



Worship during August, 2010
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.

Stand Firm & Steadfast In FAITH

August 1: *Elisha and the Shunammite Woman*

Lois Barrett will give the teaching from 2 Kings 4:8-37. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of this worship service.

August 8: *Jeremiah's Call*

Pat Cameron will give the teaching from Jeremiah 1:1-10. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader.

August 15: *Naman and Elisha*

Lois Barrett will give the teaching from 2 Kings 5:1-19. Belinda Cheaney will be the worship leader.

August 22: *Four Men in Exile*

Pat Cameron will give the teaching from Daniel 1. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader.

August 29: *Deborah*

John Stoesz will give the teaching from Judges 4-5. Jeanette Stucky will be the worship leader. Healing Prayer will be a part of this worship service.

The shepherds will be assuming pastoral care duties on a rotating basis. Don't call Jerry.

August 1-7 - Pat Cameron, 262-2644,
patcam@southwind.net

August 8-14 - Lois Barrett, 264-3686,
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Women's Bible Study Group

A Bible study for women on the "Psalms of Ascent" (Psalms 120-134) will continue monthly through September. The group meets once a month after church at Cindy Snider's home for a light lunch, 50-minute DVD, discussion, and prayer. Contact Cindy for more information.

*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."*

MISSION FOCUS: WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

From mid-July through mid-August, the mission focus will be on the work of the Western District Conference. In July, we heard reports from the Western District Conference convention and the WDC task force on immigration. In August, we will hear about other aspects of the conference to which MCS is a member.

August Focus on Mission:

August 1 - Western District Conference

August 8 - Mennonite Perspectives

August 15 - Western District Conference

August 22 - Mennonite Disaster Service and the Gulf Oil Crisis

August 15-21 - Pat Cameron, 262-2644,
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August 22-28 - Cindy Snider, 832-0050,
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August 29-31 - Lois Barrett, 264-3686,
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AUGUST IMMIGRATION STUDY

"If you don't have enough evidence to charge someone criminally but you think he's illegal, we can make him disappear." Those chilling words were spoken by James Pendergraph, then executive director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Office of State and Local Coordination, at a conference of police and sheriffs in August 2008.

This is the beginning of the article to be discussed at the August Church Life meeting.

Every other month, members of MCS will discuss an aspect of immigration in the Church Life meeting, based on an article that will be distributed in your box (extra copies available on the credenza. The article in August is from the *Nation* magazine's reports on the network of secret detention facilities to which undocumented people are taken after they are picked up by ICE (the immigration arm of Homeland Security). This article, entitled *America's Secret ICE Castles* will be discussed at the August 29 Church Life meeting.

GIFT DISCERNMENT

August is the time for MCS's annual gift discernment, a time to identify and affirm each other's gifts for the church and the world. Members of servant and discipleship groups will discern gifts in the small groups. If you have engaged in the gift discernment process at least once in the past three years, you can pick up the list of gifts discerned in previous years in your box.

For those not in a servant or discipleship group, there will be two other opportunities for gift discernment: on Thursday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. (facilitated by Lois Barrett) and Sunday, August 15 at 11:40 a.m. (facilitated by Pat Cameron). Both sessions will be held at the church. Please RSVP for one of these

August 29 – TBA

times with Lois (264-3686) or Pat (371-8274)

My name is Katie Madria Patton-Prevatte. I am originally from Shreveport Louisiana, having been born in Caddo Parish. I have many relatives there as well as the Atlanta area. I have 2 daughters. Mckenzie is 13 and Kori will be 10 very soon.

I am also attending *The University of Phoenix* full time in hopes of obtaining my Bachelors degree in Business Management. I also have an Associates degree in Communication. So, I enjoy writing. I enjoy singing, reading and I am a movie buff. I also enjoy baking pies, particularly Sweet Potato Pies.

I would love to acquire a very small puppy in the near future. I love dogs.

I attended a small Christian college in the 80s and toured with a musical group called *Impact Brass and Singers* for two years as a singer. I'm honoured to say that I have recorded two albums in Nashville. I also love the theatre and I have performed in various plays over the years at *Wichita Community Theatre* as well as with the Acting troupe *Theatre on Consignment*.

My favourite scripture passage is Phil 4:13.

I'm so very excited about growing as a member of this warm and loving congregation. The Holy Spirit led me to this church and I look forward to serving in it.

Thanks to everyone who welcomed me and made me feel a part of this wonderful community.

The Warming Souls Winter Overflow Shelter was open from 6PM to 7AM, seven nights a week, November through March.

It was organized by Advocates to end Chronic Homelessness and coordinated by Interfaith Ministries. It rotates between several of the downtown churches. AECH is asking our church to donate food, space, toiletries, friendship, supplies, cash and volunteers.

Last year the shelter served 475 unduplicated individuals, 386 men and 89 women. It served 102 more individuals than the year before. There were 126 fewer chronically homeless, but 228 more that were recently homeless. Police and ambulance calls were reduced considerably.

Several church groups provide food, volunteers, clothes, toiletries and services. Over 2123 volunteers provided more than 8,492 of volunteer services.

Volunteers from several churches and civic groups prepared and served 23,306 evening and breakfast meals and other services.

Our church used to serve a meal at the shelter. Because of scheduling and the economy, it hasn't worked for us the last few years. If we decide to try again, we would have to join with another group early in the season or work as individuals. We could volunteer in other ways. By providing money. Or by being a friend to the participants. Or we could help Fairview with their Neighborhood Breakfast Project.

This is a great opportunity to help the homeless, and it's right under our noses. We do a good job of welcoming homeless and potentially homeless and formerly homeless when they visit our church. We need to keep up what we're doing well.

I received a special request from three people. They want an article about the new sound system. So here it is? Sally

I really appreciate the new microphone and sound system. I appreciate Fred and Jerry taking the time and spending the money to get it set up. None of us are getting younger, so we need to be prepared for hearing loss. It happens frequently when we age and when we work around noise. It makes a big difference to me.

MMA to Become Everence

MMA will make a historic shift in late 2010 by changing its name to Everence. Find out more about this change at MMA-online.org or Everence.com and about its aim of helping more people practice Christian stewardship values.

Get Value Orientated Loans

Mennonite Financial Federal Credit Union offers consumer and home loans, including special discounts that help you care for God's creation. Visit your local Credit Union Office or Mennonite-Financial.com or call (800) 451-5719

Mothers 4 Mothers

Our summer fund raiser did not go very well. We'll try again soon. In late July we're planning our annual family cook out at Central Riverside Park. You're all welcome to come join us. Come play in the fountain with us. In August we start meeting regularly again.



**PRAY
AND ACT
FOR
PEACE**



Give Us Big Words and Little Words

Dear God,
You are the Word who spoke the world into being.

Be the Lord of our words on earth, as in heaven.

Give us big words and little words,
Far-reaching, wide words,
Focused words,
Truthful words that speak your peace
To our neighbors and nations.

Dear God,
You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life through
Jesus.

Be the Guide for those who stand in the way today.

Beside
Widows and orphans,
Immigrants and refugees,
Tired and lonely ones, forgotten and dying ones
All over your world.

Dear God,
You are our Daily Bread and Life-Giving Water.

Thank you that you nourish and refresh us each day.

You strengthen our will and soften our hearts
To act justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with you, God.
To you be the glory forever, Amen.

Written by Cindy Snider

From the Office of the Denominational Minister for Peace and Justice, Mennonite Church USA

To receive weekly prayers: <http://peace.mennolink.org/prayersforpeace.html>

AUGUST 2010

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 BBQ Potluck Greeters: Dori Childcare: Karissa Happy B'Day Katie P.P.	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Greeters: Nancy/Den Childcare: Jenny/Geneva	9	10	11	12 7:30 pm - Gift Discernment	13	14
15 Greeters: Fred Childcare: Karissa 11:40 am – Gift Discernment	16	17	18 7:00 p.m.. – Mission and Service Committee	19	20	21
22 Greeters: Nancy/Den Childcare: Jenny/Sally	23 Happy B'Day Lisa Mayo	24 Happy B'Day Erna Jeffries	25	26 7:30 P.M. - CHURCH COUNCIL Happy B'Day Belinda C. Cici C.	27	28
29 Greeters: Dori Childcare: Alex/Dori 11:40 a.m. – Church Life	30	31				

Contributions need to be delivered to doriesau@yahoo.com. If you send it to Robert's email, it will never see the light of day. Mail is

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