



Mennonite Church
Of the Servant

Worship in November, 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.

Rising to the fullness of God's Presence

November 1: ***The Unification Stage***

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of our worship service. There will also be a commissioning of shepherds & trustee.

November 8: ***The Unification Stage***

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

November 15: ***The Unification Stage***

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

November 22: ***The Unification Stage***

Pat Cameron will give the sermon. Nita Kay Nikkel will be the worship leader.

November 29: ***ADVENT I***

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook 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. 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.

FOCUS ON MISSION

The Focus on Mission in November, until the Advent season, will focus on MCS' spiritual discipline of "peacemaking in the world." In the recent Church Life Meeting, members and friends of the church discerned that *immigration* would be the specific issue that will define this discipline for at least the next year.

November 1 - Nita Nikkel will share her observations from two recent Mennonite gatherings around immigration.
November 8 - John Stoesz will introduce and show a 7-minute DVD, "In My Shoes":

November 15/22 - On one of these Sundays, a member of Sunflower Community Action will share its work on immigration reform. On the other Sunday, we will hear from a member of a church whose church friends have been taken away by immigration authorities.

On the first Sunday in Advent, *November 29*, Belinda Cheney will talk about how MCS can be involved in Operation Holiday by donating food, blankets and money. The Focus on Mission during the other Sundays in Advent will focus on peace and peacemaking.

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Mark your calendars for a change in dates for Cindy Snider's African Safari presentation.

It's now scheduled for Friday evening, November 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Fairview Christian.

Come for fun, food, and fellowship with both humans and animals (carved animals that is, or on the screen). Lions, cheetahs, rhinos; elephants, zebras, and warthogs; a small puff adder, a big baboon, giraffes and gazelles, monkeys and jackals. Plus meet some of the people working to conserve the wildlife of Africa, help with local community development, and alleviate poverty.

MMA

In 2010 the guidelines for eligibility for grants from the Sharing Fund will be different than other years. The changes are based on responses from church advocates and the desire to have enough money available throughout the year, in spite of the financial pressures that depleted the fund this year. How much we'll be eligible for next year depends on two things. How well I do my job as advocate and the number of MMA members in our congregation. The MMA Sharing Fund provides matching grants to help people in need as part of MMA's mission to help members integrate their finances with their faith. Money to fund the grants is generated by the sale of MMA products and services. The purpose of the Sharing Fund is to help people who are struggling financially and who are often in crisis facing an emergency.

The October 2009 issue of **WDC Memo** can now be viewed by clicking on this

link: <http://www.mennowdc.org/2009-10-Memo.pdf>

The October 2009 issue of **Check it Out** can now be viewed by clicking on this link:

<http://www.mennowdc.org/2009-10-CIO.pdf>

"LORD, IT'S PRAYER TIME. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO ME, MAKE IT QUICK BECAUSE IT'S ALSO BED TIME."



Homemade Playdoh

1 c. flour

1/2 c. salt

1 tsp. cream of tartar

2 tbsp. oil

1 c. water

Food coloring, optional

Mix all together in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir constantly. Mixture will clump together as it cooks. Dump out on table and knead. Store in airtight container. Have fun!

MOTHERS 4 MOTHERS

A great time was had by all at the Annual M4M Celebration in October. It was a good time for thanking some of our supporters and mentors and volunteers for all their help throughout the past year. This was done through poems, readings, prayers, and testimonies. Along with monetary gifts to validate "it's the thought that counts"!

Mothers' enthusiasm has not waned! They are eagerly anticipating the next service project . . . Where they give of themselves, their time, and their talents, to benefit others. While we haven't decided on which one yet, there have been great suggestions. Commitment to something like this solidifies their ownership within the group. And a very diverse group they are.

The ladies are actively spreading the word, even more so, now, to increase our numbers. Our prayers are to get this out through conventional and non-conventional means to others who might benefit. Also, to bring "helpers to give our mothers support and encouragement".

As one mom also said: "the members make this group special; and each have a common bond – motherhood."

If anyone would like to receive this via email or change of information, please contact Doreene at doriesau@yahoo.com

Mennonite World Conference A community of Anabaptist-related churches

www.mwc-cmm.org Ferne Burkhardt, Mennonite World Conference news editor

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2009 New global map locates 1.6 million Anabaptists

Strasbourg, France - A new Mennonite World Conference map shows that Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and related churches (national conferences) can now be found in 80 countries around the world. Baptized membership has climbed to slightly more than 1.6 million.

The new map, first distributed at Paraguay 2009/Assembly 15 in July, will go into a second printing with revised numbers from the first printing. The new figures for global Anabaptists by continent are: Africa, 592,106; Asia, 265,447; Latin America, 169,864; Europe, 64,740; North America, 523,969, making a grand total of 1,616,126, up from the 1,612,301 total indicated on the map's first printing.

Africa, the top continental region since 2003, continues to have the highest percentage of all global baptized members with just under 37%. Second is North America (32.4%), followed by Asia (16.4%), Latin America and the Caribbean (10.5%) and Europe (4%).

The six countries with the highest numbers of baptized members are the same as in 2006 but the order again has changed. Ethiopia with 172,306 members has moved into third place, ahead of both India (156,922 members) and Canada (136,866 members). The USA still ranks in first place (387,103 members) and the Democratic Republic of Congo is second (220,444 members). Indonesia (88,458 members) ranks sixth.

In 2006, ranking by membership for the six countries was: USA (368,280); Congo (216,268); India (146,095); Canada (131,384); Ethiopia (130,731); and Indonesia (72,624).

All six countries with the highest memberships show increases from 2006. Ranking by increases in membership in 2009 has also shifted. Ethiopia had the largest increase, growing by 41,575 members. In second place is the USA, with 18,823 new members. This increase is due almost entirely to the 15,999 new members recorded in Old and New Order Amish communities. Indonesia, increasing by 15,834 new members, ranks third, India with 10,827 new members and Canada with 5,482 new members rank fourth and fifth. The DRC drops to sixth place with an increase of 4,176 members.

The Meserete Kristos Church (MKC) in Ethiopia with 172,299 members is still the largest national conference globally. Until 2005, Mennonite Church USA was the largest national conference. In 2009, it reported 105,941 members, still the national conference with the second highest membership.

Copies of the new map will be available for purchase from Strasbourg, France, or Kitchener, Ontario (Canada), MWC offices. The map will also be posted on the MWC website.

A new World Directory with the latest global numbers and addresses is being finalized and is expected to be released before the end of 2009. Not all churches included in the World Directory are members of Mennonite World Conference. Churches are included in the directory if they are rooted in the Anabaptist-Mennonite stream of church history or have direct fellowship with churches that are so rooted.

Among the churches that will be included in 2009 are the four approved as members by the MWC General Council in Paraguay in July: Igreja Irmãos em Cristo em Moçambique (5,650 members), India: Gilgal Mission Trust (Mennonite Church; 1,900 members), Hội Thánh Mennonite Việt Nam (4,022 members) and Bible Missionary Church (Myanmar, 1,012 members). These additions will boost the number of baptized members in MWC member churches to 1,176,728.

NOVEMBER 2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Potluck <i>Greeters</i> <i>Dori</i> Childcare Karissa	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday School <i>Greeters</i> <i>Nancy/Jen</i> Childcare Pat/Jen	9 Happy BDay Lois Barrett	10	11	12	13 <i>6:30pm</i> <i>Cindy's</i> <i>African</i> <i>Safari</i>	14
15 Sunday School <i>Greeters</i> <i>Dori</i> Childcare Karissa	16 Happy BDay John Stoesz	17	18 Happy BDay Adam Cameron	19	20	21 Happy BDay Lew Enns
22 Sunday School <i>Greeters</i> <i>Nancy/Jen</i> Childcare Sally/Alex	23	24	25	26 Give Thanks	27 <i>December</i> <i>Newsletter</i> <i>items due by</i> <i>noon</i>	28
29 <i>Greeters</i> <i>Dori</i> Childcare Geneva/Jen	30					