



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.

**Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023**

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Welcome

Prelude *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* arr. Glenda Austin

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,

People: for it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: Hosanna! We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Voices Together 313

Scripture *Matthew 21:1-11*

Storytelling

Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Voices Together 315

Sermon *Who Is This?*

Hymn *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us* Voices Together 718

Scripture *Psalms 31:9-16*

Confession

Leader: Lord, we are isolated and alone; our failures are visible for all to see.

Our days pour out like sand, our years fade and are gone. We are afraid to hope.

We confess to the Lord ...

(silent prayer)

Leader: Lord, we trust in you. Redeem us now, we pray.

ALL: To you, Lord, we commit all our hope and all our worship. Amen.

Hymn *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Voices Together 306

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Holy Lord* Voices Together 314

Announcements

Hymn *How Can I Say* Voices Together 388

Benediction

Leader: Love God, you who are God's holy people,

ALL: for God's love endures forever.

Leader: Praise God, and give thanks,

ALL: for God's love endures forever.

Leader: Expect God, and welcome God's grace,

ALL: for God's love endures forever.

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

Thursday	Apr. 6	Maundy Thursday Service with Communion Meal	6:30 pm
Friday	Apr. 7	Good Friday Service on Zoom	7:00 pm
Sunday	Apr. 9	Sunrise Service & Breakfast at Stuckys	7:00 am
Sunday	Apr. 9	Easter Worship with Communion	10:00 am
Fri/Sat	Apr. 14-15	Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson	
Wednesday	Apr. 19	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	7:00 pm
Saturday	Apr. 29	Salina Spring Spruce-Up	
Thursday	May 3	Worship Committee	7:00 pm

Pastor Christina’s Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Worship Totals

2023	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
	Zoom 15				
3/26	In-Person 21		\$150.00		\$150.00
	Total 36				

Local Announcements

Holy Week Schedule:

- The Maundy Thursday service in our building beginning at 6:30 pm on April 6 includes a light meal, sharing communion together, scripture reading, and Taizé music.
- The Good Friday service at 7:00 pm on April 7 is on Zoom and includes participants from Mennonite churches in Manhattan, Topeka, and Lawrence. The Zoom connection is different than on Sunday morning. It will be emailed the morning of April 7.
- The outdoor Easter Sunrise service at Butch and Marla Stucky’s home at 7:00 am on April 9 will be followed by breakfast.
- Our 10:00 Easter Service will include communion. No Sunday school Easter morning.
- Zoom connection is available for Good Friday and Easter Worship. It is not available for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunrise.

Cottonwood School and Salina Shares: We are collecting items for these two organizations. Bring your donations to church at any time.

- Cottonwood: Expo dry erase markers; Ticonderoga pencils; Kleenex; snacks
- Salina Shares:
 - Laundry Love: laundry bags; pods; dryer sheets; individually wrapped snacks
 - Personal Hygiene Items: shampoo; deodorant; children’s toothbrushes; travel size toiletries (we’ll give these to Salina Shares instead of Martin Youth Center)
 - Cleaning Supplies: brooms; sponges; all purpose cleaner; brushes
 - Food: canned pasta meals; fruit cups
 - Household Items: pots and pans; spatulas; silverware (new or used); towels (new or used); full size sheet sets (new or used); pillows (new, please)
 - Gift Cards: Walmart; Dillons; Aldi’s; Target; Amazon

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus: 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 as you choose.

Salina Spring Spruce-up is Saturday, April 29, 2023. See the flyer on the back table for details.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS, a WDC church that has discerned to end its time as a congregation with a closing service on Easter Sunday, April 9. Give thanks to God for Trinity's faithful witness and ministry over many years.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: April 14 & 15 at Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. Info @ www.kansas.mccsale.org or Facebook @ Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

- **Overview**

- 6 different Auctions: General, Quilt, Memorabilia, Silent, Kids' and Surplus...
- Authentic German/Russian/ Swiss Mennonite Foods
- Homemade Burritos, Bake Goods, Pies and Ice Cream
- Kansas Crafts ~ Quilter's Corner
- Ten Thousand Villages (Fair Trade coffee/teas/chocolate)
- Kids' Activities 9-hole mini-golf & inflatables in Pride of Kansas Bldg

- **Friday Schedule**

- 4-8:30 p.m Sale booth and activities open
- 4 - 8 p.m. Feeding the Multitude in Cottonwood Ct. & live music in Sunflower North
- 6 p.m Silent Auction Bidding opens & packing MCC Hygiene Kits in Pride of Kansas

- **Saturday Schedule**

- 7-10 a.m. Breakfast @ Cottonwood Crt.
- Booths open @ 8 a.m.
- 5K Run for Relief @ 8 a.m. Rice Park
- Quilt & General Auction @ 8:45 a.m. until midafternoon
- 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Feeding the Multitude
- Pride of Kansas Bldg: Kids' Auction @ 10 a.m.; Memorabilia Auction @ 11 a.m.
- Surplus Auction--bid on excess sale supplies @ 2:30 p.m. (approx.

All Western District Conference women are invited to join an event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, April 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas, beginning with a salad potluck at 6 p.m. followed by Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45 p.m. There is no cost to this event, but please register by April 23 by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. Please email your RSVP if attending in person and bring a salad to share. Church groups can consider gathering together to watch the Zoom. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: With only a month left to apply for MMN's Youth Venture programs, pray for the young people who might deepen their faith through participating in an encounter with Christians in Benin, West Africa; a trip to the Mexico-United States border; or a learning tour that brings insight into the realities of the struggle for civil rights.

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA is seeking nominees for its 2023 #BringthePeace awards. The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker in recognition of their life's work and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. Submit your recommendations for nominees by completing this form by April 14: mennoniteusa.org/btp-nomination

#MennoCon23: MC USA is hosting a collaborative Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, 2023, at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center. The event will bring together experts in climate change, spiritual activism and social justice to explore the ways that young people ages 14 to 25 can put their faith to work to address the spiritual and human crisis caused by climate change. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/climatesummit

Lent at Home: Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor at College Mennonite Church, in Goshen, Indiana, is the author of this year's Lent at Home resource, sponsored by Mennonite Education Agency, which offers individuals and families flexible options for participating in Lent in their own home environments. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/created-us-to-be See the Lent at Home 2023 resources for Holy Week here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome

Menno Snapshots: MC USA is proud to acknowledge John Stoner of Akron (Ohio) Mennonite Church for his peacebuilding work with the 2022 #BringthePeace Legacy Peacemaker award, sponsored by the denomination's Church Peace Tax Fund. Read his interview here: mennoniteusa.org/john-stoner-2022-btp

Mennonite World Conference: On 30 March 2023, military aerial bombardment of a village in Chin State in Myanmar killed a dozen villagers including several members of MWC member church Bible Missionary Church and the pastor's daughters. Many villages were severely injured, including the local pastor. Please pray for solace for all those affected. Pray for an end to violence.