



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.

**September 20, 2026
Season of Creation:
God's Shalom for
Our Common Home**

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Welcome

Mandy Ediger

Land Acknowledgement

(on back page)

Prelude

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Charles Gabriel, arr. Martha Mier

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship, seeking God.

We come to pray, seeking guidance.

**People: When wickedness abounds and
hope feels out of reach,
We yearn for signs of God's presence.
When the ways of the world
Lead to destruction, not shalom,
We long to know God's will.**

**All: Together, let us turn and open ourselves
to the healing embrace of our creator.
Together, let us seek God's shalom.**

Hymn

This Is God's Wondrous World

Voices Together 180

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Carolyn Funk

Words of Confession

Leader: Creator, at times we feel abandoned.

All: Remember us, your beloved children?

Why have you turned on your own flock?

Leader: Come and see your home
your dwelling place, your sanctuary.

See how it has been wrecked, destroyed!
All: We ask, How could this happen, God?
Who would do this?
How long will this violence continue?
But we confess that these wounds are also of our own making.
 Leader: Creator, we name ecological harm
 that we have witnessed with our own eyes:
All: (Name your ecological concerns aloud or place your written
concerns in a vessel as part of the visual display).

Hymn *Beauty for Brokenness* Voices Together 712

Scripture *Isaiah 55:6–9; Matthew 6:7–13*

Sermon *Returning to God's Garden*

Hymn *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* Voices Together 653

Words of Assurance

Leader: God who works salvation in the womb of the earth,
 you hold power over the waters.
 The day and the night belong to you;
 you put the sun and the moon in place.
 You laid the boundaries of the earth,
 created autumn, winter, spring, and summer.
All: We turn again toward you,
knowing that your compassion
is greater than our despair.
 Leader: Even in our grief, we choose to seek you—
 God, whose mercy is wider than our ways.
All: Teach us your harmonies and rhythms of covenant
that we may rise as a choir to join creation's song of renewal.

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayer

Hymn *O Healing River* Voices Together 706

Community Life – Announcements

Creation Activity - for next week –

Hymn *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* (2X) Voices Together 838

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

Benediction

Leader: God is a source of abundant life and love wherever we
 find ourselves on the journey back to our common home.
 May we turn from oppression and may we release possession,
 seeking to care for the earth, which provides for us all.

*All: As we go from here,
may we know God's shalom and let it guide all that we say
and do on this earth, our common home. Amen.*

Join in Potluck following Worship

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday	September 27	Worship Service	10am
Sunday	September 27	Blessing of the 'Blessing Box'	11:15am
Sunday	October 4	Worship Service with Communion	10am
Wednesday	October 7	Worship Committee	5pm

Worship Schedule

2026	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	PowerPoint	Greeter	Pianist
Today	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Mandy Ediger	Carolyn Funk	Miles Weathers	Vera Zerger	Donna Burnett
Next Sunday	Mike Matson	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Carolyn Funk	Aaron Howard	Tracie Smucker	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2026	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
9/13	18		0.00		0.00
Totals			\$2975.00		\$2975.00

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: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from my home and Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning at Church.

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

Worship Schedule: There is a copy of the September/October Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

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.

The SMC Board would like to remind everyone to contact the Trustees directly for any building or financial concerns. **The Trustees** are Butch Stucky, Lynn Newcomer, and Mark Krehbiel. Thank you.

Creation Activity: As part of our worship series - *Season of Creation: God's Shalom for Our Common Home*, we are encouraged to spend time appreciatively outdoors in creation. Actively honoring the sanctity of God's Creation. It invites us to tend to our relationships with creation in preparation for worship. Each week we will be given an activity and a reflection leading up to the next Sunday, bringing our experiences and elements of creation into the worship space. These items could be shared by being collected, reflected on, or photographed and brought to Sunday's service. **For next week** – Take time to reflect in wonder and awe at the intricacy of God's creation and praise God. If you can, bring a symbol of the creation cycle around us to church next Sunday,—be creative! A Reflection Sheet is on the back table.

Blessing Box: As part of the service next week, we will have a time outside to bless the 'Blessing Box.' We also want to encourage everyone to bring non-perishable items to share to replenish the food reserves.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: – Pray for young adults, leaders and other members of WDC who are considering attending Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit sponsored by MCC and MC USA on Nov 6-7, as a way to explore what faithful peacemaking looks like in an age of war, polarization, nationalism and violence.

Mennonite Church USA: Explore a story of conscientious objection
What can we learn from the experiences of Mennonites who have chosen conscientious objection to military service? In his Menno Snapshots blog, "The cost of conscience: My father's peace witness," MC USA Archives Coordinator Devon Miller shares his father's story and reflects on the legacy of conscientious objection. Read the blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-conscience/>

Mennonite Mission Network: The Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) introduced its new youth initiative, Beyond Borders, at the NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training last month. Pray for the youth and young adults in this program as they engage in intercultural dialogue, mentoring, networking and self-care practices.

Land Acknowledgement: In our desire for God's shalom, we choose to embrace all who inhabit our common home. At the same time, we are confronted with hard truths rooted in broken histories. We acknowledge that "we are related to the earth and all its many creatures with inseparable lines of connection," but those relationships are fragile. We acknowledge that "we are gathering today on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples." Including Kaw or Kansa, Kiowa, Osage, Pawnee, and Arapaho. For settlers and newcomers, worshiping here comes with "specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with the Indigenous hosts on this land." Shalom is no small task. We give thanks to Creator, and to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations. We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and worship here, as we witness the reconciling movement of the Spirit and seek to live into right relations with our Indigenous neighbors and all of creation. We recommit ourselves to God's vision of shalom for our common home and for all who inhabit it.