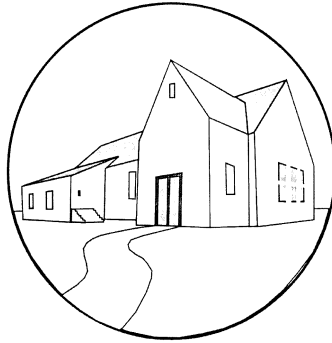


Salina Mennonite Church

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.

September 6, 2020



At Home Worship Gathering

Song *God Is Here Today*
Children's Choir https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXaX9Q_vRvQ

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, you who are weary from the darkness of the night.
Come, you who are hopeful,
who listen for the breath of God on the morning dawn.

People: Come and worship the Lord.

Leader: Come with your gratitude for the blessings of the day.
Come with your pleadings for mercy and release.

People: Come and worship the Lord.

Leader: For the Lord our God is gathering us in,
and Jesus the Christ is our host.
Let us welcome the Spirit who welcomes us here.

People: Come and worship the Lord.

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Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* Hymnal 48
Choir/Orchestra <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAXv8mGM4cQ>
A Capella https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CS-oOC_AAY

Hearing God's Word

Storytelling *The Journey Begins* Genesis 12:1-9
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3rK_PcEMfA

Song *God's Love Is for Everybody* Bryan Moyer Suderman

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:1-18
NIV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwNJ3ALtuvA>
Overview 1 Cor <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiHf8kICCc4>

Sermon *A Letter of Concern*

Videos *We Are the Church*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEhsS8mKYeM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTLk3-lLrX0>

Hymn *We Are the Church*
Congregation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ughMVTMhCuc>

Responding

Name your Joys and Concerns
The Lord's Prayer

Offering *Support our budget by mailing contributions to the church.*

Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* Hymnal 567
Fernando Ortega https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Prb4C_PEWWM
Different tune <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1dtOAlbcmA>

Benediction

*Walk in faith, confident that
God the Maker is good and loving,
God the Savior is generous and giving, and
God the Spirit guides and comforts.
God goes with you to do in your life
that which is beyond your ability to imagine.
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

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Pastor Christina's Schedule

Office Hours: 9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

This schedule may vary. Check first before stopping by.
Available most of the time by text, phone, or email.

“Sunday School” Options

For Children – Becoming a People of God

- Bible stories during Sunday morning worship
- Story Bibles to read and activities to do at home

For Adults

- Fellowship – Weather permitting
 - 6:30 pm Sundays in the backyard
- Bible Study – *Joining God: Relationship & Worship*
 - 7:00 pm Wednesdays at Zergers’
 - Contact Tom Claassen for information
- Book Study – *Addiction Nation* by Timothy King
 - 7:00 pm Thursdays via Zoom
 - Contact Pastor Christina for information

Upcoming Events

Sept 13	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
Sept 20	Third Sunday Backyard Fellowship	6:30 pm
Sept 22	Church Board	7:00 pm
Sept 30	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm

Worship Totals

2020	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
8/30	Zoom	16	\$1295.00		\$1295.00
	Church	18			
	Total	34			

Local Announcements

Blessing Box: We are collecting notebook paper, spiral notebooks, erasers, and Ticonderoga pencils to give to neighborhood children.

Cottonwood School: We are collecting snacks, small cups, masks, disinfecting wipes, and Expo dry erase markers for Cottonwood School.

MCC School Kits: Join our school kit project. Bring completed kits (or kit contents) to the church by September 27. We welcome the donation of kit bags using instructions at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag>. Could we possibly complete 48 bags?

Note the changes to the list of school kit contents:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5”x10.5”, 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; in. optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes
(Sharpeners are available at church. Don’t buy them.)

24/7 Travel Stores Food Bank Fill-up: During the month of September, donate to your local food bank *at the register* and 24/7 Travel Stores will match your donation up to the first \$30,000 donated.

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Women’s Retreat 2020: Women will gather on Saturday night, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom for a worship service. Susan Jantzen, Bethany Martin, Annelie Claassen, and Karen Mascho will provide leadership. Email your registration to Tammy Duvanel Unruh at 2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com

Racial Justice from the US to Palestine: The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force invites you to a virtual conversation on racial justice. Palestinians Alex Awad and Jonathan Kuttub join US citizen Sarah Nahar to share their experiences of injustice and hope. Join this free live event on WDC's Facebook page on September 21, 7 pm. You're welcome to donate to WDC at: www.mennowdc.org

Wurst Fundraiser Ever: You're invited to a German-themed drive-through carryout meal fundraiser to benefit Mennonite Central Committee Sept. 26 at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. Tim and Heidi Huber's family will be offering bratwurst, sides, dessert and drinks, with an RSVP deadline of Sept. 19 or 300 reservations at <https://forms.gle/ASndjK9AQP3BLRS7>. Hope to see you there!

If you can tie a knot you can help MCC! There are lots of comforters at MCC in North Newton that need to be tied and we're looking for volunteers! If you would be interested in borrowing a set of sticks/stands from the MCC Workroom to set up and tie comforters at home, please contact Kate Mast at (katemast@mcc.org, 316.804.8432). Thank you!

Camp Mennoscah: The weather is great! Where are you? Camp Mennoscah's facilities are open to guests/groups for overnight stays and day visits. Spend time in the river, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie and the Ninnescah River! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation and to inquire about use of facilities. We can't wait to see you!

Churchwide Announcements

#Bring the Peace: In an open letter to the denomination, Michael Danner, Mennonite Church USA's associate executive director of Church Vitality, invites fellow white Christians to "engage in proactive, deliberate efforts to oppose and dismantle racism in all of its forms." Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/letter-danner>

Learn, Pray, Join: During September, Mennonite Church USA invites you to focus your attention on what it means to offer hospitality to immigrants by engaging in its new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative – Immigration Justice: Radical Hospitality.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/immigration/>

Common Read: Join Mennonites across Mennonite Church USA in a "Common Read," a shared reading experience focused on specific books written to nurture Christian faith in this cultural moment. *Signs of Life: Resurrecting Hope Out of Ordinary Losses* by Stephanie Lobdell is the Common Read book chosen for September. Learn more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/common-read/>

MenoTicias is a new Spanish-language digital newsletter of MC USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency, formerly *Meno Acontecer*, launching this month. Subscribe: <http://eepurl.com/hb2FGT>

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for Gabriel Pennington as he is installed today as pastor at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, a WDC congregation in Topeka, KS.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Service Adventure participants began their assignments in the Jackson, Mississippi, unit this week. Pray that God will provide wisdom for Debbie and Rick Lee, new unit leaders, and for all as they transition into community living and learning.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for health and safety for students, faculty, staff and administration as they maneuver many new COVID adjustments together. Pray for families too, The nerves, additional requirements and stress is hard on everyone.

Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for the Executive Board of MC USA who are meeting virtually on September 11 and 12.