



Lent 2010

Worship during MARCH

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

Holding On & Letting Go!

Lent 3; March 7

God is the one we seek

When we drink from the water God provides for us, we find we can leave behind all that does not satisfy.

Scripture texts are Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Cor. 10:1-13; and Luke 13:1-9. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of this worship service.

Lent 4; March 14

God shows us the path to walk

When we resist God, attached to our own way, we find ourselves wasting away in silence.
When we see ourselves as God sees us, love is ours..

Scripture texts are Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; and Luke 15:1-3,11b-32. Lois Barrett will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader.

Lent 5; March 21

God restores us

What we once prized seems like trash compared to an intimate relationship with God.
Relinquishing our self-justifying ways, we pour ourselves out as gift.

Scripture texts are Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; and John 12:1-8. Pat Cameron will give the sermon. Cindy Snider will be the worship leader.

Palm Sunday; March 28

We celebrate Jesus, Our model

We are invited to accept Jesus as our pattern even in the way of the cross, to follow the one who emptied himself and became obedient. Are we willing to stand with Jesus, to become an empty vessel?

Scripture texts are Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; and Luke 22:14-23:56. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Nita & Steve will be the worship leaders. This worship service will include a time of healing prayer.

Covenanting Service; March 31

For our life together we celebrate!

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ... We commit ourselves to each other, the church...
We commit ourselves to the way of the cross.. We commit ourselves to caring for the world.

This is the time of our annual covenanting, or renewing our commitment to Mennonite Church of the Servant. This Holy Week Wednesday evening worship includes liturgy, prayer, communion in the context of an Agape meal, and the signing of the Covenant of MCS. The Covenanting Service will begin at 6:30 P.M.

Psalms Study for Women Begins in March A seven-session Bible study for women devoted to Psalms 120-134, known as the "Psalms of Ascent," will begin in March. The group will meet once a month after church at Cindy Snider's home, 2937 Cromwell Dr., for a light lunch, 30-minute DVD, discussion, and prayer. Workbooks are available. Call Cindy, 832-0050, for more information. Here's what the DVD presenter, Beth Moore, has to say about this series:

"We'll gain a new appreciation for the life of faith as a journey to greater fellowship with and worship of God. I am expecting nothing less than a new level of relationship and intimacy with God through these psalms. I ask you to settle for nothing less as well. The more we unveil our faces and bare our souls to God, expressing what is on our hearts, the safer we'll feel with God and the closer we'll draw to God."

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."

The February 2010 issue of **WDC Memo** can now be viewed by clicking on this link:
<http://www.mennowdc.org/2010-02-Memo.pdf>

Next Church Life Meeting – April 18

FOCUS ON MISSION: CPT

The emphasis for the Focus on Mission in March is Christian Peacemaker Teams. Each Sunday, a member of the Mission and Service Committee will share a story about the work of CPT. The church budget includes a line item for CPT, but if you want to increase what our church gives, write a check to MCS and designate the amount you wish to give to CPT.

Jeffrey L. Coba

Written on one dark night of the soul Feb. 2, 2010

Consciously my hand reaches for the REMOTE.
Unconsciously I "tune-out" the world.
By bombarding my senses with –
Drama, Sex, Violence, Comedy, Unsolved Mysteries, Ghost
Chasers and Endless Commercials ...
Commercials that command and demand
That I buy, buy, buy; to make my life "better."

Mindless hours wasted, surfing the net,
viewing the tube, watching the "telle".
I "tune-in" to someone else's reality;
fantasy.
(Complete with real fake crocodile tears.)

I conceal the hurt that dwells within me.
The fear that creeps in the dark.
The anger that seethes.
And the loneliness in my heart.
I "tune-out".

Death to Reality.
Death to Creativity.
Death to Problem Solving.
Death to my Physical and Emotional Health.
Death to my Brain Cells!
I "tune-out".

Death to the Joy and the Truth
That Jesus Christ gave his life
that I may have everlasting life and peace in Him!

Consciously, glassy-eyed, robot-like
I continue to watch television

dead to my True Self.

<p><i>Lenten Series On Immigration</i></p> <p><i>The Lenten series has just begun. It's not too late to explore our hopes and fears about "welcoming the stranger," how to extend hospitality to the immigrant community, and to listen to immigrant stories. The series continues on Wednesday evenings through March, 7:00-8:30.</i></p>	<p>IMMIGRATION CONSULTATION: MARCH 6</p> <p>Western District Conference is sponsoring a consultation, "Immigration, Faith and Justice" on Saturday, March 6 at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, 8:30-2:00 p.m. Keynote speakers for the conference is Gilberto Flores, WDC Associate Conference Minister for Texas and Tammy Alexander, Associate for Domestic Affairs for the MCC Washington Office. The cost is \$25, (if you can't afford it, ask one of the Shepherds about using money from the Sharing Fund.).Hurrh! Registration deadline is March 2.</p>
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Devotional Reflections Matthew 23.29-31

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites you build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, "If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with time in shedding the blood of the prophets." **So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets.**

In part of my devotional life, I pray for my enemies. One set of enemies I pray for are those who hate me because of my race or nationality. I prayed they would be healed of the betrayals, the official harassment, the legal and illegal oppression in their lives by my government and people who looked like me. I prayed that I would not take advantage of my race and nationality to hurt them.

Recently I've begun to change my prayer.

I want to listen to Matt 23:31. I do not want to be like the Pharisees who still claimed a relationship with those who opposed God's rule on earth. I do not want to claim as my government, the one that did not welcome the foreigner or the different. I especially don't want to identify with the government that hated the foreigner and hurt the different. I want to be of the race of the children of God who healed the wounded. I want to claim citizenship in the Kingdom of God that welcomes all. I need to transform my mind so I confront the government as an alien, a foreigner, a temporary resident on my way to my true home.

So I now I pray for those who hate me because of how I look and where I live. I pray they may be healed of their wounds acquired on their journey here and received while living here. I pray that I may not add to their pain or block their true advancement. I pray I may look more like Jesus and act more like a citizen of the Kingdom of God. Then I listen to see if there is anything God is calling me to do.

Thanks for letting me share.
Kelly Hayes

MARCH 2010

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 <i>7-8:30 Lenten Service</i>	4	5	6
7 POTLUCK Greeter - Doreene Childcare - Karissa Happy BDay Roger H.	8	9	10 <i>7-8:30 Lenten Service</i>	11	12	13 High Noon Delano Parade
14 No preKSS Greeter - Vangie Childcare - Sally & Jen	15	16	17 <i>7-8:30 Lenten Service</i>	18	19	20 Happy BDay Isabelle T.
21 No SS Greeters- Nancy & Jen Childcare - Karissa	22 Happy BDay Cindy S. and Sally H.	23	24 <i>7-8:30 Lenten Service</i>	25	26	27
28 Greeters-Nita & Steve Childcare - Doreene & Alex	29	30	31 <i>6:30</i> Covenanting Service			

LENT 2010 A FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. Mennonite Church of the Servant 1650 Fairview Learn ways of "welcoming the stranger" through participating in missional Bible study, discussing the issues, and listening to immigrant stories

March 3 - Overcoming our prejudices and fears about "welcoming the stranger?"

March 10 - Ways of practicing hospitality toward immigrants

March 17 - Listening to immigrant stories

March 24 - Summary of what we've heard and said/Next steps for Mennonite Church of the Servant

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hope Mennonite Church

June 7 – 11, 2010

9:00 – 11:30 am

Hope Mennonite Church Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Mennonite Church of the Servant First Church of the Brethren

Theme: **Meet God on the Mountain!**

Child's Name _____ Age _____

_____ Preschool Program for 3-5 yr. olds (3 yrs. old by Aug. 31, 2010
and potty trained)

_____ School-age Program for K-6th grade
Grade for child for the 10 - 11 school year is _____

Medical concerns/allergies _____

Name of parent/primary caregiver _____

Daytime phone _____

Emergency contact person _____

Emergency phone _____

Church Affiliation _____

WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

I give _____ permission to participate in this
program. The leaders will not be held responsible for injury, etc.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Return this form to Doreene by April 11.

1 form per child

Volunteer Form

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hope Mennonite Church

June 7 – 11, 2010

9:00 – 11:30 am

Meet God on the Mountain is this year's VBS theme. Each child will participate in worship, Bible stories, crafts, & recreation. We need leaders and helpers for these areas. Please check any areas that you would be willing to help with.

_____ Group leader (guide a group to water park sites daily)

_____ Group helper

_____ Preschool group leader

_____ Preschool helper

_____ Bible storytelling

_____ Skit participant

_____ Craft leader

_____ Game leader

_____ Music leader

_____ Snack coordinator

_____ Nursery Care provider

_____ Decorations

_____ Offering project

_____ Will need child care (provided for VBS workers)

Age of child or children _____

Name _____

Phone _____ Church _____

Please return to **Doreene** by April 11 Thank You!