

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 27, 2026
Season of Creation:
God's Shalom for Our Common Home

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Welcome Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Land Acknowledgement (on back page)

Prelude *This Is My Father's World* arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

Leader: Through rain and air, sunshine and soil,
God is steadfastly working for the flourishing of all.
People: As God cares for us, so God calls us
to observe and trust earth's processes and
to align our human activities
with God's intended purpose for our common home.
All: Together, let us embrace God's vision as our own.
Let our worship lead us to a new purpose,
to an ancient promise, to lasting shalom.

Hymn *God of Wonder* Voices Together 178

Greet those around you

Storytelling Carolyn Funk

Hymn *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* Voices Together 417

Words of Confession

Leader: God of cycles and seasons
All: sometimes we wonder if you are really at work
in our lives, in our world.
Leader: Are we making progress?
Are we getting anywhere?
All: Sometimes we wonder if we can make a difference,
or if there is a place for us in this world after all.

Scripture *Isaiah 55:10–11; Matthew 6:25–34*

Sermon *Walking in wonder* Mike Matson

Hymn *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* Voices Together 670

Words of Assurance *(based on Psalm 65:9–13)*

Leader: But God calls us back again
to join the dance of creation
to circle around in the rain
and swing with the seasons.
All: You renew the earth continually,
and all creation sings of your abundance.

Community Life – Sharing

Community Life – Prayer

Interlude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Melody Bober

Community Life – Announcements

Creation Activity - for next week **–**

Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Voices Together 419

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

Benediction

Leader: We have a role to play in God's story of shalom.
As we go from here,
may we marvel at our common home
and take up the task of caring well for it.
All: May the hope and promise of God's shalom
propel us into deeper relationship with this earth,
our common home. Amen.

Join us outside for a blessing of the 'Blessing Box'

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	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	Mike Matson	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Carolyn Funk	Aaron Howard	Tracie Smucker	Lori Schmidt
Next Sunday	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Annelle Claassen	Annelle Claassen	Gerald Funk	Lori Schmidt	Donna Burnett

Worship Totals

2026	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
9/20	24		$360.00		$360.00
Totals			$3335.00		$3335.00

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.

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** – Go out in nature and find a sound you love, if you can- record that sound and bring your recording to worship next Sunday or if not- let us know what it was. A Reflection Sheet is on the back table.

Blessing Box: Today, join us outside around the "Blessing Box" after worship for a time of blessing the "Blessing Box" and those who will be blessed by it. We encourage everyone to bring non-perishable items to share to replenish the food reserves.

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.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: – Pray that each new church community reflects the love of Jesus, building bridges across cultures and sharing the gospel with humility and grace. -WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Church USA: What does it mean to "hold space" for someone?
In her Menno Snapshots blog, spiritual director Jane Hoober Peifer explores what it means to "hold space" for someone living with deep trauma. She reflects on how compassionate presence, listening and trust can help create room for healing. Read "A 'holding space' story" here:
https://www.mennoniteusa.org/holding-space/

Mennonite Mission Network: A group from Eden Mennonite Church, in Moundridge, Kansas, begins their week-long Civil Rights Just Peace Pilgrimage this week. Pray for participants as they travel through the southern U.S., learning about racism and the Civil Rights Movement from historical sites, museums and first-hand accounts. Pray that this experience will inspire participants to enact change in their own communities.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for a lasting solution to the widening income disparity in the country, and that young people in our churches who are just starting up their lives could find good jobs, keep up with rising cost of living and high inflation, and also participate in addressing the economic gap. —Samson Omondi Ongode, Kenya

MCC: Sign up to participate in the Conscientious Objection: understanding the legacy and what it means today webinar, Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. CDT/6 p.m. MDT. This webinar will provide space to reflect on what it means to be a Conscientious Objector (CO), remember its history, learn about how to declare CO status, and how to connect with MCC Central States and other churches around the topic of CO. Register at mcc.org/co-today and contact beckyteiwes@mcc.org for more information.

MCC: Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge! Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 30,000 school kits for the 2026 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed 46,481 school kits! Each of the 46,481 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!

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.