



Mennonite Church
Of the Servant

Worship in October, 2009
Mennonite Church of the Servant's Sunday morning
worship gathering begins at 10:00 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall of the Fairview Christian Church
facility, 1650 N. Fairview, Wichita, KS.

Come and be light for our eyes

October 4: ***The Illuminative Way***

This is World Communion Sunday. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of our worship service.

October 11: ***The Illuminative Way***

Lois Barrett will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader.

October 18: ***The Illuminative Way***

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

October 25: ***The Illuminative Way***

This is Mennonite Heritage Sunday. Pat Cameron will give the sermon. Cindy Snider will be the worship leader. Healing Prayer will be a part of this worship service.

Transformation Servant Group will meet from 7:00 to 9:00, Sunday evenings, October 11 and 25. Our Servant Group is using *Take Our Moments and Our Days; an Anabaptist Prayer Book* for worship. Contact Lois if you would like to order a copy. Our name comes from Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Shalom Servant Group. We focus on inner and outer peace by nurturing personal and social harmony with oneself, society, and God. Currently, we are watching a DVD series on Paul the Apostle called, *Eclipsing Empire*, hosted by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Previously, we have read *Essential Spirituality* by Roger Walsh, *Peace* by Walter Brueggemann, and *Choosing Against War* by John D. Roth. We meet every two weeks for about 90 minutes. We include a time for sharing, prayer, and discussion. Contact Pat at 262-2644 or Jerry at 263-0204.

Women's Bible Study Starts October 5

A six-session Bible study, "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things," will begin Monday, October 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m., and continue every other week through December 14. The study for women will include a 30-minute DVD session led by Bible study teacher Beth Moore, followed by discussion and prayer. The group will meet at Cindy Snider's home. Call 832-0050 for more information.

We are invited to have our monthly potluck on October 4, at Nick and Ronda King's farm in Hillsboro. The potluck will be at 1:00, following our worship service. The King's will provide the meat and drink. We need to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share with everyone. A map and reminder will be sent out in September. Contact Geneva with any questions, 262-2644.

DISCERNMENT ON A COMMON MISSION FOCUS

In the August Church Life meeting, John and Sally made a case for a focus on immigration, and Jeanette and I a case for gun control. The Mission and Service Committee is asking that each member engage in individual reflection about which issue is more compelling to you personally. Which of these issues would you most likely get involved in, or would you be reluctant to get involved in either one? Do you find yourself "called" to action around either of these issues?

In the October Church Life meeting, we will engage in a community discernment about which of these issues (if either one) is something we as a body feel called to respond. Please bring your thoughts and prayers to this meeting which will be held after worship on October 18.

"Special Event: Cindy's African Safari"

How do you get from Kansas to Kenya? And what will you see once you're there? Lions, cheetahs, and rhinos. Elephants, zebras, and warhogs. A small puff adder, a big baboon. Giraffes and gazelles, monkeys and jackals. Plus meet some of the people who are working to conserve the wildlife of Africa, help with local community development, and alleviate poverty. Join Cindy Snider for her "African Safari" presentation Friday evening, November 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at Fairview Christian Church. Food and drinks will be provided.

Consider a fixed annuity. If you are looking for a way to create a steady stream of income during retirement, consider a SureRate fixed annuity from **MMA**--and help fund church mortgages at the same time! Our MMA advocate- Sally -can help you learn more.

Children's Advent calendar.

This colorful calendar, illustrated with artwork from an MMA coloring contest, retells the Christmas story using daily tabs children can flip open. Under each tab is a Scripture verse and corresponding artwork. Available at: www.bookstore.mma-online.org.

The September 2009 issue of **WDC Memo** can now be viewed by clicking on this link: <http://www.mennowdc.org/2009-09-Memo.pdf>

The September 2009 issue of **Check it Out** can now be viewed by clicking on this link: <http://www.mennowdc.org/2009-09-CIO.pdf>

Mothers 4 Mothers had a very busy summer. Starting with fun at the YMCA Waterpark, they held three fundraisers that brought in much needed funds for the group. This brought out many benefits that will sustain and promote growth in these mothers. It will boost morale and ownership within the group; participation was up and teamwork abounded! They rose to the occasion and deserve credit and praise for their efforts. These are all encouraging signs to spur them on to even more challenges. Sally and I are very proud of their accomplishments!

We re-connected with Reflection Mths. And Fall Activity Planning in August and September. October will be our Annual Celebration – to which the congregation is invited – On October 10 at 3:00pm. It will be upstairs in our space! We look forward to seeing you there.

A special heart-felt thanks to the congregations for you generous and loving support of Mothers 4 Mothers by your contributions, prayers, encouragement, and love. It is and always will be appreciated. From our of all this, we as a group, cannot help but grow as we spread our wings.

Thank you all for submitting newsletter stuff even though I wasn't there to make the announcement. I am so happy to be able to get it done for this Sunday, like normal. Doreene

Taken from OUR DAILY BREAD ONLINE I Corinthians 13

It was 40 years ago or more that I observed a friend of mine showing great affection for someone I considered unworthy of love. I thought my friend was being taken in, and I was afraid he would be disillusioned and saddened in the end.

When I expressed my concern, he replied, “When I stand before my Lord, I hope He’ll say of me that I’ve loved too many, rather than too few.” I’ve never forgotten his words.

Paul insists that “[love] believes all things” (1 Cor. 13:7). Love “believes” in people. It can see the potential in them. It believes that God can take the most unattractive and unworthy individual and turn that person into a masterpiece of beauty and grace. If love errs, it must err in the way of trustfulness and hopefulness.

Certainly, we must be aware of danger when we see it coming, and become “as wise as serpents” (Matt. 10:16). Tough love may be the best response to irresponsible and foolish people, but we can be too guarded, too wary and distrustful.

It doesn't do us any real harm to be hoodwinked and defrauded (Matt. 5:38-48). It's better to believe in someone and have your heart broken than to have no heart at all. British poet Alfred Tennyson wrote, “’Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.” I agree. — [David H. Roper](#)

Lord, help us to believe in people
And all that in them You can do,
So we can say we've loved too many,
Rather than too few. —Sper

Love looks beyond what people are to what they can become.

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