



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

Prelude	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	arr. John Carter
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 146:1-3</i>	Voices Together 107
	Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!	
	People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.	
	Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.	
	People: Praise the Lord!	
Hymn	<i>Christ Who Left His Home in Glory</i>	Voices Together 361
Storytelling	<i>Peter Visits Cornelius</i>	
Hymn	<i>Together</i>	Voices Together 389
Scripture	<i>Acts 10:1-17, 34-48</i>	
Hymn	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	Voices Together 740
Sermon		Anita Kehr
Hymn	<i>New Earth, Heavens New</i>	Voices Together 377
Community Life		
Interlude	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	arr. Cindy Berry
Announcements		
Hymn	<i>Praise Him, Praise Him</i>	Voices Together 100
Benediction	<i>Go in peace. Christ is risen. Alleluia!</i>	Voices Together 1052F

We extend gratitude and welcome to our guest preacher. Anita Kehr is the chaplain at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. Previously, she was a congregational pastor for more than 20 years.

Christian Education

For Children – *Your Kingdom Come: On Earth, As It Is in Heaven*

- Activities to do at home
- Sunday morning class available upon request

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

Saturday	Apr. 29	Salina Spring Spruce-Up	
Sunday	Apr. 30	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	May 3	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Thursday	May 4	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Friday	May 19	Bingo with a Twist	7:00 pm
Sunday	May 21	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Wednesday	May 25	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	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
4/16	Zoom 5 In-Person 29 Total 34	\$1,710.00		\$1,710.00

Local Announcements

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus: Concert is Sunday, April 23, 2023, 7:00 PM. Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton. The concert benefits MCC or you may contribute to any charity you choose.

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

My Coins Count: Donations totaled \$381.52. Thanks! Start collecting coins and paper money for 2024.

Directory: An updated directory of regular attenders was emailed on Tuesday, April 18. Please check it for errors or omissions. Let Pastor Christina know if you want a paper copy.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for sponsors, mentors, teachers and pastors who minister with youth in WDC congregations.

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.

Anabaptism at 500 and the Anabaptist Community Bible: The five hundredth anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025 gives the church a unique opportunity to celebrate and dream. To celebrate all the ways God has been faithful, and to dream about how we can mend what's been broken. Join this special event Saturday, April 29 at 7pm at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, KS. John D. Roth, project director, and Mitch Stutzman, director of development and partner engagement will talk about the Anabaptism at 500 project and share the vision behind the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. The event will include an update on the status of the project and a time for questions and conversation.

Camp Mennoscah has been offered a gift of \$100,000 dollars. The money comes to Camp as a matching gift. We have been invited to raise money that will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000. In response to this generous gift, Camp Mennoscah has launched the M&M Project! M&M stands for Mission and Maintenance. We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp - to be a place where all can renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ. For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah, tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org, 316-207-3472 or Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67114, 620-297-3290.

Save the Date: Western District Conference Annual Assembly is August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. The topic for this annual event is holy listening. Come for intergenerational fun, faith formation, music, worship, work of the broader church, good food, time with old and new friends, and more.

Faith Formation resources: The WDC Resource Commission has paid for a subscription for the Vibrant Faith 2023 Masterclass Season Pass of faith formation webinars. Vibrant Faith seeks to transform the way churches envision and design faith formation for all ages and generations in the 21st century. For more details about the webinars, go to <https://vibrantfaith.org/masterclasses/>. To access these resources at no cost to you, email Michelle at wdc@mennowdc.org.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Bekah York as she begins six weeks of North American ministry this month. Pray for inspiration as she speaks in churches, encouraging others to join what God is doing in Colombia, as well as for rest and renewal as she reconnects with family and friends.

#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. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-registration

Learn,Pray,Join: Welcoming EveryBODY: As part of MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY" initiative, Jon-Erik (J. E.) Misz, secretary of the Anabaptist Disability Network board of directors, shares about his awareness of the mental health crisis that continues to grow among youth and young adults. Read more of his thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/telling-whole-story

Learn,Pray,Join: Mass Incarceration: As part of MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration" series, Conrad Moore, writes about his experience with the mass incarceration system as a mechanism to enforce the caste system of the U.S. Read more about his experience here: mennoniteusa.org/mass-incarceration-mechanism

Mennonite Church USA is seeking Menno Snapshots blogs on the topic, "I choose to be Mennonite because..." Bloggers are encouraged to reflect on how they came to Anabaptism, what attracted them to our Mennonite theology and practices, and how this has impacted their lives. This is an ideal opportunity for the recently baptized and/or those who may have joined from other faith traditions. Suggested word count is 500-900 words. Youth are also encouraged to participate (no word count requirements). Read the blog guidelines and submit your blog here by May 22: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/blog-guidelines/>

Mennonite World Conference: We ask for prayers for our nation, Cuba. The people are suffering due to extreme scarcity of food, medicines, medical supplies, hygiene items, etc. Prices have soared as much as 150 percent. Many people are trying to emigrate. Only God can perform a miracle.

—submitted by Beatriz Mendez, Cuba