



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.

Lent 1
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Welcome

Prelude

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

People: God protects us from all our trouble.

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

ALL: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.

Hymn

God Is Here among Us

Voices Together 62

Confession

Leader: Lord, our desire for control has separated us from you.

In our stubborn independence, we have turned from your love.

We hid our failure and guilt, yet we feel their weight both day and night.

Here and now, we acknowledge our sins before you and reveal our transgressions.

(silent prayer)

Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven. Our slate is wiped clean.

We are free to follow Jesus in obedience and experience love in every test. Amen.

Hymn

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

Voices Together 131

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

Storytelling

Hymn

Open My Eyes

Voices Together 732

Scripture

Genesis 3:1-7

Sermon

Shaped by Testing

Hymn

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Voices Together 423

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Cindy Berry

Announcements

Hymn

God, Be the Love

Voices Together 43

Benediction

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked.

People: but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous.

People: Sing, all you who have been forgiven!

ALL: The Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.

Adapted from Psalm 32:10-11

Christian Education

For Children – *Your Kingdom Come: Lent and Easter*

- 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

Wednesday	Mar. 1	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 5	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Mar. 5	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Sunday	Mar. 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Thursday	Mar. 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
2/19	Zoom 10 In-Person 22 Total 32	\$1,052.00		\$1,052.00

Local Announcements

Congregational Meeting: Agenda for the meeting following worship on Sunday, March 5, includes activity reports, information about updating committee description, proposal to hire an administrative assistant, and a proposal to replace Love Salina with Salina Shares in our 2023 benevolence budget.

My Coins Count: We are collecting 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

The Goshen College Chamber Choir will be performing a concert program “Lead with Love” at 7:00 PM on Sunday, February 26 at the First Mennonite Church, 102 S Ash Street, Hillsboro, KS. The Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Scott Hochstetler, will perform Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened (G.F. Handel), Symphony No. 9 Mvt. IV (“Ode to Joy” Beethoven), Stomp the Fire (A. Ramsey), and Lead with Love (M. DeMore), among other selections. The concert will feature instrumentalists as well as Dr. H. Roz Woll, mezzo soprano soloist.

Western District Conference: Pray for the retreat in San Antonio that the Church Planting Commission and conference minister Sandra Montes Martinez are planning. The event is called “Being the Church: Meeting our neighbors where they are,” and we pray that it bears fruit in encouraging emerging Anabaptist congregations in ministry that joins God in God’s work.

MCC Central States Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 4, 1-3 p.m. you are invited to hear from MCC SALT alum Jason Schmidt and current IVEP participant Naomi Kwanza. Naomi, from Tanzania is working at Jason’s Grazing Plains Farm in rural Kansas acquiring skills for making cheese and other dairy products to use back in her home country. Catch up with MCC Central States staff, find out about work happening across the region, check out the MCC building progress and enjoy some Grazing Plains cheese! Please RSVP to tinascrag@mcc.org if you plan to attend. Thanks!

Western District Conference offers condolences:

- To the family of retired minister James (Jim) Dunn, who died February 13 in Hesston, KS, and formerly served as pastor at several WDC congregations. To read his obituary, click [James Dunn Obituary \(2023\) - Legacy Remembers](#).
- To the family of retired WDC minister Blanca Vargas who died February 19 in San Antonio, TX, where she formerly served as pastor of Iglesia Menonita Comunidad de Vida. To read her obituary, click [Obituary information for Blanca R Vargas \(sunsetnewbraunfels.com\)](#).

WDC Anti-Racism Audit: In Spring 2022, the WDC Executive Board appointed a team to do an anti-racism audit of WDC's structure, program and policies, as we seek to fulfill WDC's vision for the church and be faithful to the way of Jesus. The audit process was conducted between April and September 2022, and gathered information to address the questions: How is WDC acting or participating in racist ways? How is WDC supporting efforts to dismantle racism? How could WDC better support efforts to dismantle racism? Please click below to view the full announcement and the report summary.

[WDC-Anti-Racism-Audit-Feb-2023-Update-1-2.pdf \(mennowdc.org\)](#)

[WDC-Anti-Racism-Audit-Team-Report-Summary-10-29-22-1.pdf \(mennowdc.org\)](#)

SMCHA Annual Meeting: The January 12, 1888, blizzard will be the focus for Lois Preheim, author and educator, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association. Her book, "Trailing the Schoolchildren's Blizzard" chronicles experiences of families living in ten locations along the storm's route extending from Canada down through the United States. Dr. Preheim has degrees from Freeman Junior College, the University of Nebraska and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is a retired kindergarten-twelve principal having taught pre-school through college age students. Currently she resides in Newton, Kansas. The annual meeting will be held on March 12, 2023, at 2:30 at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.

Celebrating Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service: Join in the celebration on Sunday, March 19, 7:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, 429 East 1st, Newton. The group Kilometer 81 comprised of the family of Ken and Amy Regier will lead in celebrating through song and music. Hear about different projects volunteers have been involved with during the past year. This even will be a fundraiser for The MDS Cabinet Shop. The Kansas MDS Unit Board of Directors will meet via Zoom on Monday, March 20, 7:00 pm. All are invited to join using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/KansasAnnualMeeting>.

Heritage Dinner Fundraiser: The Goessel, KS WDC churches, Tabor & Alexanderwohl, encourage you to attend the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's Heritage Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, March 31, at 6:30 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church. A roast beef meal will be provided by the Goessel Grocery & Deli. Special presenter, Brityne Rucker, KWCH 12 morning anchor, will present on "Communicating Agriculture in a Moder World." Click [Brityne-Rucker-Poster-v3.pdf \(mennowdc.org\)](#) for ticket information.

Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2: Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat. Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. There will be a variety show on Saturday evening. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. There will be a worship service on Sunday morning. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515 or follow this link: [Camp Mennoscah - Men and Boys Retreat](#).

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Iglesia Cristiana Menonite del Perú (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.

Mennonite Church USA: In celebration of the birthday of Anabaptism, which occurs on Jan. 21 each year, Mollee Moua, managing editor of the Anabaptism at 500 Project at MennoMedia, a MC USA agency, shares about the work of making the Bible more accessible to all. Read her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/dangerous-work-scripture-together

Menno Snapshots: During the first week of December 2022, the Executive Council of Mennonite World Conference (MWC) met to finish the business that they had begun in Indonesia in July. Linda Dibble, moderator for Mennonite Church USA and the MWC North American representative for the United States, shares about her experiences of connection with a diverse group of Anabaptists here: mennoniteusa.org/together-global-church

Mennonite World Conference: Lord, have mercy! Two earthquakes in a border region have resulted in more than 40,000 deaths in Türkiye and Syria. In a season of rain, snow and cold temperatures, many people lack shelter; buildings and roads were destroyed or damaged, delaying aid. Pray for people who have lost loved ones and are affected by fear and trauma from the quakes and their aftermath. Global Mission Fellowship (GMF) member Multiply has relationships with churches in the region. Pray for discernment in responding. Pray that the hope and peace of Christ would permeate all their efforts.

Mennonite World Conference: Praise God for the persistent efforts of Mennonite pastors in Ukraine. They bring hope to people in hopeless situation, showing the love of Christ. Recently, church buildings in occupied areas have been taken over by Russian forces. Church activities, including outreach to children and senior citizens, have lost their home. Pray that the Spirit of God would continue to strengthen Ukrainian brothers and sisters with hope in this time of suffering.