



## 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

*O For a Thousand Tongues*

arr. Melody Bober

### Call to Worship

Leader: We have gathered as God's people to delight in God's presence, to experience God's healing, to receive God's grace.

**People: Let us be reconciled and renewed as we worship our God through Christ in the Spirit.**

—Arlene Mark, From *Words for Worship*; used by permission of Herald Press

### Hymn

*As Long as Jesus' Reign Goes On*

Voices Together 64

### Storytelling

*Paul's Missionary Journeys*

### Hymn

*Listen, God Is Calling*

Voices Together 765

### Scripture

*Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18*

### Hymn

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues*

Voices Together 764

### Sermon

*On the Road with Paul and Barnabas*

### Hymn

*We Have Been Sent by God*

Voices Together 771

### Community Life

### Interlude

*Traveling On Medley*

arr. Kathy Smith

### Announcements

### Hymn

*O Thou, in Whose Presence*

Voices Together 600

### Benediction

*May the seed of Christ's word, planted and watered by the Holy Spirit, find root and grow in your hearts. May your work and your relationships reflect Christ's constant presence in the days of this week. Amen.*

—David B. Greiser, Jr., From *Words for Worship*; used by permission of Herald Press

## 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

Wednesday	May 3	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Thursday	May 4	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	May 7	Worship	10:00 am
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
4/23	Zoom 9 In-Person 28 Total 37	\$150.00	Lidia Pagán Memorial \$125.00	\$275.00

## Local Announcements

**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.

**Salina's 2023 Electronic Recycling Event** is Saturday, May 6, from 9 am to 1 pm at Berkley Family Recreational Area, 841 Markley Rd, Salina. Additional information on the back table or at [www.salina-ks.gov/ewaste](http://www.salina-ks.gov/ewaste).

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Dear Lord, we draw near to the throne of your grace, to give you glory, honor, and praise. And to ask you to hear the prayer of your children crying out to you. My prayer request is that you guide us, in our meetings, that we feel your peace, in every decision. Revive your work amid the times in which we are living, and may the world know you, and may the church take the initiative to be light, to give light, to remain in light and in the midst of darkness to shine like a burning torch. Amen  
 – WDC Church Planting Commission

**Book Sale:** The Western District Conference Resource Library in North Newton, KS will be hosting a Book Sale on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30am -12:30pm outside in front of the WDC building. There will be a large variety of donated books and books & DVDs removed from circulation. Donations will be accepted for your selections. Hope to see you there!

**Camp Mennoscah** has begun to raise money through the M&M Project. Our list of Fire Keepers - givers who have promised to add \$1000 to this fund by the end of the calendar yet - is growing. Remember, money raised for the M&M Project up to \$100,000 will be matched by a generous donor. We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp. Now is the time to sign up to be a Fire Keeper! Some may want to make the commitment and write the check immediately. That allows us to use the funds coming in for projects that need attention now, like making sure the AC is working in the Retreat Center for the people who will rent that facility this summer. Others may wish to make the promise, then pay later. That is OK as well - you can give monthly or in whatever way works for you and your group. Your promise now for funds to come helps us plan how to budget our spending. For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah, [tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org).

### **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Joseph and Rachel Givens who serve as hosts at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, which offers temporary shelter to migrants from Africa and the Middle East. Pray for the Givens family as they work with many volunteers. May their presence encourage the sojourners they encounter.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with MC USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter, with requests from the schools, is found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA is seeking a Director of Archives and Records Management to oversee the accessioning, arrangement, description and preservation of permanent records for MC USA as well as collections of individuals or institutions closely associated with MC USA. Degree in history, archival studies, library science or related field and/or equivalent work experience preferred. View the job description here: [mennoniteusa.org/archives-position](https://mennoniteusa.org/archives-position)

**Menno Snapshots:** A spiritual practice can be as simple as praying with beads. Shirley Yoder Brubaker, a retired pastor and educator, and member of Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia uses the concept of the Catholic rosary as a form of Anabaptist prayer beads. Read more of her reflections here: [mennoniteusa.org/praying-with-beads](https://mennoniteusa.org/praying-with-beads).

**Mennonite World Conference:** Anabaptist Mennonite churches around the world live out their faith by serving. Praise God for those who are the hands and feet of Christ, announcing good news, bringing aid and carrying comfort in difficult times. Pray for the June 2023 meetings of GASN (Global Anabaptist Service Network) and GMF (Global Mission Fellowship). May those who travel have smooth journeys. May those who attend find encouragement and resources for their work. May the network be strengthened in order to serve together and to give support to each other.