toothed combs (15–20 cm)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- Sanitary pads (**THIN**; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp are stepping back from the day-to-day responsibilities of managing the Menno Village farm in Japan and focusing on preparing the next generation of leaders and lay people in the church to practice a biblically-based theology of land stewardship. MMN requests prayer for them as they write and present in workshops and conferences.

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

Mennonite Church USA: Join host Bonita Croyle in the newest episode of the “Holding it(,) Together” podcast, “Bodies and Anger.” Listen on your favorite podcast service or at mennoniteusa.org/hit

#BeTransformed: Amy Gingerich, publisher and executive director of Herald Press, is an avid reader, but the events of 2020 made it difficult for her to pursue this passion. Read her blog, “The transformative power of books,” to hear how she got back into the habit of reading and see a list of 12 Herald Press books that she recommends. mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/read-a-book

Menno Snapshots: According to Addie Banks, the CEO of the Groundswell Group, peace and prayer are interdependent and must be practiced together. In her blog “Peace joined with prayer,” she shares several examples of how this practice is played out. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/peace-joined-with-prayer

Mennonite World Conference: Lord God, thank you for calling and equipping leaders to serve the church in humility and grace. May we support them with our prayers and through encouraging words and actions.