



## 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.*

**January 8, 2023**  
**Epiphany**

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### Welcome

### Prelude

*Alleluia! Give the Glory*

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

### Lighting the Candles

*Based on Psalm 27:1, 13-14*

Leader: We light a candle against the fear that skirts around the edges of each day.

We light a candle against the fear that dwells deep within, heavy and hard.

We light a candle for strength.

We light a candle for courage.

We light a candle to claim the salvation of God offered to us in Jesus Christ.

**ALL: *Emmanuel is our light and our salvation. Whom shall we fear?***

### Hymn

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

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### Storytelling

*Ancestor Story*

### Sermon

*Mary: Following the Light through Fear*

### Scripture

*Matthew 2:1-12*

### Hymn

*As with Gladness*

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### Scripture

*Matthew 2:13-18*

### Hymn

*A Voice Was Heard in Ramah*

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### Scripture

*Matthew 2:19-23*

### Hymn

*Jesus Entered Egypt*

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### Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

### Sharing the Table

### Hymn

*Come to the Table of Grace*

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### Announcements

### Hymn

*O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

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### Benediction

*Remember that God is your light and your salvation. Be strong. Let your heart take courage.  
For you live each day in the shelter and protection of divine love.*

## Christian Education

For Children – *The Upside-Down Kingdom: The Kingdom Is Near*

- Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God's Plan for Freedom and Justice* – In the basement
- Book Study – *Expecting Emmanuel* by Joanna Harader – In the fellowship room

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday	Jan. 11	Worship Committee @ Newcomers'	7:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 15	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Jan. 15	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Thursday	Jan. 26	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm

## Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday      This schedule may vary. Check first before stopping by.  
Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

## Worship Totals

2023	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
1/1	Zoom 7 In-Person 16 Total 23		\$2,825.00		\$2,825.00

## Local Announcements

**SouperBowl of Hope:** We are collecting donations for the annual Souperbowl of Hope from now until February 12. This year's goal is 57,000 cans of soup to be distributed between the Salina Food Bank, Salvation Army, Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and DVACK. \$25 will buy 60 cans of soup.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for generous contributions to WDC as the fiscal year ends in January, to support conference ministries of equipping ministers, resourcing congregations, and networking church planting partnerships.

**WDC's Hope Fund** assists WDC congregations and commissions in response to the impact of the COVID pandemic, natural disasters and other emergencies resulting in added expenses, stress, and loss of income. Thanks to generous contributions from WDC congregations, members and friends, 28 grants were made from 2020 to 2022, totaling over \$62,000. Nearly a third of WDC congregations and the Ministerial Leadership Commission have received grants (some receiving multiple grants) to assist with needs such as rent, utility bills, facility repairs, groceries, medical costs, transportation, children's daycare, mental health counseling and coaching. After all this good work, the Hope Fund is running low and seeks new contributions in 2023! Donations designated "Hope Fund" may be made online at <https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=c50eb5b3-a9b7-4431-ba3c-bcb6744f74f1> or sent to Western District Conference at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for sharing in this ministry of mutual encouragement within WDC. For more information and application see <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-hope-fund-response-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

**Announcement from Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS:** Trinity Mennonite Church is planning to end its time as a congregation. The congregation has given their building at 211 S. Elm to the Hillsboro Community Childcare Center, a much needed ministry in the community. A church "close out sale" (garage sale) will be Saturday, January 21 in the Fellowship Hall with craft items, toys, Christmas decorations, artificial 6 foot trees, artificial flower bouquets, candles, vases, different hymn books, ping pong table, fus ball game, electric treadmill, costumes (and other items found in Sunday School closets and worship supply closets). Come explore from 9:00 am-2:00 pm! All purchases are by donation to the Childcare Center. For bigger items like pulpits, upright pianos, communion tables, communion sets, organ, pews, banners, large hedge-wood crosses, etc. please call the church at 620-947-3824 to express your interest. Our last service will be April 9, Easter Sunday morning at 10:30 am following a sunrise service (at the actual time of sunrise) and a 9:30 brunch. Guests and former members of Trinity are welcome to attend.

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**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN praises God for the 40 SOOP participants who are serving this month in places like Kykotsmovi, Phoenix, and Tucson, Arizona; Gotha, Florida; Americus, Georgia; Meridian, Mississippi; Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania; and San Antonio, Texas. Pray that they will be instruments of God's justice, peace and love.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Area conference ministers from MC USA and Mennonite Church Canada gathered in San Francisco in early December for renewal, training and collaborative work around a new misconduct accountability and prevention guide. [mennoniteusa.org/proposed-misconduct-policies](https://mennoniteusa.org/proposed-misconduct-policies)

**Menno Snapshots:** The topic of money is sensitive and complex. For this reason, church leaders often struggle with how to approach the topic within the church. Michael Danner, the associate executive director for Church Vitality in Mennonite Church USA, offers some insights into how to embrace regularly incorporating financial messages in the church, in his recent article in Leader magazine, "Christians and our money." [mennoniteusa.org/christians-and-our-money](https://mennoniteusa.org/christians-and-our-money)

**Mennonite World Conference:** Pray for peace and social harmony in the Ivory Coast.

—submitted by Boressi Hermann Gnahore, Église des Frères Mennonites de Côte d'Ivoire

### **Mennonite World Conference:**

Lord, be with us in the seasons of the new year:

As there are births and deaths;

As we plant and harvest,

As there is breaking down and building up;

As we weep, laugh, mourn and dance,

As there is gathering and releasing, tearing and mending,

As there is peace and war;

Lord, teach our hearts through repentance and love;

Lord, guide our actions in courage, faith and grace;

Lord, walk with us through your Holy Spirit and through the prayers and presence of each other.

*(Inspired by Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)*