

MENNONITE CHURCH of the SERVANT

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

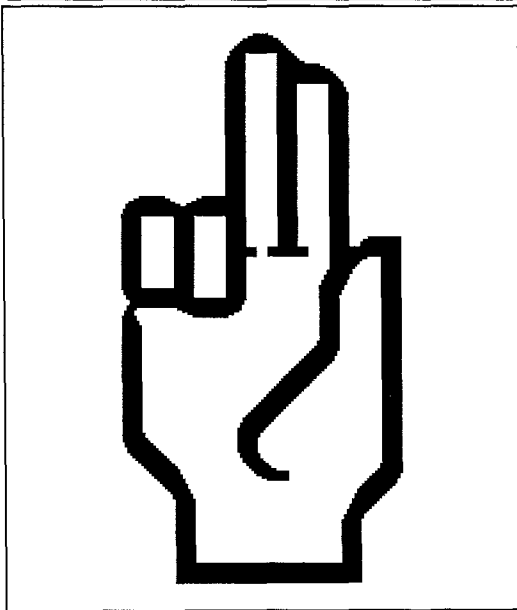
Sunday School - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER

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May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.



June 8:

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



June 15:

Pat Cameron will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader.



June 22:

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Worship leader is to be determined.



June 29

Lois Barrett will give the sermon. Pat Cameron will be the worship leader. Healing prayer will be a part of this worship service.

July 6:

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

Worship in JUNE



June 1:

Lois Barrett will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of our worship gathering.



Bulletin Board



JUNE CHURCH LIFE

The June Church Life (decision making) Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15, from 11:40 to 1:10.



JUNE OFFERING:

The emphasis for giving during June will be for The **Peace and Social Justice Center**. If you wish to give to the **Peace Center**, write a separate check or indicate how much is to be designated on your check to the church.



Worship Attendance

April 27:	30
May 4:	31
May 11:	24
May 18:	29



BUDGET REPORT



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

April 27:	
May 4:	
May 11:	
May 18:	
May 25:	



JUNE

Servant Groups

of

Mennonite Church of the Servant

Currently Mennonite Church of the Servant has three **Servant Groups** (small groups) that meet several times a month for worship, prayer, study and fellowship. Each of these groups are welcoming to anyone seeking spiritual growth in the context of community.

TRANSFORMATION Servant Group

Contact Lois Barrett at 264-3686 for June meeting dates and times.

FAITH ISSUES Reading Group

This group is a women's Bible/Book study group. It meets every other Saturday from 4-5 p.m. at the church (in the youth room). Call Vangie Truex at 263-0204 for June meeting dates.

SHALOM Servant Group

This Servant Group generally meets on Tuesday evenings several times a month starting at 7:30 P.M. The first meeting in June is on the 3rd. The group's focus is on the peace journey-- both inward and outward. Contact Pat Cameron at 262-2644 for June meeting dates and location.

Mennonite Church of the Servant Wichita, KS

is a member congregation of
Mennonite Church USA
<http://www.mcswichita.net>

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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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Verse of the Month

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light
and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the
stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be
afraid?

Song of the Month

I will stand in the congregation

I will stand in the congregation and I
will exalt you. Let the children of
your salvation lift their voices too!

I will stand in the congregation and I
will praise your name. With your
people of every nation I will shout
this praise!

We will join as a congregation and we
will exult you. We will sing as all
creation lifts the song anew!

Sing the Story; p 113

Summer Solstice June 21, 2008

I've got God's golden sunshine a shining
in my window; I've got God's golden
sunshine in my soul.



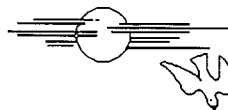
I've got warm summer breezes a blowing in
my window; I've got warm summer breezes
in my soul.



I'VE GOT THE LOVE OF FREEDOM, OF
FREEDOM IN MY SPIRIT, I'VE GOT THE
LOVE OF FREEDOM IN MY SOUL.



Gonna stand and sing life's
praises, life's praises in my
spirit; Gonna stand and sing
life's praises in my soul.



I've got a longing for
peace, for peace in my
spirit. Got a longing for
peace in my soul.

Sing and Rejoice, #29

ANNOUNCING

IN THE NEWS



JUNE POTLUCK

MCS will have its monthly potluck meal on Sunday, June 1, after our time of worship.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School for children age three (3) through going into the 8th grade will be held on June 9 through the 13th at Lorraine Ave, Mennonite Church from 9 to 11:30 in the morning. The theme is "Listening to God's Word". Contact Dori Esau-Rutherford or the church office (260-9095) if you have questions.



ADNet CONVERSATION

On Thursday evening, June 26, starting at 7:00, Paul Leichty, Executive Director of ADNet (Anabaptist Disabilities Network) will hold an open conversation with families, caregivers, service providers, pastors, church members, and friends of persons with disabilities on how communities of faith can include persons with disabilities in their ministries. This opportunity for discussion will be held in the meeting place of Mennonite Church of the Servant, 1650 Fairview. Contact Sally Huber or the church office (260-9095) for further information.



BOLD WITNESS

The annual WDC/SCC delegate session, June 27-28 in Hesston, Kansas, will offer several opportunities for good fellowship and inspiration. On Friday evening, hear Clarence Rempel, Pastor of First Mennonite church in Newton speak on Acts 4:31-35 text. Music, stories and other sharing will provide a memorable worship experience, to be followed by a fellowship time. Music coordinators for the weekend are Tom & Lois Harder and Chris Shaw. Persons not serving as congregational delegates are also strongly encouraged to attend.



ATTENDING CONFERENCE

Pat Cameron will serve as MCS's delegate to the annual WDC session in Hesston on June 27-28. Jeannette Stucky will also attend as she is part of a finance committee for the conference. Lois Barrett will attend, as well, representing Great Plains Seminary.



SUMMER WORSHIP THEME

This summer, our worship themes are going to center around different genres of the Bible. A genre refers to a type of literature or a type of writing. This is important, because to understand the genre of a particular scripture helps us understand the text more accurately. There are many kinds of genre in the Bible: laws, poetry, songs, letters, parable, oracles, prophecy, apocalyptic, history, a creation poem, a creation narrative, genealogies, wisdom literature, myths, legends, and Gospels. Each person who does the preaching this summer will choose their own text depending on the type of genre they are describing.



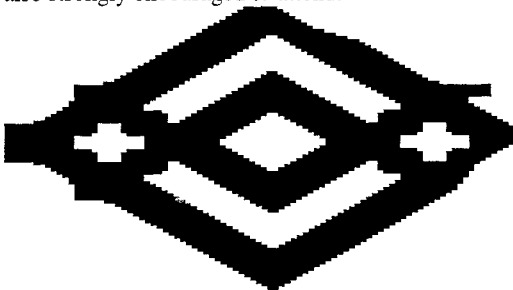
MCC CENTRAL STATES RESPONDS

In a government raid, 389 undocumented workers were captured and detained. MCC Central States is providing \$1,000 to help cover housing and food costs for families affected by the raid through Cedar Falls Mennonite Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. MCC Central States encourages individuals and congregations to write letters to their US Congressional Representative and Senators advocating for comprehensive immigration reform. To view a sample letter and for more information on immigration from MCC please visit mcc.org/centralstates.



SERVICE PROGRAM ADMIN. JOB

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is seeking a full-time Service Program Administrator to oversee programming in the central and northern part of the 16-state region. Office location is flexible within these boundaries. Eligible candidates must hold a biblical view of nonviolence and be active participants in a Christian faith community. A full job description is available upon request. Please direct inquiries, letters of intent and resumes to Tina Schrag (316.283.2720 or tschrag@mcc.org) by June 20.





NEW ADDRESS

Nancy and Jennifer Hurd have moved. Their new address is: 224 W 15th St. N. 67203. Phone number remains the same.

MMA RESOURCES

Here are a couple of suggestion for resources to study the issue of health in small groups: *Body Talk: Speaking the words of health*. What does it mean to live as a faithful steward of God's extravagant gift of health? *Body Talk* tackles the subject of health at multiple levels, integrating biblical texts with stories and learning opportunities in a 12 session format. Cost is \$12. The other resource is *Faithful Stewardship*. This is an 11 minute DVD (with discussion questions) to help you listen to the Spirit as you consider your health, your use of health resources, and the health of your community. Cost is \$10.



MOTHERS 4 MOTHERS

M4M had a reflection meeting on Saturday, May 24. Since we didn't have our traditional Mother's Day Tea, we celebrated by discussing "Learning from Mary" by Linda Gehman Peachey from the May 6 issue of *the Mennonite*. Based on our insights from this article, we decided to make a stronger commitment to attending our meetings, praying for each other and being available to help each other. We need to actively advocate for ourselves and all women. And to listen and learn from those in our society that are most like Mary--strong, faithful Christian mothers. The Spring fundraiser has been postponed till Fall. The summer meeting with emphasize family fun. Therefore the June 7 ice cream social will be in Riverside Park, halfway between the fountain and the playground.



FROM THE PAST

From June 1988's MCS Newsletter

- Doug vonEhrenkrook, Tom, and Barbara Mierau led and participated in the Developmental Disabilities Retreat at Camp Mennonscah in May.
- Lois Barrett will be in Winnipeg, June 10-14 for the Peace Theology Colloquium and a meeting for the Ecumenical Peace Theology Working Group.
- The Mennonite Church of the Servant garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 18. Proceeds will go to Mennonite Housing Rehabilitation Services.
- Congratulations to all our graduates: Cathy Everingham with a masters in Music Education from WSU, Greg Suderman with a master of Social Work from KU, Steve Ediger from the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Wesley Medical Center, and Barbara Mierau from Haysville Junior High School.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that ADNet stand for Anabaptist Disabilities Network. The mission of ADNet is to provide encouragement and resources to congregations, families and persons with disabilities as they identify and embrace their God-given gifts and abilities in ministry to each other and to the larger church.

- ADNet has a quarterly publication called Connections.
- ADNet follows the example set by the Americans with Disabilities Act concerning the definition of disability. It is broad based and includes, among others, physical, learning, sensory, and cognitive disabilities and mental illness.
- ADNet had its display and/or gave presentations in at least 12 national or regional conference gatherings and 11 local congregations in 2007.
- A highlight of the year was the launching of the Congregational Accessibility Network (CAN).
- ADNet also completed its "Build a Haystack" Funding Campaign that was launched in the fall of 2006 in an effort to raise \$90,000. The goal was not reached, but the overall financial picture is the most positive yet.
- ADNet is the successor to national advocacy ministries of Mennonite and related churches begun in the 1960's and '70's.
- Many of ADNets programs and materials are being used by congregations of many denominations.
- ADNet's web site is: www.adnetonline.org
- ADNet's E-mail address is adnet@adnetonline.org
- ADNet is based in Goshen, Indiana.

Foundational to reading the Bible is a decision about its origin. I see the Bible as a human response to God.

Jerry Truex, 2008.

June 2008

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 10:00 AM Worship Gathering Communion Pot Luck Meal	2	3 7:30 PM Shalom Servant Group	4	5	6	7
8 10:00 AM Worship Gathering Happy Birthday, Tom Mierau	9 Vacation Bible School - 9:00-11:30	10 Vacation Bible School - 9:00-11:30	11 7:30 PM Church Council Vacation Bible School - 9:00-11:30	12 Vacation Bible School - 9:00-11:30	13 Vacation Bible School - 9:00-11:30	14
15 10:00 AM Worship Gathering Church Life Father's Day	16 7:30 PM Worship Committee	17	18	19	20	21 10:00 AM Crafty Ladies Summer begins
22 10:00 AM Worship Gathering	23	24	25	26 7:00 PM ADNet Meeting	27 Western District Annual Conference	28 Western District Annual Conference
29 10:00 AM Worship Gathering Healing Prayer	30	Church Historian 1650 Fairview Wichita, KS 67203				