

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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Seeking Peace Together

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude *In the Garden* arr. Martha Meier

Call to Worship

One: In worship God bends down to the dust, and we are formed anew.
Many: We breathe in the divine breath and remember that we are living beings.
One: In worship we give thanks for the wonders of God's creation:
Many: flowing waters and fruit-filled trees, animals of the field, and birds of the air.
One: In worship we gather with each other,
Many: our helpers and partners in this life of faith.
One: Let us give thanks for this time of worship.
Many: Let us receive God's breath of life.

Hymn *Praise with Joy the World's Creator* Voices Together 428

Scripture *Genesis 2:4-25, The Voice*

Storytelling

Hymn *At the Dawn of Your Creation* Voices Together 179

Sermon *Celebrating and Sustaining God's Good Creation*

Hymn *Touch the Earth Lightly* Voices Together 145

Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Hymn *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty* Voices Together 550

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *Beautiful Savior* Voices Together 130

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction *(from 2 Peter 1:3-7)*

God's divine power has given you everything you need for life and godliness, through the knowledge of the Holy One who created and called you.
God has given you precious and great promises that you may partner with God and become participants in the divine nature.
So support your faith with excellence, and your excellence with knowledge, and your knowledge with self-control, and your self-control with endurance, and your endurance with godliness, and your godliness with mutual affection, and your mutual affection with love— love for each other, love for creation, and love for God, who so deeply loves you.

Please join us for Third Sunday Potluck in the fellowship room after worship. The backyard cookout planned for this evening has been postponed until next month due to the extreme heat.

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 23	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	August 27	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	September 6	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Sunday	September 17	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Sunday	September 17	Backyard Cookout	5:30 pm
Wednesday	September 20	Church Board at Vera Zerger’s Home	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
8/13	Zoom 8 In-Person 17 Total 25		\$210.00		\$210.00

Local Announcements

MCC School Kit Challenge: Bring your school kit items to church by next Sunday, August 27. We will donate full kits plus extra supplies to the resources center early in September.

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: Pray for WDC children, youth and their families, teachers and mentors as a new school year begins, and give thanks for the WDC Resource Library that offers faith formation resources for all ages!

Western District Women in Mission Retreat is September 9-10 at Camp Mennoscah. The theme is Women Talking, Listening & Creating. Session leaders are Wendy Funk Schrag and Tammy Duvanel Unruh. Brochures and registration forms are on the back table. Registration is due by September 5.

Camp Mennoscah M&M Project Update: Over the Halfway Point! Thank you all so much! The money continues to come in for Camp Mennoscah’s M&M Project! Thanks to all of these faithful supporters for giving to this effort! As of this writing, Camp Mennoscah has received more than \$56,000 toward our goal! That means we are over halfway to the \$100,000 our donor is offering to match! Now is the time to join the effort. If you haven’t taken any action yet, we are sure 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.

Hope Mennonite in Wichita is holding an event on August 27 and the proceeds will go to Camp Mennoscah. Details are in the next announcement and on their website: www.hopemennonite.org.

Hope Mennonite Church is delighted to invite you to an evening of fun and inspiring music Sunday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. You will be entertained by the lead vocalists of Everyday Lights, Paul Austin and Jennifer (Hope) Chlumsky from Salina, KS. They combine a variety of musical styles including folk, bluegrass, jazz, country, and traditional hymns. Many of their songs are original. The band recently performed at the Smoky Hill River Festival in Salina, The Farm in Minneapolis, KS and various private parties. As you listen to the concert, a dessert and snack bar with sweet and salty snacks will be available. No tickets are necessary but a free-will donation will be gladly accepted with the proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah. Hope Mennonite Church – 868 N Maize Rd, Wichita, KS 67212

Save the date! Camp Mennoscah will host a kickoff event to celebrate our 75th Anniversary on September 23! There will be a day of fun activities down by the river, so mark your calendars now! Watch Camp Mennoscah's website - www.campmennoscah.org - for more details as the date approaches!

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Everence® announces fall webinar series for 2023: Everence® Financial will host a four-part webinar series this September. In this series, you'll hear how Everence® can help you make important financial decisions that reflect your faith values. Specific topics will include Retirement Income Strategies, Understanding Medicare, and Protecting What Matters Most. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for your questions. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/national.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig and their three children as they complete their North American Ministry this week and return to Chad on Friday. Pray for safe travels and a joyful reunion with friends, as they return to teaching at Shalom Evangelical Theological Seminary (Peter), working in maternal and child health (Christy), and school (the children). The family serves jointly with Eastern Mennonite Missions and MMN.

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 Executive Board is strengthening its ongoing commitment to creation care and climate justice by expanding its Peace & Justice ministries to include Mennonite Creation Care Network. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mccn.

Menno Snapshots: During her "Called to be Bad" MennoCon23 seminar, Mariah Martin, a pastor at Faith Mennonite Church and the host of the "Called to be Bad" podcast used the media platform as a case-study to explore the life-giving possibilities for virtual community. Read more about her podcast here: mennoniteusa.org/called-to-be-bad.

Menno Snapshots: "Living into Repentance and Transformation" a seminar that took place during MennoCon23, allowed for curiosity about questions of repentance and transformation through table talk and group conversation. Randy Spaulding, pastor of Boulder (Colorado) Mennonite Church, invited ideas, stories, actions and creative possibilities ahead of the seminar. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/living-into-repentance-transformation.

Menno Snapshots: Jessica Griggs, blog editor for MC USA, talked to Sarah Nahar, a non-violent action trainer and inter-spiritual theologian, ahead of the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. Watch the video and read the article as Nahar answers questions about climate justice and her work on this subject: mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-poop-loop.

Menno Snapshots: MennoCon is a formative event for many youth and young adults as they journey in their faith. Rylee Weishaupt, future Hesston College graduate, reflects on the conventions she has attended as a youth and the ways these events have impacted her. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/transformed-through-mennocon.

Mennonite World Conference: The Triennial All India Mennonite Women's Conference to be held in October 2023 in Jagdeeshpur, CG in the BGCMC region where there will be around 300 plus women from all 8 conferences. Pray that Tigist Tesfaye, speaker for the conference from Ethiopia will receive her visa without any problem and be present. Also that all needs will be met for the Conference and all will be blessed. Soon after, the All India Mennonite Youth Conference too will take place at the same place. Pray for a blessed gathering there too.

—submitted by Cynthia Peacock, MWC regional representative, South Asia

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for Mennonite young people in Colombia who are working for reconciliation, peacebuilding, nonviolence, conscientious objection, truth and justice.