



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 2
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Welcome

Prelude

In the Garden

arr. Martha Mier

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;

Leader: for the Lord is our God,

People: we are the people of God's pasture,

ALL: we are the flock under God's care.

Based on Psalm 95

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Voices Together 606

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

Confession

Leader: Lord, we long for living water. We thirst for life.

And yet we have drunk deeply of resentment; we have savored self-centeredness.

We confess to the Lord ...

(silent prayer)

Leader: Today, O God, let us hear your voice.

ALL: Give us this living water so we may never thirst again. Amen.

Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns

Voices Together 101

Scripture

John 4:5-42

Storytelling

Hymn

Crashing Waters at Creation

Voices Together 441

Sermon

Shaped through Thirst

Hymn

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Voices Together 423

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

God Loves All His Many People

Voices Together 767

Announcements

Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Voices Together 536

Benediction

Leader: Like water poured out on a thirsty land,

People: may the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit on us.

Leader: May we blossom with new life.

ALL: May we bring refreshment and joy to others.

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 – *Our Journey with Jesus* – In the basement
- Bible Study – Reading the worship scripture – In the fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Tuesday	Mar. 14	Anabaptist Bible Study on Zoom	7:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 19	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	Mar. 19	Third Sunday Potluck & Birthday Party	11:15 am
Monday	Mar. 20	Social Committee	7:00 pm
Tuesday	Mar. 28	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Thursday	Mar. 30	Worship Committee	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
	Zoom 8				
3/5	<u>In-Person 29</u>		Rend \$150.00		
	Total 37		\$2,940.00		\$3,090.00

Local Announcements

Third Sunday Potluck on March 19 includes celebration of two birthdays – Wayne Waltner’s 80th and the 1st anniversary of Mike Mattson’s 80th. Dessert will be provided. Bring main and side dishes to share.

Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus: KMMC is a large, all-volunteer male choir. Tom Claassen is singing with the group. Their 2023 concerts are Sunday, April 16, 2023, 7:00 PM. Tabor College, Hillsboro and Sunday, April 23, 2023, 7:00 PM. Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton. The concerts are free to attend. You are welcome to contribute to charity any amount, or no amount, as you choose.

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

Western District Conference: Pray for interim and transitional pastors in WDC, as they accompany congregations navigating change and discerning future pastoral leadership.

Pray with Apache Stronghold: The [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#) invites our community to join in prayer for Indigenous land justice with the [Apache Stronghold](#) on March 19th. On March 21st, a federal appeals court will hear a pivotal case about Apache religious freedom that centers around a proposed copper mine, which would destroy the Western Apache sacred site of Oak Flat, *Chi’chil Bildagoteel*. MC USA and Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed onto an amicus brief (a letter to the court) in support of the Apache Stronghold, along with other religious groups. The Apache Stronghold are rallying all people of faith and conscience under the call of “One Drum, One Prayer, One Circle,” to seek unity in protection of Earth and in resistance to ongoing colonization. They will be dedicating March 19th to prayer before their court case and ask us to join them.

Everence® announces March Medicare workshop date: Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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 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 Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's Heritage Dinner Fundraiser is on Friday, March 31, at 6:30 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church. Click [Brityne-Rucker-Poster-v3.pdf \(mennowdc.org\)](#) for ticket information.

Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2: 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 Mennochah - Men and Boys Retreat](#).

Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS is ending its time as a congregation. They have given their building to the Hillsboro Community Childcare Center, a much-needed ministry in the community. Their last service will be April 9, Easter Sunday, 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.

The WDC Gifts Discernment Committee is at work again seeking to identify leaders for the conference. While we always welcome any nominations or suggestions of people who might have leadership gifts to share, this year we are specifically asking for help in discerning nominees for the role of Moderator-elect. Please prayerfully consider if there is someone in your community (or yourself) who might be called to this important leadership role in the conference. Email suggestions to wdc@mennowdc.org.

The WDC Resource Library is looking for wrapping paper donations to be used in the summer reading program. Any holiday, any style—we'd be happy to use up some "vintage" odds and ends from your house. Email Jennie at crlib@mennowdc.org if you have some to donate.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: From her home in Burkina Faso, Anicka Fast serves with Mennonite Central Committee, MMN and Mennonite World Conference. One of her ministries is to amplify the voices of African Christian historians. Pray for her as she helps facilitate a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, this month.

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA has hired a climate justice intern, Sarah Werner, as part of an effort to provide a continual emphasis on creation care. This internship is funded by a Schowalter Foundation charitable funding distribution awarded to MC USA in late 2021. Read more about her work here: mennoniteusa.org/news/climate-justice-intern

Mennonite Church USA: "What time is it in the Mennonite Church?" Keynote speaker Frank Scoffield Sánchez posed this question at Mennonite Church USA's 10th Hope for the Future conference on Feb. 3-5. More than 70 Black, Indigenous and people of color gathered for "Such a Time as This," which was the weekend's theme. Read more about the conference here: mennoniteusa.org/news/hope-for-the-future Read more about the honorees here: mennoniteusa.org/news/hope-for-the-future-honorees

Mennonite Church USA: As one of the two keynote speakers for the Pastors and Leaders Conference: Reimagining Ministry, that took place on Feb. 13-16, 2023, April Yamasaki is imagining a way forward for ministry in the church. Her congregation was challenged by the many adaptations of living during a pandemic, and she reflects on what she learned through their unimagined time of change. Read more of her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/reimagining-ministry

Menno Snapshots: MC USA is proud to acknowledge Clara Weybright's peacebuilding work with the 2022 #BringthePeace Young Peacemaker award, sponsored by the denomination's Church Peace Tax Fund. Clara is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University where she studied environmental science. She is currently a Juris Doctor candidate at Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia. See her interview here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/clara-weybright

MennoCon23: Online registration is open for MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's leading faith formation event, in Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023. Registration is also open for the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, and the Delegate Assembly, July 7-8. Find out more at: [MennoCon23 registration is open | Mennonite Church USA \(mennoniteusa.org\)](https://mennoniteusa.org/mennocon23).

#BeTransformed: In March 2022, members from Central District Conference visited Americus Mennonite Fellowship, as part of the Sacred Listening Project, and the story of Nashua "Nash" Chantal stood out as epitomizing the Mennonite imperative to live a life that works to bring love and justice to a hurting world. Learn more about The Sacred Listening Project and "Nash's" story here: mennoniteusa.org/want-to-make-difference

Mennonite World Conference: Prayer for Anabaptist Mennonites around the world:

- Let pray for peace and unity. Let us open our eyes to the needy people around them and listen for God's call to us to help provide for their needs. Let us pray for healing for those who are sick and in hospital and listen to God's call to visit them with love and encouragement. Let us pray for economies of our countries: may our leaders make wise decisions for the common good.
- Pray for the Spirit's guidance and assistance in the transition of Faith and Life Commission secretary from John Roth to Anicka Fast at the end of March.
- Pray those who serve in the education ministry for emerging Anabaptist churches, as in training pastors/church leaders in Vietnam, Cuba, etc.
- Pray for those of our sisters and brothers caught up in conflict and war: Ethiopia, Ukraine, Myanmar, etc.
- Pray for the countries experiencing natural disasters, that they will have what they need.