

## 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.

November 19, 2023

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## **Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**Prelude** We Gather Together arr. Glenda Austin

Call to Worship Voices Together 884

**Hymn** Holy, Holy, Holy Voices Together 76

**Storytelling** 

**Hymn** God of the Bible Voices Together 420

**Scripture** *Psalm 119:97-106; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Colossians 3:12-17* 

**Hymn** The Word of God Is Solid Ground Voices Together 399

**Sermon** Getting It Right

**Hymn** Lord, You Sometimes Speak Voices Together 537

**Community Life – Sharing & Prayer** 

**Community Life – Announcements** 

**Hymn** What a Friend We Have in Jesus Voices Together 628

The Lord's Prayer

**Benediction** 

Everyone is invited to stay for our Third Sunday Potluck in the fellowship room after worship.

#### **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 Reading the worship scripture In the fellowship room

## **Upcoming Events**

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Sunday	November 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15 am
Sunday	November 26	Sunday Worship	10am
Sunday	December 3	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Wednesday	December 6	Worship Committee	7pm
Saturday	December 9	Drop (your kids) & Shop	10am to 2pm
Thursday	December 14	Church Board @Zerger's	брт
Sunday	December 17	Christina's Farewell Sunday	10am

#### **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
11/12	Zoom 6 Church 27 Total 33	\$1,310.00	Rent \$150.00 Special Needs Fund \$178.30	\$1,638.30

## **Local Announcements**

**FREE Books:** Christina will soon begin sorting the books on the shelves in the fellowship room and in her office. She will put books that are rarely used or she doesn't want to keep on the tables at the west end of the fellowship room. Let her know if you see something you think should remain in the church library.

**Committee Reports:** Please turn in your committee reports for the upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> after Worship. If I could have them by November 26<sup>th</sup>, that would be helpful so that I can have time to add them to the ongoing church reports. You may either email to <a href="mailto:salinamennonite@gmail.com">salinamennonite@gmail.com</a> or leave in my mailbox located in the fellowship room. Thanks, Carolyn

**Congregational Meeting:** Following worship on December 3, we will have our Congregational meeting. Agenda includes: Activity and financial reports, 2024 Committees, 2024 Budget, and Update on Pastoral Transition.

# **Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Western District Conference:** – Give thanks for changing seasons and pray that WDC congregations may discern God's presence and guidance in the midst of the opportunities and challenges that they face.

# **Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests**

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Tomorrow, Barb Thuma will complete a seven-week Mennonite Mission Network assignment at La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin. Pray that the love she shared with the children, through teaching English and working with them on the agricultural program, will bear fruit in the lives of each person she learned to know.

**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 <u>Prayers for Mennonite Education</u>.

**Mennonite Church USA:** During the Korean War, Sue Park-Hur's Aunt Hwasil was separated from her mother and brothers. After 40 years, she was finally able to reunite with her family, a privilege that many other Korean families have not been able to enjoy. Park-Hur is Mennonite Church USA's director of racial/ethnic engagement. Read her blog here: <a href="mennoniteusa.org/korean-family-reunion">mennoniteusa.org/korean-family-reunion</a>

**Mennonite Church USA:** After researching the experiences of women in ministry, Amy Zimbelman, conference minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, explains that the best gift many congregations can give to their pastor is support through a Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC). Read more here: <a href="mennoniteusa.org/thank-your-pastor-pcrc">mennoniteusa.org/thank-your-pastor-pcrc</a>

**Mennonite Church USA:** Sarah Werner, author of "Rooted Faith: Practices for Living Well on a Fragile Planet," and communications coordinator for Central District Conference, a Mennonite Church USA conference, gives hope and tangible ideas for how to Christians can live a life that is faithful to their beliefs amid rapid climate change. Read more here: <a href="mennoniteusa.org/living-faithfully-changing-planet">mennoniteusa.org/living-faithfully-changing-planet</a>

**Mennonite World Conference:** Political and ethnic unrest in the state of Manipur has resulted in thousands displaced, living in refugee camps or having fled to other states. Pray for a halt to hate speech and violence. Pray that different groups would be willing to learn about the other. Pray for peace in the state.

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 (6-12 month sizes); *new* bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); *new* hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's shirts (sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color) and men's underwear (sizes 2XL, 3XL -- any color). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

**Get busy giving on Giving Tuesday at an Evening of Service at MCC!** Nov. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at MCC in North Newton, KS. Bring *new dark colored* hand towels with you to pack hygiene kits (the more towels you bring, the more kits we can pack!). MCC partner Offender Victim Ministries will be here with supplies to write holiday greetings to prisoners, we'll have comforters to tie and delicious snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give on Giving Tuesday!