



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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

arr. Melody Bober

Call to Worship

Voices Together 853

Leader: If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled,

People: you are welcome.

Leader: If your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail.

People: you are welcome.

Leader: If you are eager to praise God, and if you need to be quiet.

People: you are welcome.

ALL: God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here.

Hymn *God Is Here among Us*

Voices Together 62

Storytelling

Hymn *Seek Ye First*

Voices Together 417

Scripture *Matthew 6:1-21*

Sermon *Concerning Religious Practices*

Hymn *Abana in Heaven*

Voices Together 675

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Let There Be Light*

Voices Together 714

Offertory Prayer

Voices Together 1018

*Creator Spirit, you clothe the flowers of the field:
enable us to rejoice in all the gifts with which you fill us,
and may that be enough for us. Amen.*

Announcements

Hymn *Go, My Friends, in Grace*

Voices Together 810

Postlude *The Lord's Prayer*

arr. Fred Bock

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

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| Wednesday | Feb. 1 | Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomers' Home | 7:00 pm |
| Sunday | Feb. 5 | Worship | 10:00 am |
| Sunday | Feb. 19 | Third Sunday Potluck | 11:15 am |
| Thursday | Feb. 23 | 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 |
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| 1/22 | Zoom 8 In-Person 24 Total 352 | \$450.00 | | \$450.00 |

Local Announcements

Anabaptist Community Bible: Would you like to participate in creating a Bible to be published in 2025 as part of the Anabaptism at Five Hundred Project? Kathy Neufeld Dunn has volunteered to facilitate a Zoom Bible study group. The group will meet 4 times to read and study 3 biblical passages. Each participant will be expected to spend some preparation time ahead of each meeting. Let Pastor Christina know by February 12 if you are interested. Meeting dates/times will be based on participants' availability.

Congregational Meetings: Mark your calendar now to attend our quarterly meetings on March 5, June 4, September 10, and December 3.

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.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for wisdom and insight for the WDC Executive Board, as it implements action steps growing out of its anti-racism audit completed last year.

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://www.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: MMN requests prayer for the Tucson, Arizona, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit, made up of Michaela Esau, Cade Fisher, Jessie Landis and Andrea Troyer. The MVSers help extend the ministries of their host congregation, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, by working with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition and adult literacy, immigration and refugee rights, and environmental protection programs.

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA has released the MennoCon23 block schedule and registration rates. Learn more about MennoCon23 here: mennoniteusa.org/mennocon23-schedule

MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a new webinar series, *Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities*. Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 6:30 p.m. CST/5:30 p.m. MST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. Registration link: mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars.

Menno Snapshots: Sarah Augustine, co-founder and executive director of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, is both Indigenous and a Mennonite, two identities that she believes complement one another. In her blog post, “I am Indigenous and an Anabaptist,” she shares how she incorporates her cultural heritage into her faith journey. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/i-am-indigenous-and-an-anabaptist

Prayer for Anabaptist-Mennonites around the world: Creator God,
Forgive us our sins, for you are the one who gives. You have never committed injustice. We want peace in the name of Jesus Christ, the Savior. You know all of the problems that cross our borders, families, country and congregation. Strengthen us with your liberating blood. It is not through our own strength that we can do everything, but it is through your will that we will vanquish evil with good. In Jesus Christ we are more than conquerors. —submitted by Jean Mukula Kasenu, Communauté des Eglises Frères Mennonites au Congo