

# 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

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## NEWSLETTER

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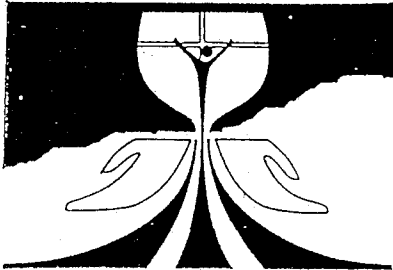
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Lent 2008

*Spirituality: Practices which help  
us experience the sacred.*

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## THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday  February 6

This Ash Wednesday service will usher in Lent 2008. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. The Service of Ashes will begin at 7:00 in the evening.

1st Sunday of Lent  February 10

*Into the Wilderness*

Lois Barrett will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Scripture text is from Matt 4:1-11

2nd Sunday of Lent  February 17

*Into New Birth*

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Scripture text is from Gen 12:1-4a.

3rd Sunday of Lent  February 24

*Into the Open*

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Lois Barrett will be the worship leader. Scripture text is from Exod 17:1-7. Healing prayer will be a part of this worship.

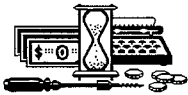
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4th Sunday of Lent  March 2

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

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## Worship in FEBRUARY



February 3

*Stewardship: It's about me.*

Pat Cameron will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of this worship.



# Bulletin Board



## FEBRUARY CHURCH LIFE:

There is no Church Life (decision making) meeting scheduled for February.



## FEBRUARY OFFERING:

The emphasis for giving during February will be for the work and ministry of **Inter-Faith Ministries**. If you wish to give to **IFM**, write a separate check or indicate how much is to be designated on your check to the church.



## Worship Attendance

January 6:	21
January 13:	34
January 20:	21
January 27:	26



Be My Valentine

Thurs., Feb. 14, 2008



# Servant Groups of Mennonite Church of the Servant

## SHALOM Servant Group

This Servant Group will meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30. Following meetings will be decided then. 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 February meeting dates and locations.

## FAITH ISSUES Reading Group

The Women's Reading Group will meet on Saturday, February 9 at 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

Pastor

Jerry Truex

<http://www.mcswichita.net>

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.

**Mennonite Church of the Servant**

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FEBRUARY

MEMORY VERSE

Galations 5:22-23

By contrast, the fruit of the

Spirit is love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness,

generosity, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against such

things.

# Ash Wednesday February 6, 2008

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*Lent is a season of preparation for the  
celebration of new life. It is a time of personal  
and communal renewal.*

*Ash Wednesday is a particular time for new  
beginning in the faith, a time for returning to the  
Lord. On this day we recall our mortality and  
wait upon the Lord for a renewing Spirit.*

*Ashes are a powerful symbol reminding us for  
our need of renewal. For this Lenten season you  
are invited to self examination, prayer,  
meditation upon God's Word. These are spiritual  
practices.*

*The ultimate aim of spiritual practices is  
awakening; that is to know our true Self and our  
relationship to the sacred.*

*Over time, spiritual practices work their  
transformative wonders on our hearts, minds  
and lives.*



**MORE  
fervent in  
PRAYER**



**MORE  
generous  
in WORKS of  
CHARITY**



**MORE  
eager in cele-  
brating the  
MYSTERIES  
by which we  
are reborn**

*Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious  
and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding  
in love.*

Essential Spirituality, Roger Walsh.  
Reformed Worship, Number 78

# 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.*

## 2008 Church Women United Human Rights Celebration

Belinda and I were invited to share about **Mothers 4 Mothers** at the 2008 Church Women United Human Rights Celebration. Each year this celebration honors local individuals and groups who work in areas that affirm the dignity of human rights for all. This theme this year is "God's Wisdom Honors Children." During the worship and discussion we learned about how God values children, based on Mark 9:36-37 and Mark 10:13-16. We discussed what we as individuals and what the church can do to honor children. The children and families of **Mothers 4 Mothers** fit into the discussion.

We each received an award from Church Women United, Inc., United Nations Office. It's called the Human Rights Award and states "For your leadership service as a mentor and social activist on human rights and human development, an advocate for peace with justice with no boundaries of political system, country, cultural background or religion."

We were really honored. We're grateful for all the prayers and support Church Women United have given **Mothers 4 Mothers** in the past and will give in the future. We'll share the award with all of our members. We'll share it with all of you at MCS for your prayers and support also.

We were encouraged to invite our church members and friends to the celebration. so I was especially honored to have Cindy Snider there to read my introduction. I used James 1:27 to explain what we do for each other at **Mothers 4 Mothers**. Belinda's friend, Geneva, accompanied here. The pictures that Jerry took at our **Mother 4 Mothers** meetings helped our presentation and display board. Thank you for all your help and encouragement.

*Sally Huber*

**Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.**



## SOUPER BOWL

Pat, Geneva, and Adam are hosting a Souper Bowl party in their home on Sunday evening, February 3, beginning at 5 p.m. Soup will be served and your donation for the supper will go to the Campaign to End Childhood Hunger. The Super Bowl game will be on with its commercials.



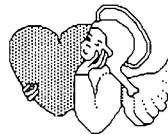
## SPIRITUAL DYNAMICS FORUM

You are invited to learn about and discuss the implications of Spiral Dynamics for yourself, your family, your church and your society. Spiral Dynamics (SD) is a term for how value systems emerge in people, organizations, and cultures. SD addresses the tension within ourselves and our families, churches, ethnic groups and nations. SD offers breakthrough possibilities for spiritual and religious development. This forum will be led by Jerry Truex on six successive Sundays-- Feb. 10, 17, 24; Mar. 2, 9, 16-- from 12 noon to 1:00 at Mennonite Church of the Servant. For more information, contact Jerry Truex, at [316-260-9095](tel:316-260-9095) or [jtruex@mennsc.kscoxmail.com](mailto:jtruex@mennsc.kscoxmail.com)



## 2008 MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

The 2008 Mennonite Relief Sale is to be held on the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS, Friday evening, April 11, and all day Saturday, April 12. Admission and parking are free. Everyone is welcome. The Relief Sale is sponsored by the Mennonite, Amish and Brethren in Christ churches of Kansas, for the benefit of relief and community development programs of Mennonite Central Committee. Feature events: quilt auction and general auction with hobby items, furniture, tools and collections; Children's activities, German buffet, chicken barbecue, ethnic foods, cheeses, hams sausage, baked goods, crafts, plants and T-shirts. Special activities associated with the sale include building a House Against Hunger, Fellowship Meals, Run for Relief and Golf Tournament. For more information contact 620/655-7406 or [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org).



# IN THE NEWS

## LENT 2008 THEME

During the Sundays of Lent, February 10 through March 16, our Lenten worship theme will be *Spirituality: Practices which help us experience the sacred*. Lectionary texts for each of the Sundays will be used along with a presentation of a *spiritual practice* that will coincide with that day's scripture.

## 2008 PILGRIMAGES

Each year during Lent, we engage in a time of personal reflection and self-examination. The reflection and examination is for the purpose of experiencing God's renewing power in our individual and community life. This year, we are encouraging each member, and any person who desires to covenant with us, to share their spiritual pilgrimage. The Spiritual Pilgrimage involves responding to self-reflection questions and is for discerning God's presence, voice and direction in your life.

MCS Shepherds

## MOTHERS 4 MOTHERS

We only had one meeting in January. There were several glitches, but we'll learn from them and things will get better. The TV and DVD player didn't work together. Karissa volunteered to teach us how to set it up correctly next time. The kids enjoyed the movie once it got going. It was designed to encourage them in their school work. First Presbyterian Church now has an insurance man on their committee. We understand their concerns about non members driving their van. We appreciate the times we used it. That makes us appreciate our van even more. The only problem is that as our membership grows, so does the number of trips required to pick up everybody who needs a ride. By the time the third trip arrives, the first group is ready to go home. February 16 is the Valentine's party. The Achiever's 4-H Club will play games and decorate cookies with the kids while the mothers share their favorite love stories. Please feel welcome to come enjoy the party with us.

Sally Huber

## MMA

On Tuesday, February 12, 7:30 AM, there will be a breakfast meeting in Newton. This will be an overview of the new consumer credit counseling service that is provided by MMA at no cost to our congregation or church members. Imagine being able to refer financially struggling people to a trusted organization with a long track record of helping with budgeting, credit card debt, and other consumer credit issues. This is MMA's new service. If anyone wants to go with me to learn about this and report back to our congregation, let me know soon.

Sally Huber



## FROM THE PAST

From February 1988's MCS Newsletter:

- During 1987, MCS received \$23,081.41 in offerings for the budget.
- On Friday, February 19, there will be a Taxes and Tea Party. Jeanette Stucky will review changes in the tax law for 1987 returns. Lois Barrett will talk about war taxes and the World Peace Tax Fund Act.
- Kristina Everingham, John Mierau, and Susanna Mierau have art work on display at the Children's Museum.
- SDI, Military Spending, and the Future of our Economy will be the focus of an all-day Saturday conference at WSU, February 13.
- On Ash Wednesday, A service of confession and prayer to begin the season of Lent will be led by Pat Cameron.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The season of Lent leading up to Easter begins very early in February this year. Easter will be celebrated on March 23 this year. That's early! Why is not Easter observed on or near the same date every year - more toward the middle of April? The conditions to determine the date for Easter are:

- Easter must be on a Sunday
- This Sunday must follow the 14th day of the paschal moon.
- The paschal moon is the full moon that occurs closest to vernal equinox (Spring), which is fixed in the calendar as March 21.
- Lent begins 40 days, excluding Sundays, before Easter.



## FUTURE CALENDAR ITEMS

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| March 9     | -- Daylight Savings Time begins |
| March 16    | -- Palm Sunday                  |
| March 17    | -- St Patrick's Day             |
| March 19    | -- Covenanting Service          |
| March 20    | -- Spring Begins                |
| March 21    | -- Good Friday                  |
| March 23    | -- Easter                       |
| April 11-12 | -- MCC Sale                     |

Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of Truth thou ask of me.  
Open my eyes, illumine me. Spirit Divine!

Open my ears that I may hear,  
Your will, your song, I hold so dear;  
Open my ears that I may hear, Spirit Divine!

Open my heart so I learn to love,  
May you send it on wings of a dove,  
Open my heart that I may love, Spirit Divine!

Jeffree Coba  
with apologies to Clara H. Scott

# February 2008

## MENNONITE CHURCH of the SERVANT

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1	2 Ground Hog Day
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3 <b>10:00 AM Worship Gathering</b> Communion	4	5	6 7:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Happy Birthday, Nancy Hurd	7	8	9 4:00 PM Women's Reading Group
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10 <b>10:00 AM LENT 1 Worship</b> 12:00 PM Spiral Dynamics Forum	11 Happy Birthday, Karissa Truex	12 7:30 PM Shalom Servant Group	13 7:30 PM Church Council	14 Valentine's Day	15 Happy Birthday, Geneva Herschberger	16
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17 <b>10:00 AM LENT 2 Worship</b> 12:00 PM Spiral Dynamics Forum	18 7:30 PM Worship Committee Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22	23
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24 <b>10:00 AM LENT 3 Worship</b> 12:00 PM Spiral Dynamics Forum Healing Prayer	25	26	27	28	29 Leap Day	
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