



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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Charles Webb

Gathering Words

Leader: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

People: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Leader: Pretense, disharmony, and greed have no place in discipleship.

People: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

Leader: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

People: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. Amen.

Hymn

There Are Many Gifts

Voices Together 374

Storytelling

Somewhere Today by Shelley Moore Thomas

Hymn

New Earth, Heavens New

Voices Together 377

Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:1-6; Matthew 22:34-40

Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Voices Together 778

Sermon

Building Lifeboats

Wayne Stucky

Hymn

You're Not Alone

Voices Together 779

Community Life – Sharing, Prayer

Interlude

He Leadeth Me

arr. Cindy Berry

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Voices Together 364

Benediction

Psalms 106:48

Voices Together 1063

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Let all the people say, "Amen! Praise the Lord."

People: "Amen! Praise the Lord."

We welcome our guests today. Wayne and Carole Stucky are both retired, have 2 children and 5 grandchildren, live in Topeka, KS and are members and attend the Southern Hills Mennonite Church. They are past MDS Region 3 Board Chair 2015-2020. They have served on the MDS Binational Board 2015–2020. Wayne is now on the Kansas MDS Unit Board and serves as Board Secretary. Both Wayne and Carole have coordinated MDS Service and Learning trips, and have served as Crew Leaders, Project Director and Office Manager on multiple projects in multiple locations in MDS Region 3.

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 17	Service Hour at the Church	7:00-8:00 pm
Friday	May 19	Bingo with a Twist	7:00 pm
Sunday	May 21	Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	May 21	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Wednesday	May 25	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday	June 7	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
5/7	Zoom 3 In-Person 21 Total 24	Rent \$350.00 \$3,660.00	Project Salina \$305.00	\$4,315.00

Local Announcements

Project Salina: We are collecting money for Project Salina during the month of May. The agencies that benefit from Project Salina are the Emergency Aid Food Bank, the Salvation Army, the Salina Rescue Mission, the Ashby House and DVACK. Find more information at www.projectsalina.com. Place your cash or checks written to Salina Mennonite Church in the jar on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations seeking creative ways to meet and serve their neighbors.

Red Lake Minnesota Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Service Trip – August 19-26, 2023:

In the summer of 2021, Red Lake, MN experienced a tornado with large, embedded hail damaging roofs, siding, windows, and doors of 78 homes. MDS will be repairing siding, windows, and doors.

Wayne Stucky, member of the Southern Hills Mennonite Church, Topeka, KS and past MDS Region 3 Board Chair is planning a MDS Service trip to Red Lake Minnesota. This is an invitation for volunteers (a total of 10) from the congregations of the I-70 churches. Volunteers - young or old, male or female, skilled or unskilled are welcome to fellowship together and share the Love of Jesus and bring hope to a community suffering a disaster. Red Lake is in a beautiful part of the country and the average temperature is around 77 degrees in August. The Red Lake Nation is home to the Ojibwe Indian tribe. Volunteers also can experience and learn a unique Native American culture during the week.

The proposed travel schedule:

- Saturday August 19 – Leave Topeka 9am, travel to Lawrence Mennonite and Rainbow Mennonite Church to pick up volunteers then on to Albert Lea, MN for overnight.
- Sunday – 8am travel to Red Lake, MN.
- Monday – Friday – work at the project until noon Friday.
- Friday Noon – Leave Red Lake, MN travel to Albert Lea, MN for overnight.
- Saturday – 8am, travel to Rainbow Mennonite and Lawrence Mennonite Church to drop off volunteers then on to Topeka, KS.

Provided: Van for transportation from Topeka, KS to Red Lake and back

Your Responsibility: Willing hands and feet and love in your heart, hotel (1 night up and 1 night back – total of 2 nights), meals, snacks, and incidentals.

For more information and/or register for this trip contact: Wayne Stucky, 4822 SW Gage Blvd. Topeka, KS, 785.554.8756, wstucky@cox.net.

2023 WDC Annual Assembly: “Holy (Wholly) Listening,” August 11-13, Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. This is a great chance to join others for creative resourcing, worship, great music and food, and participating in the work of the church. Watch for more information coming soon.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Collene and Pablo Fast plan to travel from Brazil to the United States for 3½ months of sharing with their supporting congregations and individuals about how God is working in Brazil. Join MMN in praying for their rest and renewal as they also reconnect with family and friends.

Mennonite Education Agency: MEA’s new website offers user-friendly search features for degree programs and faith formation resources, a communications hub for news from across Mennonite education and Mennonite Church USA, as well as time-honored resources such as a prayer calendar, job board, and enrollment reports – all wrapped up in a sharp, new look. Read the full article at: [Press-Release-new-website-launch-2023-May.pdf \(mennowdc.org\)](#)

Mennonite Church USA: After more than two years of preparation, La Posada Immigrant Aid, a new faith-based immigrant legal aid center located in Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana, is open for business, largely due to the support and collaboration of several Mennonite Church USA affiliated churches, conferences, schools, organizations and individuals. Read the story here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/county-immigrant-aid](#)

Mennonite Church USA: The third Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference and Festival will bring together Mennonite practitioners, artists and theologians from around the world to learn, share and discuss their work for peace. Join this international gathering June 15-18 at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia on the theme "Coming Together: The Journey of Faith and Peace." Learn more and register here: [mennoniteusa.org/emu-peacebuilding-conference](#)

Mennonite Church USA: Josué Coy Dick had an enriching experience attending MC USA’s Hope for the Future Conference as a representative for Bethel College,. He observed that the conference gave him an optimistic energy about the future of the Mennonite church. Read more about his time here: [mennoniteusa.org/we-are-the-church](#)

#MennoCon23: Mennonite Church 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. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/climate-summit](#)

Menno Snapshots: Linda Gehman Peachey, a member of Mennonite Church USA’s Women in Leadership steering committee, is haunted by a question asked in Chanequa Walker-Barnes’ book, “I Bring the Voices of My People.” She asks: “What does it mean to know that a system is evil and to participate in it anyway?” Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/haunted-question](#)

Mennonite World Conference: The Global Anabaptist Peace Network is preparing for face-to-face meetings in conjunction with the Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Festival (GMP III) in Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA, in June. Praise God for this opportunity to learn from peacebuilders from around the world. Pray for encouragement and renewed energy for the work. Pray for a fast and generous visa process and for safe travels.