



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.

Epiphany
January 4, 2026

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Mark Krehbiel

Prelude *Star of the East*

arr. Amanda Kennedy

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather wondering,
 ‘Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?’

**People: We will find the babe in the laughter of children,
 in the wisdom of Grandparents.**

Leader: We gather asking,
 ‘Where will we find the Child of Christmas?’

**People: We will find the child where the needy find hope,
 where the oppressed are set free.**

Leader: We gather wanting to know,
 ‘Where will we find the Christ, who has come among us?’

**People: We will find Immanuel
 where fear is overwhelmed by grace,
 where hatred is overcome by love, where people find joy.**

Hymn *As with Gladness*

Voices Together 277

Greet those around you

Prayer for forgiveness

Assurance of God's Grace

Leader: Rise up and follow! Grace has been poured into our hearts,
 love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

**All: This is the light which has come to all,
 the light we will carry and share with everyone we meet.**

Storytelling

Sherry Krehbiel

Scripture *Matthew 2:1-13; John 1:1-9, 10-18*

Sermon *"Home with God"* Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayer

Hymn *Love Came Down at Christmas* Voices Together 255

Community Life – Announcements

Communion

Interlude *The Star and the Wise Men* arr. Charles Gabriel
 See whose Glory Fills the Skies arr. George Elderkin

Hymn *Joy to the World* Voices Together 240

The Lord's Prayer *Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."*

Benediction

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Gathering in the Fellowship Room – *Rejoice* Devotional
- Scripture study in the basement

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	January 7	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	January 11	Worship	10am
Wednesday	January 14	"Deep and Wide" meeting	7pm
Sunday	January 18	Worship	10am
Sunday	January 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:15am
Sunday	January 21	Board Meeting	5:30pm

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Sermon	Worship Leader	Storytelling	PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
January 11	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Lynn Newcomer	Carolyn Funk	Gerald Funk	Tom Claassen	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2025	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
12/28	Church 33		\$0.00		\$00.00

Local Announcements

Pastor Tammy's Office Hours: Wednesday's 9:30am to 5:30pm and Thursday mornings after 9:30 am. You are welcome to reach out to her anytime for Pastoral Care, Prayer Requests or just to visit- by phone or text 316-207-3472, email pastorsalinamennonite@gmail.com

Carolyn's Hours this week are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from home; Wednesday and Friday Mornings at Church.

Special Needs Fund: It has been our tradition as part of the sharing table to have a special offering. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation. A basket will be on the back table, or you may designate it on your regular offering check.

The Offering Plate is located on the back table. Offerings can be left there or mailed to the church.

"Deep and Wide" Meeting: Everyone is invited to bring their ideas and their dreams to the "Deep and Wide" meeting on Wednesday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Snacks will be provided.

----The Board and Pastor Tammy

Last Sunday's Worship: You are welcome to view last Sunday's service on YouTube. Go to YouTube.com and search for Salina Mennonite Church. Last Sunday's video is uploaded usually by Wednesday afternoon. The congregational sharing and prayer time is never recorded. The recording is paused during that time and resumed for the rest of the service.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for all WDC congregations during this coming year as they live into the calling to be communities of healing and hope, through the grace of God "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God's power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20).

Mennonite Church USA: Sue Park-Hur, MC USA director of racial/ethnic engagement, urges churches to embrace diverse, Christlike hospitality in the new year – and highlights a practical checklist to help leaders create welcoming spaces. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ready-to-welcome>

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God that after nearly a year of chemo treatments, Caleb Schrock-Hurst is cancer free! Caleb and Stephanie plan to move to Taiwan early this year to serve with Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien.

Mennonite Disaster Service: 2026 is coming soon! We're already looking ahead to the 2026 spring & summer seasons! We need to know when you are available to serve with MDS so that we can determine when and where to run projects. Your response to this appeal directly impacts the number of projects that we plan to operate. The summer months present you with a unique opportunity to help MDS facilitate service opportunities for youth & young adults, nurturing the value of service and helping to teach them new skills!

This is not an official list, but the following projects locations could possibly operate at some point during some of the spring/summer months (April-September). Again, these locations are possibilities, and none of them are confirmed at this time: West Asheville, North Carolina; Perry, Florida; Pasadena, California; Spartanburg, South Carolina; Kansas Cabinet Shop (Family Project); Denare Beach, Saskatchewan.

Mennonite World Conference: Please pray for wisdom, strength and direction to continue proclaiming the Lord's message on the island of Puerto Rico. —José Luis Vargas, Puerto Rico