

Upcoming Events

Sunday	December 3	Sunday Worship – First Sunday of Advent	10am
Sunday	December 3	Congregational Meeting	11:15 am
Wednesday	December 6	Worship Committee	7pm
Saturday	December 9	Messy Christmas	10am to 2pm
Thursday	December 14	Church Board @Zerger's	6pm
Sunday	December 17	Christina's Farewell Sunday	10am
Sunday	December 17	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 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
11/19	Zoom 3 Church 31 Total 34		\$400.00		\$400.00

Local Announcements

Messy Christmas: Do you know of a parent that needs a break from their kids? Salina Mennonite is hosting a Messy Christmas event for Pre-K (potty trained) through elementary. Invite kids you know to come for games, activities and crafts on Saturday, December 9th from 10am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided. Invites on the back table. Pre-registration is requested.

FREE Books: Christina is sorting the books on the shelves in the fellowship room and in her office. Books that are rarely used or she doesn't want to keep are on the tables at the west end of the fellowship room. Please take any that you can use. Let her know if you see something you think should remain in the church library.

Committee Reports: Please turn in your committee reports today for the upcoming Congregational Meeting next Sunday, December 3rd after Worship. You may either email to salinamennonite@gmail.com 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

Pray for our sister church, Iglesia Camino de Santidad (Path of Holiness Church) in Liberal KS, Pastor Moises Romero and his wife Teresa.

Western District Conference: – Pray for chaplains and other ministers in WDC who offer pastoral care for members of our communities experiencing pain, loneliness, loss or grief, particularly during this holiday season.

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Mennonite Education Agency is pleased to announce the 2023 Advent at Home worship guide, “How will we know?” is now available for free download in English and Spanish at <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/advent-at-home/>. The guide accompanies individuals and families through the days and weeks of Advent through Epiphany with scriptures, prayers, worship rituals, suggested activities, and contextual information. It is intended for all ages and life stages to deepen the experience of the season. MEA is grateful to writer Talashia Keim Yoder, artist and designer Erin Ramer, and translator Ubaldo Rodriguez.

Mennonite Mission Network: Jonah and Memee Yang began serving with Mennonite Mission Network in September. Pray for Jonah as he teaches Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s Journey Program and for Memee as she offers Sister Care seminars. The Yangs live in Minnesota and will travel to Thailand twice each year.

Mennonite Church USA: As part of Mennonite Church USA’s latest Learn, Pray, Join initiative, End Gun Violence, Jonny Rashid, pastor for West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship, a member church of Allegheny Mennonite Conference, shared a prayer of lament about gun violence. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/prayer-to-end-gun-violence

Mennonite Church USA: Anabaptist musicians from a variety of countries met this spring in Canada for a songwriting retreat sponsored by Anabaptist Worship Network. George Makinto, director of worship at Los Angeles (California) Faith Chapel, recounts how he experienced hope through the gathering of such a diverse group of people worshipping God together. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/hope-ringing-out

Mennonite Church USA: Michael George, a Palestinian-American and facilitator of MennoPIN’s “Twinning with Gaza” Initiative, a Mennonite Church USA affinity group, laments the recent attacks from Hamas and ongoing war in Israel/Palestine. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/lament-for-gaza

Mennonite Church USA: Rachel Ringenberg Miller, denominational minister for ministerial leadership for Mennonite Church USA, reminds us that Anabaptist congregational leadership requires collaboration, from the leaders and from the congregation. The process to make changes takes time, but the inclusive nature of the process is worth it. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/collaboration-anabaptist-leadership

Mennonite World Conference: Let us pray and work for both peace and justice – for all people in the Holy Land. Please pray for the following:

1. That there would be an immediate and lasting ceasefire (with care for those wounded in body or spirit).
2. That all people – Jewish, Christian, Muslim – who work for a just peace in the Middle East would be bold and effective.
3. That God would empower and protect Christians in Palestine. (We think especially of the Christian community we know in Bethlehem.)
4. That Christians around the world would care as much for Palestinians as we care for Israelis.

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!