

MENNONITE CHURCH of the SERVANT

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

Sunday School - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER

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Lord of all, to thee we raise our hymn of grateful praise.

Worship in November

November 4: 

Sermon on the Mount

Teaching theme is from Matthew 7:7-12. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of our worship time together.

November 11: 

Sermon on the Mount

Teaching theme is from Matthew 7:13-27. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. A Thanksgiving meal will follow our worship time together.

November 18: 

We thank you lord for all your love

Guest teachers will be MCS friends, Nick and Ronda King. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader.

November 25: 

Being Spiritual Practice

Kathryn Damiano will be our guest speaker. Lois Barrett will be the worship leader. There will be a time of healing prayer.

December 2: ADVENT I

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader.



Bulletin Board



NOVEMBER CHURCH LIFE

Our Church Life meeting (decision making) will be on Sunday, November 18, starting at 11:40. We will take a first look at next year's budget.



NOVEMBER OFFERING

The offering focus for the month of November is for the community food distribution of **Open Door Ministry**. If you wish to give to this ministry, write a separate check or indicate how much is to be designated on your check to the church. Also, bring your offerings of canned goods during the month of November to be given to **Open Door Ministry**.



NOVEMBER CHILDCARE

- November 4: Cici
- November 11: Karissa
- November 18: Jenny
- November 25: Adam



NOVEMBER GREETERS

- November 4: Erna Jeffries
- November 11: Pat Cameron
- November 18: Nancy & Jenny Hurd
- November 25: Dori Esau-Rutherford



Worship Attendance

September 23	37
September 30:	33
October 7:	32
October 14:	21
October 21:	28



Time Change

A Reminder: Standard Time will return on Sunday morning, November 4. So before you go to bed Saturday night, move the hour hand back one hour. You just gained one hour of more rest or a more lengthy Saturday evening.



BUDGET REPORT



Offerings (monetary giving) for six Sundays starting with Sept. 23 and through Oct.

September 23:	885.31
September 30:	453.00
October 7:	1,260.00
October 14:	261.00
October 21:	1,250.00
October 29:	572.00
TOTAL	4,685.61

NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Song of the Month

Halle, halle, hallelujah

O God to whom shall we go?
You alone have the words of life.
Let your words be our prayer and the song we sing:
Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.
When I call them, they follow me.
I will lead them to rest by the restful streams:
Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah.

I am the light of the world says the Lord
Walk in the light of life.
All who follow my words shall have life indeed:
Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah.

Servant Groups

of

Mennonite Church of the Servant

SHALOM Servant Group

This Servant Group will meet twice during the month of November. 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 concerning meeting dates, places and times.

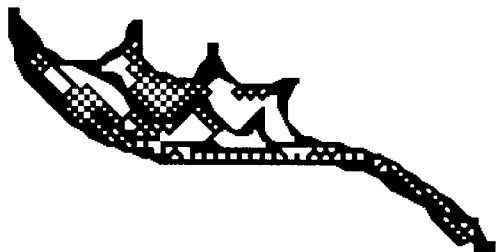
TRANSFORMATION Servant Group

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 November meeting dates and locations.

FAITH ISSUES Reading Group

The women's Reading Group meets November 3 and 17, 4 PM at the church. This group is beginning to read and discuss the book "Essential Spirituality: The 7 Central Practices to Awaken the Heart and Mind" by Roger Walsh. 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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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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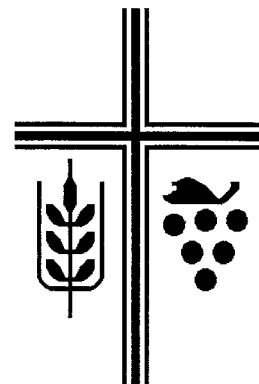
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THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 22, 2007

Those born of God use eating, drinking, clothing and shelter with thanksgiving to support their own lives and to the free service of their neighbor according to the Word of the Lord.

Sing the Journey
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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.

Mennonite Mutual Aid

This is a quiz to see if you have been listening. Can you name the five spokes in the wheel that are on the MMA materials? It's the Holistic Stewardship Wheel with Faith at the hub. The spokes are Time, Talent, Relationships, Money and Health. Maybe next year a sixth spoke for stewardship of the earth may be added.

In 2007, we focused on the money spoke. In a past newsletter I wrote about living within your budget and sharing with others. More can still be discussed about financial stewardship.

In 2008, we will focus on the health spoke. Consider how the Spirit is calling you to: A) Take better care of yourself; B) Use your health resources more wisely; and C) Connect with others in our community on health issues.

We could start a Servant Group for those of us with health issues like exercise, better nutrition, quitting smoking, etc. to help support each other. MMA has resources we can use. "Body Talk: Speaking the Words of Health" is a guidebook we could use for discussion. Maybe we could invite the IMHER clinic to take blood pressure after church some Sunday.

There are many ways we can help each other be better stewards of our health. We could start our own health ministry to each other. "Improving the Health of Your Congregation" would be a good guide book for discussion. Considering that four of my friends had funerals within the last year, I believe that discussing the book "Making Your Wishes Known" would be a valuable Servant Group activity. Let me know when you want to get started.

Credit counseling is a new service of MMA. Investments and insurance are available. There are 10 categories of grants available to churches. The grants are the same as last year.

MMA helps people manage resources in ways that honor God through its professional expertise in insurance and financial services. Rooted in the Anabaptist faith tradition, MMA offers practical stewardship education and tools to individuals, congregations, and organizations. We are blessed to be a MMA church.

Sally Huber

ANNOUNCING



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

The Mennonite Church of the Servant Thanksgiving Potluck will be on Sunday, November 11. For our Thanksgiving meal, the turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy and pumpkin pie will be provided. Please bring something to compliment the meal.

MCC PROJECTS

A MCC School Kit Work Day will be held upstairs in the church building on Wednesday, November 14, beginning at 7 PM. Please come to help create the kits. Items to donate to the kits are also needed.

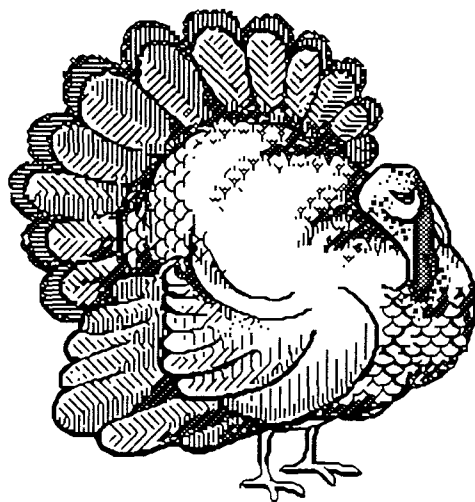
LADIES MORNING OUT

On Saturday morning, November 17, 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.



WASSAIL IN DECEMBER

On Saturday, December 15, a Wassail will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Come enjoy an evening of wassail and singing favorite Christmas songs. Please bring snacks to share; the wassail and other hot drinks will be provided. We will sing favorite Christmas songs after a time of sharing the goodies. Child care will be provided. Bring a friend to share in the fun evening.



IN THE NEWS



MOTHER 4 MOTHERS

In October we celebrated our annual Homecoming and dedicated our new space to God. We didn't have as many guests as we had planned but it was a nice party. The program was very nice also. We want to thank MCS and, especially Jerry, for participating and for the beautiful flowers. Everyone enjoyed them and took a flower home to remember the day. On November 10 we will be participating in the Alternative Christmas Market at Grace Presbyterian Church. We've made 150 felt Christmas ornaments to sell. That took a lot of teamwork and crafty moms. Our booth will be supporting a school in the Congo that serves children who have had polio. The money will buy school supplies, leg braces, crutches, and appropriate medical help for the children. This is our opportunity to share with in our community. Come and see all the other booths. Thirty-three mission projects will be featured. Three of them are local. On November 24, we'll be doing more Christmas crafts as well as a decoration and cookie exchange. The Christmas dinner will be on December 8.

Sally Huber

MATH LESSON

Belinda and her son Tim (who's not afraid of ladders) and I replaced 14 light bulbs in our church last week. Most of them were upstairs, but not all. The bulbs varied in size according to their location. The average bulb cost \$5.29. Each bulb is guaranteed to last five years. And each bulb is guaranteed to save \$44 in energy costs each year. So \$44 times 14 equals \$616 in one year or \$3080 in five years. Minus the cost of the bulbs, \$5.29 times 14 which equals \$73.06 and we have saved \$3007.94.

Sally Huber



WORSHIP THEMES

The theme for the Sundays of ADVENT 2007 (Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 23) will be "The Worlds is About to Turn." In January we will address the theme of Stewardship.



Advent is historically a season of penitence. Yet, unlike Lent, its sister season, Advent's concern is not primarily the individual's need for repentance but the Christian community's complicity with the powers of darkness.



FROM THE PAST

From November 1987's MCS Newsletter

- Aggie Klassen has been diagnosed as having cataracts on both eyes.
- David and LaVeta Habegger moved to Champaign, Illinois where David is pastoring the First Mennonite Church.
- "Power and Nonviolence: Jesus' Gospel Message" will be the theme of the 7th annual Churches United for Peacemaking conference on November 20-21 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Walter Wink will be the main speaker.
- The trustees agreed to give Steve Ediger the opportunity to accept the general contractor's job for completing the renovation of Aley House.
- A special Thanksgiving offering for Mennonite Central Committee we be taken on Sunday, November 22.
- The Fall Retreat theme "A Different Drum: The Stages of Community Making" from Scott Peck's book will be discussed at the retreat, Nov. 13-15.



DID YOU KNOW

According to a recent survey done by Kelton Research, more Americans can name the ingredients in a Big Mac than list the Ten Commandments. In a related study, "man on the street" interviews tested knowledge of the Ten Commandments against knowledge of cultural trivia. Trivia won out. Test your Ten Commandments knowledge by taking this quiz. (Wording is from the King James Version of the Bible.) Check out the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:3-17. They are also found in Deuteronomy, Chapter 5.

- 1) Honor who?
- 2) Remember what?
- 3) What is the first commandment?
- 4) Thou shalt not make unto thee _____?
- 5) Thou shalt not take the name of _____?
- 6) How many "thou shalt nots" are there?

(ANSWERS)

- 1) Honor thy father and thy mother.
- 2) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
- 3) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
- 5) Thou shalt not take the name of Lord thy God in vain.
- 6) Eight

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THEN GOD SPOKE ALL THESE WORDS:
I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO BROUGHT YOU
OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE
HOUSE OF SLAVERY; YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER
GODS BEFORE ME.

November 2007

MENNONITE CHURCH of the SERVANT

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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<p>1 7:30 PM Church Council All Saints Day</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Standard Time begins (Fall Back)</p>
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<p>4 10:00 AM Worship Communion</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Election Day</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Happy Birthday, Lois Barrett</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 10:00 AM Worship Thanksgiving Meal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Joint Task Force</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM MCC Projects</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10:00 AM Ladies Morning Out</p>
<p>18 10:00 AM Worship Church Life Happy Birthday, Adam Cameron</p>	<p>19 7:30 PM Worship Committee</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 10:00 AM Worship Healing Prayer</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	