

*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.*



**Welcome**

**Salina  
Mennonite  
Church**

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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**June 11, 2023**

**Seeking Peace Together**

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Prelude**                      *Wondrous Love*

arr. John Carter

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We have come to meditate on the word of God,

**People: that we might be like trees planted by streams of water.**

Leader: We have come to listen to the words of Jesus,

**People: that we might be branches abiding in the true vine.**

Leader: Let us delight in this time of worship,

**People: that our joy might be complete.**

**Hymn**                      *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

Voices Together 7

**Storytelling**

**Hymn**                      *Abana in Heaven*

Voices Together 675

**Scripture**                      *John 15:9-17*

**Hymn**                      *Love the Lord Your God*

Voices Together 288

**Sermon**                      *Reading and the Imagination as Pathways to Peacemaking*

Kristin Van Tassel

**Hymn**                      *Heart with Loving Heart United*

Voices Together 813

**Community Life – Sharing & Prayer**

**Interlude**                      *Love Medley*

arr. Marilyn Ham

**Community Life – Announcements**

**Hymn**                      *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Voices Together 203

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

As we leave this time of worship, I pray that in the coming week,  
in each day ahead, each hour, each minute, each moment,  
you will abide in the deep love of God. Amen.

**Christian Education**

For Children – *Seeking Peace Together*

- Activities to do at home
- Intergenerational class Sunday morning in fellowship room

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Reading Scripture with Discernment* – In the basement
- Intergenerational Class – *Seeking Peace Together* – In the fellowship room

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday	June 14	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Thursday	June 15	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	June 18	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Sunday	June 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Wednesday	July 12	Worship Committee	7:00 pm

## Pastor Christina's Office Hours

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

## Worship Totals

2023	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
6/4	Zoom 11 In-Person 21 Total 32	Rent \$200.00 \$1,400.00		\$1,600.00

## Local Announcements

**Project Salina:** We collected \$440 for Project Salina during the month of May. You are welcome to send donations throughout the year to Project Salina, PO Box 2861, Salina, KS 67402-2861.

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC staff and planning team members as they prepare for WDC annual assembly, August 11-13.

**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

**A Gift for You:** The WDC Resource Library summer reading program for all ages includes a gift for you. Stop by the library from May 30-August 10 to pick out a wrapped package or request one be mailed to you. The book/DVD/resource inside is yours to keep. Fill out a response sheet and return to the library for a ticket into the prize drawing (gift cards for teens/adults and a prize bag for kids). The WDC Resource Library is located at 2517 N Main in North Newton. For questions and mailing requests, email [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org).

**First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson** invites you to a Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery Movie Showing & Book Signing with Mark Charles on Saturday, July 8th @6:30pm at the church. The film, *The Custodians: A Story of Ancient Echoes*, explores the work of local landowners, volunteers and municipal government of Herschel, Saskatchewan, in protecting and conserving the many signs of historic Indigenous presence in the region. The book, *Unsettling Truths*, by author Mark Charles, is a prophetic blend of history, theology, and cultural commentary, that reveals the far-reaching, damaging effects of the Doctrine of Discovery. Stay after the film showing for a panel with Mark Charles and Jonathan Neufeld. FMC Hutchinson is located at 52 Rambler Road, Hutchinson, KS 67502.

**2023 WDC Annual Assembly isn't just for delegates!** Plan to participate in the assembly at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, August 11-13. There will be lots to do! There will be multigenerational fun faith formation, quiet recreational options, wonderful worship, Mennoglass concert and BBQ, as well as comforter tying for MCC, and more. There will be workshops to enjoy, too. Registration will open soon.

**The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Unit** is sponsoring a Learning and Service Trip to Red Lake MN, August 18-26. Twenty people have already signed up for this trip. To put your name on the waiting list contact Wayne Stucky at [wstucky@cox.net](mailto:wstucky@cox.net), 785-554-8756, or Cleo Koop at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com), 316-282-0797.

**Camp Mennoscah** is moving forward on the **M&M Project**. As of now, we are close to one-third of the way to our goal of \$100,000. We have 30 plus giving units committed to being **Fire Keepers** and the list grows weekly. We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp. For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, [Camp Mennoscah](http://CampMennoscah.org), or contact Tammy at: [tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org](mailto:tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org), 316-207-3472

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

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN praises God for the ministries of Elena, Freddy and Mathias Satalava in Bolivia and Peru. They are jointly supported by Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray for the Satalavas as they begin several years of study in the United States.

**Mennonite Church USA:** 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. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/climate-summit](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/climate-summit)

**Mennonite Church USA:** “During election seasons in America, we get flooded by advertisements. The main purpose of these advertisements is to shape our perspectives about the candidates whom we may choose to vote for in the elections.” Nelson Okanya, future MennoCon23 speaker, discusses the power of storytelling here: [mennoniteusa.org/church-in-mission](http://mennoniteusa.org/church-in-mission)

**#MennoCon23:** MennoCon23, MC USA's leading faith formation event, in Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023, will host a variety of engaging exhibitors throughout the week-long convention. The 26 exhibitors will include Anabaptist organizations, colleges and missions. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-exhibitors-opportunity](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-exhibitors-opportunity)

**#MennoCon23:** Jon Carlson, moderator-elect for MC USA and worship speaker at MennoCon23, writes, “This is part of what I love about the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition. We believe that the work of interpretation — of figuring out what is right — happens best in communities guided by the Holy Spirit,” in his blog, “Communities of Transformation.” Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/communities-transformation](http://mennoniteusa.org/communities-transformation)

**Menno Snapshots:** “Imagine a great symphony without spaces between the notes. Imagine conversation with a beloved friend without pauses between the words.” Eric Massanari, executive conference minister for the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA, reflects on silence as a spiritual practice in his Menno Snapshots blog. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/on-silence](http://mennoniteusa.org/on-silence)

**Mennonite World Conference:** Ongoing rainfall irregularities in Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia have led to severe food insecurity. Pray for humanitarian assistance.

—submitted by *Jumanne Magiri Mafwiri*, MWC regional representative, East Africa