



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 *We're Marching to Zion*

arr. Cindy Berry

Call to Worship

Psalm 1:1-3 / Voices Together 911

*Leader: The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.
Instead of doing those things, these persons love the Lord's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!
They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds.*

ALL: *Living God, by the power of your Spirit, help us to hear your holy word,
that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe;
and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Voices Together 28

Storytelling *The Sermon on the Mount*

Hymn *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside*

Voices Together 514

Scripture *Matthew 5:1-12*

Sermon *Life Inverted*

Gary Thomson

Hymn *Blessed Are You*

Voices Together 290

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee*

Voices Together 573

Offertory Prayer

Voices Together 1019

*Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with good gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
We receive these gifts in gratitude and offer them to the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

Announcements

Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth*

Voices Together 297

Sending Words

Voices Together 10556

*God dearly loves us, and through Christ left us an example,
that we might follow in his footsteps.
Christ is the light that has come into the world;
may God grant that this light shine around you,
and that you walk in it. Amen.*

Postlude *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

arr. Mark Hayes

Christian Education

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

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday – In the basement
- Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God’s Plan for Freedom and Justice* – In the basement
- Bible Study – Reading the worship scripture – In the fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Thursday	Jan. 26	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 29	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	Feb. 1	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomers’ Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am

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
1/15	Zoom 5 In-Person 30 Total 35		\$469.56	SouperBowl of Hope \$342.00 Special Needs Fund \$100.00	\$911.56

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. \$30 will buy 60 cans of soup.

My Coins Count: We have begun our annual collection of money to be given to MCC for service projects around the world. Place your loose change and paper money in the container on the back table.

Health Precautions: Multiple infections continue to circulate in our community. We encourage you to continue to care for your own health and the health of others by taking reasonable precautions.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors, chaplains and other credentialed ministers, and give thanks for the important ministries and leadership they offer.

WANTED: Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RVs, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the Kansas MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help feed and clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257.

MCC Comforter Blitz: Come join the fun at 15th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 6, 7 and 8 on the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday 9-4. No sewing skills are required, we will teach you. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the workday. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC to make comforters for relief to be sent to refugees or places after natural disasters. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at #316-283-2720, or check the Comforter Blitz Facebook Page, “Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz”.

MCC Run for Relief: Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 26th Annual KS MCC Run for Relief on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Ask Pastor Christina for the entry and sponsor forms or register online at [Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale - Run/Walk for Relief 5k \(runsignup.com\)](https://runsignup.com). Check out the Facebook page (Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale-Run/Walk for Relief 5K), where you can see updates. Photos will be posted there of race-day activities.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray, with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and MMN, for the Mennonite churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which continue to bring the message of God's healing and love to those who were injured and traumatized by the *Kamuina Nsapu* rebellion four years ago.

Mennonite Church USA: This Friday and Saturday, please pray for the MC USA Executive Board, as they meet online by Zoom. May God grant them wisdom and clarity during their time together.

Mennonite Church USA: In November 2022, the National Faith Leaders Climate Roundtable, which is made up of 16 U.S. denominational leaders — including Glen Guyton, Mennonite Church USA's Executive Director — gathered to discuss climate justice. They acknowledged the importance of engaging local congregations and communities to reach their climate goals. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/accelerate-climate-action.

Menno Snapshots: What does it take for a rural church to install solar panels? For Metamora (Illinois) Mennonite Church, it required a team with a vision, a lot of planning and some flexibility, along with some help from the Mennonite Creation Care Network. Karla Kauffman, a therapist who is developing expertise in climate grief work, outline's Metamora Mennonite's process in "A rural congregation goes solar: Metamora (Illinois) Mennonite Church." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/metamora-illinois-mennonite-church.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for peaceful solutions to those experiencing violent conflict, especially in eastern Congo and Burkina Faso.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for the many people in Africa who are experiencing hunger and drought, due to the impacts of climate change and the war in Ukraine.