



## 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.*

**November 6, 2022**

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### Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

**Prelude**                      *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

arr. Glenda Austin

### Gathering Prayer

Leader: We praise you God – in the sanctuary and under the stars;

**ALL:** *for your greatness and for your goodness;*

Leader: with loud hymns and quiet prayers;

**ALL:** *with helping hands and dancing feet;*

Leader: with all our breath and with all creation;

**ALL:** *We praise you, God. Amen.*

Voices Together 886

**Hymn**                      *We Praise Thee, O God*

Voices Together 91

**Storytelling**              *MCC Stories*

**Hymn**                      *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

Voices Together 118

**Scripture**                 *2 Kings 5:1-15a*

**Hymn**                      *Healing River of the Spirit*  
(Tune: Holy Spirit, Come with Power)

Voices Together 642  
(Voices Together 57)

**Sermon**                    *The Healing of Namaan*

**Hymn**                      *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Voices Together 738

### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn**                      *Praise God (Doxology)*

Voices Together 71A

### Announcements

### Benediction

Voices Together 1051

Leader: In our concerns and in our choices,

**ALL:** *God is with us.*

Leader: In our disappointments and in our joys,

**ALL:** *God is with us.*

Leader: In our protesting and in our serving,

**ALL:** *God is with us.*

Leader: Now and always,

**ALL:** *God is with us.*

## 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. 9	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	Nov. 13	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
10/30	Zoom 11 In-Person 19 Total 30		\$100.00		\$100.00

## Local Announcements

**Arrangements for Don Schmidt:** Public viewing is from 5 to 9 pm on Wednesday, November 9, at Petersen Family Funeral Home, 215 N Main, Newton. The memorial service is at 2 pm on Thursday, November 10 at First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1<sup>st</sup> St in Newton at 2 pm followed by a reception/sharing time. Memorial checks can be written to the Donald L. Schmidt Memorial Fund and mailed to Greg Schmidt, 606 Logan Street, Newton KS 67114. The fund will be divided evenly between the AMBS Scholarship Fund Don established at First Mennonite Church and the Caring Hands Humane Society. Don's obituary is at: <https://petersenfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/donald-l-schmidt/>.

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

**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.

**The 23rd Annual Dr. Temple Food Drive**, benefitting the Salina Rescue Mission is Friday, November 18th (2:00-7:00pm) and Saturday, November 19th (10:00am -3:00pm) at all Salina Dillons Stores. List of items most needed is on the back table and was emailed with this bulletin. Volunteers are needed at all three Salina Dillons stores during the event. Call Krista at 785-819-5425 to volunteer.

**Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal** is Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Salina Rescue Mission, 1716 Summers Road. This Event is free and open to the community. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Friday, November 18, 1:00-3:00pm to assist with peeling potatoes and food preparations
- Saturday, November 19, 2:00 – 4:30pm to assist with room decoration and set up
- Saturday, November 19, 3:00 – 7:00pm to help prepare and serve the meal

**Volunteers are needed to help prepare meals** for the men at the Mission on Thanksgiving Day at the following times: Breakfast - 5:30am - 8:00 am; Lunch – 10:30am – 1:30 pm; Dinner – 4:00pm – 7:00 pm Please contact Krista at 785-819-5425 to sign up.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC congregations and members participating in the Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College next weekend, as they share in singing and worship together using resources in the MC USA Hymnal, Voices Together.

**WHAT:** We need your help! On Saturday, December 3, 2022 we need your help to package 50,000 meals. Our plan is to keep the meals local— providing food for our local neighbors. What a great way to give of your time during the Christmas season to help those who struggle to put food on the table. There is a job for all ages 7 to 146 years of age. You can work one shift or both shifts. Job orientation is provided.

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 3, 2022. 1st Shift (Arrive 8:30 for the 9 – 11:00am).

2nd Shift (Arrive 10:30 for 11:00am-1pm). Or do both!

**WHERE:** Buhler Mennonite Church – 220 West Avenue B, Buhler KS

Please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545AEAD2EA1F58-50000>

**CONTACT US:** Phone: 620.543.2733. Email: [bmcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:bmcpastor@gmail.com)

**WHO is OUTREACH?** <https://outreachprogram.org/>

**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be shipped until every single item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by helping to fill the following needs: New infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); shampoo (20 oz or more), thin sanitary pads (28 count minimum) and dark colored bath and hand towels. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring item to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](https://mcc.org/kits).

**Free resource: Learning about generosity with MCC!** Make talking about generosity with your children easy by using this free resource. The printable worksheets help kids explore the basics of generosity at an elementary school level. The resource contains downloadable worksheets, activity ideas, a story about how generosity makes a difference, make-your-own bookmark craft and alternative Christmas gift ideas. Click here to sign up: [MCC generosity resource](#).

## Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Josia Kaemper, Anna Millsap and unit leader Rachel Musselman make up MMN's Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi. Pray for them as they participate in the ministries of Open Door Mennonite Church, by working with people experiencing homelessness and an after-school program.

**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:** Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, is one of 33 leaders of churches and faith-based organizations who signed a letter to President Joe Biden, in support of his recent efforts to pursue negotiations on nuclear arms control. Read the full letter here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/nuclear-arms-control](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/nuclear-arms-control)

**Mennonite Church USA:** The denominational Advent at Home worship guide will soon be available. The guide is designed for families and people of all ages, offering weekly Scriptures, background information, prayers, activities and rituals around this year's theme from Leader magazine, "Restoration is Near." Look for it here: [mennoniteusa.org/adventathome](https://mennoniteusa.org/adventathome)

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA’s Women in Leadership Steering Committee wrote a statement in response to the recent Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade. Read their statement here: [mennoniteusa.org/wil-statement-roe-wade](https://mennoniteusa.org/wil-statement-roe-wade)

**Mennonite Church USA:** As one of the original writers of the “For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Justice Legal System” resolution, Eli Reimer discusses a class that they participated in Goshen College, called “Inside-Out.” Reimer’s blog is part of MC USA’s “Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration” initiative: [mennoniteusa.org/friends-on-inside](https://mennoniteusa.org/friends-on-inside)

**Menno Snapshots:** Beryl Jantzi, Everence director of stewardship education, discusses his take on financial policies and practices through the example of the late theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. For Bonhoeffer, dying to self and the idols of culture was a daily practice of discipleship. Read more about his teachings here: [mennoniteusa.org/bonhoeffer-discipleship-money](https://mennoniteusa.org/bonhoeffer-discipleship-money)

**Mennonite World Conference:** The new government in Colombia has expressed the intention of initiating conversations with the various armed groups to bring an end to their armed action. It has also taken steps to normalize relations between Colombia and Venezuela. Pray that both initiatives will create conditions for a better life for people.

—submitted by Paul Stucky, MWC regional representative for Latin America – Andean region

**Mennonite World Conference:** Creator God, Thank you for the glory of trees in autumn. Red, orange, yellow: the changing leaves remind me to stop and to wonder at the everyday miracle of changing seasons. This fall beauty is giving me new eyes to pay attention to all the wonders you have made. The majesty of your creation is all around us. Today, I pray also for renewed eyes to see the glory of your image that is found in one another as we work together to respond to a changing climate. May we be able to see your transforming power as we listen to one another, pray with one another, and engage in actions together to care for your precious creation. Just as the changing season reflects another aspect of your glory, may we also find space to wonder and praise in our response, together. Amen.

—Anna Vogt (Canada), Creation Care Task Force