

MENNONITE CHURCH of the SERVANT

Meets in the Fellowship Hall of
Fairview Christian Church
1650 Fairview
Wichita, KS 67203

Worship - 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER

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*Strive first for the kingdom of
God and God's righteousness...*

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT MATTHEW 5-7



Worship in OCTOBER



October 7:

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Scripture and teaching theme is from Matthew 6:1-18. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of this worship.



October 14:

Scripture and teaching theme is from Matthew 6:1-18. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. A potluck dinner will follow our worship time.



October 21:

Scripture and teaching theme is from Matthew 6:19-34. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader.



October 28:

MENNONITE HERITAGE SUNDAY

Scripture and teaching theme is from Matthew 7:1-6. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Lois Barrett will be the worship leader. Healing Prayer will be a part of this worship.

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November 4: Teaching theme is from Matthew 7:7-12. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader.



Bulletin Board



OCTOBER CHURCH LIFE

There will be no Church Life (decision making) meeting in October.



OCTOBER OFFERING:

The emphasis for giving in October is to **Mennonite Housing Rehabilitation Services**. If you wish to give to **MHRS**, write a separate check or indicate how much is to be designated on your check to the church.



OCTOBER CHILD CARE:

- October 7- Cici
- October 14- Karissa
- October 21- Jenny
- October 28- Adam



Worship Attendance

September 2	=	19
September 9	=	32
September 16	=	23
September 23	=	
September 30	=	

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\$ BUDGET REPORT **\$**

Offerings (monetary giving) for the month of May is as follows:

September 2:	113.00
September 9:	1,544.00
September 16:	233.71
September 23:	855.31
September 30:	

TOTAL

October

Servant Groups of Mennonite Church of the Servant

SHALOM Servant Group

This Servant Group will meet on Tuesday evening, October 9 at 7:30 PM at the home Jeanette Stucky, 5204 Plaza Ln. Together through sharing, prayer, study and service we seek to make connections between inner life and outward peacemaking. We are currently reading and discussing the book "Essential Spirituality: The 7 Central Practices to Awaken the Heart and Mind" by Roger Walsh. Contact Pat Cameron (262-2644) for more information.

TRANSFORMATION Servant Group

This Servant Group will focus on spiritual discernment. We will begin each meeting with worship and prayer, including personal sharing, and be open to teaching the art of spiritual discernment to others in the church and/or offer ourselves for clearness meetings with others. Our name, "Transformation," comes from Romans 12:1-2, which says that transformation (not being conformed to the world) is the key to discerning the will of God. Contact Lois Barrett at 264-3686 for October meeting dates and locations.

FAITH ISSUES Reading Group

The women's Reading Group meets October 6, 4 PM at the church, for the last session in the book study of Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*. The following meeting, on October 20, will consist of evaluation and recommitment to another series of studies. Women interested in joining a discussion of stimulating books and nurturing our spiritual growth are welcome at this time. Contact Vangie Truex at 263-0204 if interested.

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MEMORY VERSE of the Month

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Wichita, KS**

is a member congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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Church phone number is (316) 260-9095.

Mennonite Church of the Servant

welcomes all people into a community covenanted
to follow the way of **Jesus Christ** through

- practicing peace and reconciliation,
- sharing our lives in love and accountability, and
- bringing the good news of the reign of **God** to the world.

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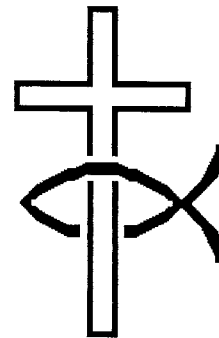
Mennonite Heritage

Sunday

October 28, 2007



*Blessed be the ones
who dance
in the corridors of death,
who sing
in the hallways of terror,
who laugh
in the prisons of fear,
who shout
across the silencing walls,
who love
beyond the borders of hatred,
who live
to welcome home freedom,
who die
never turning their heads
who return
as the rising of hope.*



*For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire'*

We Praise you, O God.

*For all the saints who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are
woven with our own*

We Praise you, O God

*For all the saints who live beyond us
who challenge us to change the
world with them*

We praise you, O God.

Song of the Month

Nothing Can Trouble


Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall
never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten

God alone fills us.

Jacque Berthier (c) Ateliers et Presses de Taize



servant sayings

Servant Sayings serves as a monthly forum reserved for the lay membership and friends of Mennonite Church of the Servant to make comment on spirituality, the church, discipleship, social issues, etc.

The Lions and the Mennonites

According to the September 2007 issue of *The Lion*, a tsunami generated by the 1964 Good Friday earthquake destroyed Afognak, Alaska. All of the residents were evacuated. It was replaced by a new community named Port Lions. It's the only community in the US built entirely by service organizations. It was built by Afognak natives, the Lions Club, Mennonite Disaster Service and Mennonite Voluntary Service workers.

By all working together they cleared the land. They hand dug trenches for a sewage and water system for 44 homes. They built a diesel generator that operated the electric system for the homes. They also built prefab homes in Kodiak and floated them by barge to Port Lions.

When Afognak natives returned, a drawing was held to see who received each lot. The Nativity of Theotokos, a Russian Orthodox Church was allowed to draw first. Then a timber dam was built on Branchwater Creek to create a 2.5 million gallon reservoir to feed a newly installed 125,000 gallon water storage tank. It took two years. Before leaving, the Mennonite workers erected a 10 ft. cross dedicating the new village to the hope that it would be spared from future tsunamis.

The economy was good back then because of nearby fish canneries and lumber mills. It became a stop for the state ferry. Eventually a school and a general store were added. The population grew from 187 to 400. Today the community is struggling to retain its young people and the economy is declining. But it is still marching on.

Have you ever heard of Port Lion before? Maybe I wasn't paying attention when they talked about it in church. I was young then. I am impressed by the hard work those Mennonites did. Could we do it again, if necessary? I'm really impressed because the native Alaskans are still talking about the gift of the Mennonite workers 43 years later.

Sally Huber

*Shalom is rooted in a theology of hope.
It's a conviction that the world can be
transformed and renewed, and
newness can and will come.*

Walter Brueggeman

ANNOUNCING



CROP WALK 2007

The time for the CROP Walk is approaching. Walk to provide food for local emergency food programs. Walk to support MCC and all its programs for justice, relief and compassion. The Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 2 P.M. at Sedgwick County Park, 6501 W. 21st N. Registration begins at 1:30 P.M.

CROP Hunger Walk

We walk because they walk

Join the CROP WALK or sponsor a CROPWALKER on October 14.

MATH LESSON

A MCC School Kit Work Day will be held upstairs in the church building on October 17, beginning at 7 PM. Please come to help create the kits. Items to donate to the kits are also needed. So far, MCS has made 20 kits; the goal is 30.

- 20 more pencils are needed.
- 5 more erasers are needed.
- 14 more rulers are needed,
- 13 more boxes of colored pencils are needed.
- 28 more bags will need to be constructed.

So do the math and help with you donations of items or time to construct the kit bags.

LADIES MORNING OUT

On Saturday morning, October 20, beginning at 10 A.M. a Ladies Craft Morning-Out will be held upstairs at the church. Bring your unfinished or new craft ideas to work on. Come visit with other women and receive new creative thoughts. Bring as few children under 10 as possible, please. Child care will not be provided.

IN THE NEWS

MOTHERS 4 MOTHERS

On the first Saturday in September the Mothers 4 Mothers group met at the park for an ice cream social and the last blast of summer. The fountains were turned off but water balloons made for a good substitute. The kids played "midnight" which has a lot of yelling and chasing around. It looked like fun and they played well together. On the third Saturday we help a potluck reflection meeting. It was well attended and many had prayer requests. Next month will be just as exciting. Mark October 27 on your calendars. On that date, please join us for our annual Homecoming Celebration and Dedication of our new space.

ONE WORLD COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS
Now you can invest directly in a better future by creating economic opportunities for the underserved. OneWorld, created by MMA in partnership with MEDA, enables investors to purchase Community Investment Notes issued by Calvert Social Investment Foundation. To find out more, visit MAA-online, or contact Sally Huber, our MMA advocate.



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

We will join Fairview Christian for their annual Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 18. Listen for forthcoming details.

ADVENT CALENDAR

Looking for a colorful way to retell the Christmas story? The Greatest Gift, an advent calendar decorated with art from the winners of MMA's summer coloring contest, can help your family celebrate the holiday season with day-by-day devotions. To order, call (800) 348-7468, Ext.269 or visit <www.bookstore.mma-online.org>



MCS SHARING FUND

This is a reminder to continue to give to the sharing fund of Mennonite Church of the Servant. The sharing fund is a ministry of our congregation to each other. This monetary fund is used for those in our congregation who have some financial need. This fund is used continuously and contributions to the fund need to continue as well.



FROM THE PAST

From October 1987's MCS Newsletter

- "Exploring the Faith Journey" will be the topic for adult classes beginning October 11.
- Window to the World will be opening for business October 1. This store will feature Self-Help crafts from people around the world. Geneva Hershberger is the manager.
- Total budget income for the first 8 months of the year was \$15,727.57.
- Bethel College invites you to celebrate its centennial on Oct. 8-12.
- Congratulations to Doug Everingham for receiving certification in social work.
- Congratulations also to Cathy Everingham for graduating from Wichita State with a masters' degree in Music Education.



DID YOU KNOW

A dusty camp is home for more than 20,000 people displaced by the violence in the arid Darfur region of western Sudan. A Church World Service (CWS) supported community center inside the camp is enabling people to help each other overcome their traumatic experiences. The center offers livelihood for both men and women. It also provides for the basic needs of the uprooted families. Your little help through your donations to the CROP Walk can make a big difference:

- \$25 can provide blankets to a family of 5 displaced by violence or natural disaster,
- \$50 can provide oral rehydration therapy for 55 children suffering from diarrhea, a deadly disease to children in the developing world.
- \$100 can provide a micro-credit loan to a woman trying to start a business to support her family.
- \$200 can provide a water buffalo to a farming family struggling to increase their farm production.



A BAD JOKE TO END ON

An atheist was walking through the woods, silently speaking, "What majestic trees!" "What a powerful river!" "What beautiful animals!"

His sense of awe was disturbed by a rustling in the bushes behind him. Looking back, he saw a 7-foot grizzly a few feet away. He took off as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and the bear was closing in on him.

As he attempted to run faster, he tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to get up but the bear was over him with a raised paw. The atheist cried out, "Oh my God!"

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

A bright light shone upon the man and voice came out of the sky, "You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident." Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you can make the bear a Christian.

"Very well," said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear lowered his paw, brought his paws together, bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."



Time Change

A Reminder: Standard Time will return on Sunday morning, November 4.

October 2007

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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						4:00 PM Faith Issues Reading Group
7 10:00 AM Worship Gathering Communion <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	8	9 7:30 PM Shalom Servant Group Happy Birthday, Fred Miller	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 AM Worship Gathering 2:00 PM CROP Walk Potluck	15	16	17 7:00 PM School Kit Work Day	18	19	20 10:00 AM Ladies Morning Out 4:00 PM Faith Issues Reading Group
21 10:00 AM Worship Gathering Happy Birthday, Doug vonEhrenkrook	22 7:30 PM Worship Committee	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 AM Worship Gathering Healing Prayer <i>Mennonite Heritage Sunday</i>	29	30 Happy Birthday, Dori Esau-Rutherford	31 All Saints Eve	Jerry and Vangie Truex 1523 Fairview Wichita, KS 67203		