

MENNONITE CHURCH of the SERVANT

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Fairview Christian Church
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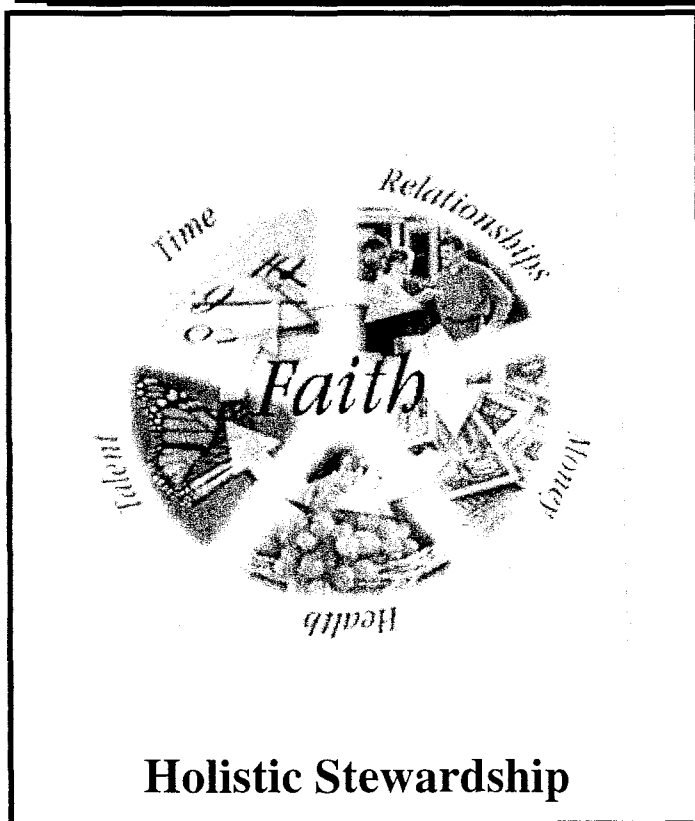
Gathering for Worship -- 10:00 A.M.

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*Holistic Stewardship: Managing all of our
God-given gifts in ways that honor God.*



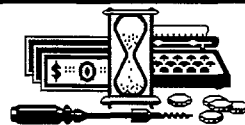
WORSHIP in JANUARY



January 6: Epiphany Sunday

Arise, Shine! God's mystery is revealed

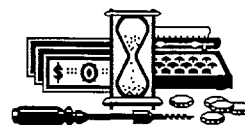
Scripture text: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Lois Barrett will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of this worship. A pot luck meal will follow our time of worship.



January 13:

Stewardship: It's about God

Pete Flemming, MAA Church Relations Manager for the Midwest Region, will be our guest speaker. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader.

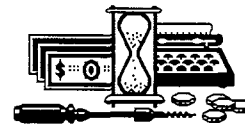


January 20:

Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday

Stewardship: It's about purpose

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader.

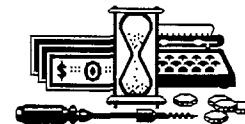


January 27:

Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday

Stewardship: It's about provision

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Healing Prayer will be a part of this worship service.



February 3

Stewardship: It's about me

Jerry Truex will give the sermon.



Bulletin Board



JANUARY CHURCH LIFE

There is no Church Life (decision making) meeting planned for January.



JANUARY OFFERING

The offering focus for the month of January will benefit our church's **Scholarship Fund**. The Scholarship Fund sets aside monies for our youth to attend Mennonite Colleges. 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.



Worship Attendance

November 25:	28
December 2:	27
December 9:	16
December 16:	19
December 30:	23

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\$ BUDGET REPORT \$

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

November 25:	971.80
December 2:	652.48
December 9:	129.40
December 16:	784.05

Budget offerings for the month of November totaled 1,753.80. The Sharing Fund offering was 515.00.

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Best Wishes

for
2008

Servant Groups of Mennonite Church of the Servant

SHALOM Servant Group

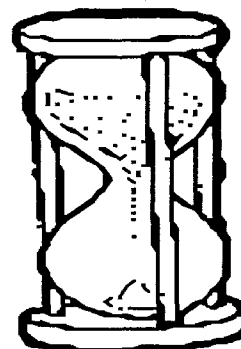
This Servant Group will meet twice during the month of January-- the first being Tuesday, Jan. 8. Together through sharing, prayer, study and service we seek to make connections between inner life and outward peacemaking. We are currently reading and discussing the book "Essential Spirituality: The 7 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 January meeting dates and locations.

FAITH ISSUES Reading Group

The women's Reading Group meets January 5 and 19, 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.



**Mennonite Church of the Servant
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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JANUARY

MEMORY VERSE

I John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

JANUARY



SONG OF THE MONTH



You are all we have

You are all we have.

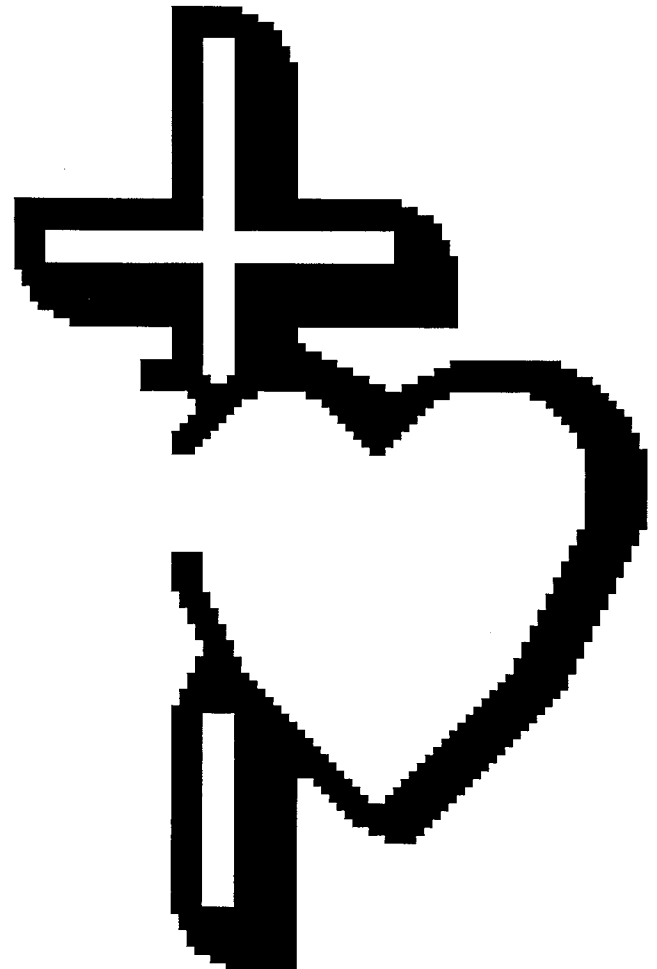
You give us what we need.

Our lives are in your hands,

*O Lord, our lives are in
your hands.*

Sing the Journey

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ANNOUNCING

STEWARDSHIP SERIES

For the Sundays between Epiphany and Lent, our worship will center around the theme of "30 Days of Generosity." Pete Flaming, MMA Church Relations Manager, will give the message on January 13 to begin our four week (Jan. 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3) series. MMA stewardship educational resource materials will be used for this series. Stewardship encompasses not only our finances, but all of our God-given gifts-- including time, talent, health and relationships. This is called holistic stewardship. It is the Christ-centered practice of balancing our gifts and the relationships between them that leads to wholeness.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

A discipleship class is being held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:45 A.M. The first session will be held on Sunday, January 6. Contact Jerry Truex or Sally Huber for further information.



WDC MUSICAL

"The Upside Down King" musical is a new upbeat, fun, and powerful retelling of the life and ministry of Jesus. This original musical, with script by Carol Duerksen and music by Doug & Jude Krehbiel, features a five-member young adult cast, and a live classic rock and roll band. Geared for youth and all ages, "The Upside Down King" focuses on the flipped-over aspects of Christ's teachings, including loving enemies, being servants, and going the second mile. Offerings will be received for WDC youth ministry. Presentations in the area are: Saturday, January 12, 6:30 P.M., at First Mennonite, Hutchinson; Sunday, January 13, 6:30 P.M., at Eden Mennonite in Moundridge; and Sunday, January 20, 6:30 P.M., at Grace Hill Mennonite, Whitewater.



IN THE NEWS



THANK YOU MMA

Because of the inquest for funds to buy the van we learned about some unused resources at MMA. All requests for funds from our sharing fund that are between \$50 and \$500 per family can be matched through our MMA account. Also money we spend on helping our leaders continue their education can be matched. So we sent in all of the 2007 requests in December, so our sharing fund is \$750 richer. We need to let our MMA representatives know how much we appreciate them. And keep giving to the sharing fund so we can keep helping each other.



MOTHERS 4 MOTHERS

We had approximately 90 people who enjoyed the Mothers 4 Mothers Christmas dinner. Volunteers came from the United Way, First Presbyterian Church, Achievers 4-H Club, Wichita West Lions, MCS and other places. We appreciate them all. We had a wonderful party even if the ice threatened to keep people home and the Christmas tree tipped over. The fun and fellowship made up for it. This year we only had time for the kids activities. The only meeting in January will be the movie "Aleelah and the Bee" and popcorn. It is a great movie for the kids-- it will encourage them to do their school work. Please come join us and meet the kids. And remember to pray for us.

THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR IN JAN.

- Neighbors who help shovel snow and push cars out of drifts.
- All the hugs we get at church on Sunday morning.
- The new members who just completed the Discipleship class.
- Grandchildren who play basketball.

Sally Huber



CALENDAR ITEMS

February 6	-- Ash Wednesday
February 10	-- 1st Sunday of Lent
February 14	-- St. Valentine's Day
March 9	-- Daylight Savings time
March 17	-- St. Patrick's Day
March 23	-- Easter





FROM THE PAST

From January 1988's MCS Newsletter:

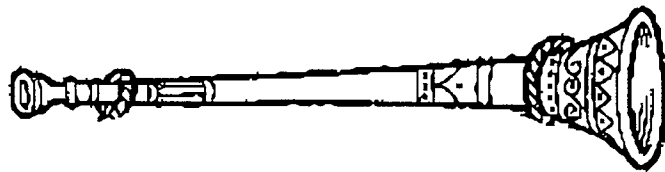
- Worship theme from now until Lent: "The Mission of Jesus and Our Mission." We will be looking at our personal missions and at the mission of MCS.
- Midtown churches will celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a service on Mon. Jan. 25 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.
- Vacancies at Aley House are coming up in the next few months.
- Huang Tswei Ying is moving back to North Newton to attend Bethel College second semester.
- From the Children's Corner: A Happy New Years poem by Susanna Mierau-- On the day of the New Year, Is not a day of tears, It is a day of happiness, And nobody is useless.

? DID YOU KNOW?

Helping people manage their God-given gifts in ways that honor God is the mission and commitment of Mennonite Mutual Aid (MMA).

- MMA is one of five program agencies or churchwide ministries of MCUSA. MMA became the stewardship ministry agency for MCUSA when MCUSA was founded.
- MMA's mission is to help Christians like you care for and cultivate all of their God-given gifts and helps people practice holistic stewardship in the areas of Time, Talent, Health, Relationships, and Money in ways that honor God.
- MMA counselors and Mennonite Foundation representatives work with you to understand your faith values in providing stewardship solutions for your insurance needs, investments, estate planning, charitable giving, etc.
- 13 or 59% of Church of the Servant members utilize MMA offerings.
- MMA provides stewardship solutions to members of 26 different Anabaptist related denominations.
- Congregations and church members have access to educational resources Sharing Fund grants, college scholarships, and will/trust grants through MMA.

HERALD a NEW YEAR



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**May you experience God's blessing
for the coming year**

January 2008

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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6 10:00 AM Worship Potluck	7	8 7:30 PM Shalom Servant Group	9 5:30 PM M4M Board Meeting	10	11	12 Happy Birthday, Kelly Hayes
13 10:00 AM Worship	14 7:30 PM Church Council	15 7:00 PM Joint Task Force	16	17	18	19 2:30 PM M4M Meeting
20 10:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM MCC School Kits	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 AM Worship M4M Board Meeting Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday	28 Happy Birthday, Carol Rose	29 Kansas Day	30	31		