

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.



A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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Seeking Peace Together

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Arr. Cindy Berry

Call to Worship

One: God makes room for us here, in this broad space of worship.

Many: Room for our questions and room for our confidence.

One: Room for our joy and room for our grief.

Many: Room for our fear and room for our generosity.

One: Room for ourselves and room for each other.

Many: Let us receive God's blessing of this spacious place.

ALL: Let us worship together in faith.

Hymn

O Praise the Gracious Power

Voices Together 87

Storytelling

Isaac and His Neighbors (from Genesis 26:12-33)

Hymn

Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace

Voices Together 719

Sermon

The Liturgy of Abundance, The Myth of Scarcity

Hymn

For We Are Strangers No More

Voices Together 409

Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Interlude

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Arr. Mark Hayes

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn

You Are Salt for the Earth

Voices Together 297

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Jesus says that you, dear makers of peace, are to be called the children of God.

That you, dear makers of peace, are blessed.

So, go to be salt for the earth. Go to be light for the world.

Go to make peace and live into your blessing. 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	August 2	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Wednesday	August 2	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	August 6	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Tuesday	August 17	Church Board at Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	August 20	Backyard Cookout	6:00 pm
Sunday	Sept. 17	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am

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
7/23	Zoom 3 In-Person 31 Total 34	\$1,595.00		\$1,595.00

Local Announcements

It's time for the MCC School Kit Challenge! Help them meet their goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August. By donating items like notebooks and pencils, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God's love with children around the world. We will assemble our kits on August 27. Learn more about this challenge and download a free activity resource at mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. (We have 48 of these.)

Back to School: Remember our teachers and students as they anticipate going back to school. You can check out wish lists on Amazon for Tasha Gleysteen, Amazon.com, and Karla Funk, Amazon.com.

Fall Congregational Meeting: The date for our 3rd quarter congregational meeting has been changed to September 17. Agenda includes activity reports and updates about the pastoral transition.

Sister Church: We are beginning a sister church relationship with Iglesia Camino de Santidad (Path of Holiness Church) in Liberal, KS. Look for more information soon. Let Pastor Christina know if you are willing to be one of several contact people.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: We pray for the newly-certified church plant of Arca de Salvación (Ark of Salvation) in Usphantán, Guatemala. We also pray for the calling of new members in the church planting commission which experiences transition as a number of its members make moves.

—WDC Church Planting Commission

The MDS Red Lake, MN Learn and Service trip August 18-26, 2023, has room for 2 more volunteers. For fun, fellowship, learning, and a rewarding experience please contact Wayne Stucky, wstucky@cox.net, 785.554.8756 or Cleo Koop, cleohkoop@gmail.com, 316.282.0797.

Have you registered for WDC Annual Assembly yet? There are so many fun and faithful workshops, intergenerational faith formation (fu, really!), MennoGrass concert, worship, and much more! Registration closes this *Sunday, July 30!* Register here: <https://mennowdc.org/2023-wdc-assembly-registration/>. Visit <https://mennowdc.org/2023-wdc-annual-assembly/> for more info.

Colorado Peaches are coming! Please email patsydirksen@mcc.org to place your peach order from July 24-August 5. Two sizes are available: 10 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41. Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo **line** and payment (cash/check only) is due by August 5 to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Material Resources Center on Monday, August 21. This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Rocky Ford, Colorado October 20-21.

Save the Date! The Womens & Girls Retreat will be September 9 & 10 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. The theme this year is "Women Talking, Listening and Creating." Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and storytelling in a variety of forms with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz, who have served in Paraguay since 1985. Pray for them as they invite people into deeper communion with God, through business chaplaincy, teaching and spiritual direction.

Mennonite Church USA: As part of MC USA's series on The Peace Table, the new storybook Bible from Shine, a children's Sunday school curriculum, jointly published by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, Ruth Goring shares her process for creating child-friendly images to accompany the seven Psalms that had been selected for inclusion in The Peace Table Bible storybook. Read her journey here: mennoniteusa.org/for-children-for-all.

Mennonite Church USA: In honor of Juneteenth, June 19, Wilma A. Bailey, Ph.D., the first Black woman to be licensed for ministry by MC USA's Indiana-Michigan Conference and 2023 Hope for the Future honoree, reflects on the history and importance of the expansion of the newly recognized national holiday. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/juneteenth-history.

Mennonite Church USA: As a member of MC USA's Women in Leadership Steering Committee, Bonita Croyle reflects on her complex experience with Mother's Day through the expression of a written prayer. Read the full prayer here: mennoniteusa.org/complicated-mothers-day.

Menno Snapshots: Rachel Ringenberg Miller, denominational minister for ministerial leadership for Mennonite Church USA, highlights the importance of properly compensating pastors to adequately support and lead healthy congregations. Read more about the updated Pastor Salary Guidelines and why MC USA's Church Vitality office and Everence collaborate to update every year: mennoniteusa.org/generosity-congregation.

Mennonite World Conference: We pray for the complex and difficult life circumstances that many women face in Latin America, and also for the children. Some of the problems that assail them include abuse and violence aimed at them, insufficient food, few educational possibilities, and few opportunities. May the Spirit of God inspire us to be light and act on behalf of the children and women. Amen.

—submitted by *Adaía Bernal, Colombia*