



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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Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude

Communion Song

arr. Barry McGuire

Call to Worship

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One: We gather as many individuals,

Many: **yet we are one body.**

One: We come from many places,

Many: **yet we come to one place.**

One: We gather as God's many children

Many: **yet we are one church.**

ALL: ***We are one body, in this place, as God's church. Alleluia!***

Hymn

Let Us Build a House

Voices Together 36

Storytelling

Crossing the Red Sea – Exodus 13:17-15:21

Hymn

Wade in the Water

Voices Together 454

Sermon

Always Remember

Hymn

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Voices Together 194

Sharing the Table

Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace

Voices Together 461

Communion Service Responsive Reading

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Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

Voices Together 705

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Today is World Communion Sunday, a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Today we eat bread from a variety of countries and drink grape juice. Those joining Zoom can use their own bread and juice. Everyone who chooses to follow God's ways is welcome to participate. As part of sharing the table, we emphasize contributing to the Special Needs Fund. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation.

Thanksgiving Responsive Communion Reading

One: We come to this table with thankful hearts.

Many: Why do we give thanks at this table?

One: We give thanks because God has invited us here!
All God's children are invited to the Lord's supper.
We come humbly to the table,
Knowing that we have not earned our way here,
but are invited, guests at this feast of love.

Many: Why do we eat at this table?

One: We eat at this table to remember
that on the night before Jesus died, he ate with his friends.
Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,
he broke it and gave it to them saying,
"Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me."
Let's pray: God of grace,
give us repentant hearts, forgiving hearts, clean hearts.
With thanksgiving we come to your table.
Send your Spirit upon us so that we know
that all who eat and drink in this room and around the world
are one body, one holy people,
giving thanks to you in an endless song of praise.

**Many: Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave your life freely for our salvation.**

One: We take the cup with thankful hearts.

Many: Why do we take the cup at this table?

One: We drink because that same night Jesus also took a cup,
and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends saying, "Drink this cup.
This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God.
Whenever you drink it, remember me."

**Many: Thanks be to you Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave your life freely for our salvation.**

One: Our presence at this communion table is a sign.
Here we remember the gift that is Jesus;
the gift of his birth, his life and his death on the cross.
At this table we celebrate Christ's resurrection.
We remember that we are waiting in hope to see Jesus again.
Let us pray together:

**Many: Thank you for inviting us to this banquet!
Help us to remember the gift we have received
and to live as brothers and sisters,
members of one family.
All praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**

Christian Education

For Children – *Becoming a People of God*

- Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God’s Sustaining Presence and Provision* – In the basement
- Bible Study – *Becoming a People of God* – In the fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	October 4	Worship Committee	7:00 pm
Wednesday	October 4	Service Hour at the Church	7:00 pm
Sunday	October 1	Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Thursday	October 19	Church Board at Zenger’s	7:00 pm
TBA		Fall Celebration/Weiner Roast	

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
9/24	Zoom 2 Church 18 Total 20		\$250.00		\$250.00

Local Announcements

New email addresses:

Administrative Assistant’s new email address: salinamennonite@gmail.com

Pastor’s new email address: pastorsalinamennonite@gmail.com

Church correspondence can be emailed to Carolyn at salinamennonite@gmail.com.

Please email announcements for the bulletin by Wednesday evening.

Volunteer for 2024: Please turn in your volunteer forms **TODAY**. The forms are on the back table.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for pastors beginning ministry assignments in WDC congregations, as they offer leadership and get to know new faith communities.

Camp Mennoscah M&M Project Update: We’ve made it to \$80,000! The monies that have been brought in for the Mission and Ministry Project (M&M) now total more than \$80,000! Gifts, small and large, continue to be given to the fund drive, and we are getting closer weekly to our goal of matching the generous gift of \$100,000 that started this matching drive. We are almost there! Make your donation and become part of the M&M Project and the promise it represents. What better way to celebrate the beginning of the new school year and the end of a great summer of Camp? Checks can be made to Camp Mennoscah with “M&M” in the memo line, or you can give your gifts online www.campmennoscah.org. Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah

Autumnal Hymn Sing: Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka invites all I-70 sister churches to a hymn sing followed by a time of food and fellowship on Sunday, October 8, at Lake Shawnee from 3:30-6:00 pm. Meet at Shelter House #4 on the east side of Lake Shawnee. Bring finger foods to share and plates for yourselves. The church will provide drinks. You are welcome to bring lawn chairs. Please join this time of singing and celebrating together.

KMRS QUILTER'S CORNER FALL SALE - October 13-14, 2023, Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-3, at MCC, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, KS. There will be lots of great quilt-related items available for purchase with all the proceeds going to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079 or Ann at 919-604-3282

Open to new participants: Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom and will begin again in mid-October. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who work with volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, to offer food and shelter to migrants, as they seek refuge in route to the United Kingdom. Pray for deep spiritual grounding for the Givens family and the volunteers, as they accompany people suffering from deep trauma. Pray also for more volunteers.

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 Public Educators: "Being a Mennonite in public ed" The first of four Zoom meetings Thursday, October 12, 2023 –6pm Central Time. Let's have real discussions of what it means to live out our faith (or not) in the public schools. Mennonite Public Educators is a group that brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in a public school setting in the US or Canada for mutual encouragement, support, and learning. There is no cost, but registration is required to share the Zoom link. Contact info@MennoniteEducation.org.

Mennonite Church USA: Learn more and register by October 15, 2023, for the Mennonite Church USA Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/energy-spirit View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/slide-energy-youth

Mennonite Church USA: Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellbeing coordinator for Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan, shares how spending time outdoors can help heal us and, when we come together for climate justice, can also help our planet. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/heal-ourselves

Mennonite World Conference: Pray that God would raise people to financially support training at Sikalongo Bible Institute and the building project for Chilenje BICC in Zambia. Pray for church planters and for bishop Thuma Hamukang'andu and staff members at the Bible institute. Praise God for the successful Zambian General conference. Praise God for the sacrificial service of pastors, some who are faithful despite failing to put food on the table. Praise God for the peace we are enjoying in Zambia.
—submitted by Donald Munachoonga, BICC, Zambia