



Mennonite Church
Of the Servant

Worship in October, 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.

A Harvest of Righteousness Sown in Peace

October 3: **World Communion Sunday**

Sermon theme comes from James 3:1-12—Taming the Tongue. Nita Nikkel will give the teaching. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of our worship service.

October 10:

Sermon theme comes from James 3:13-18—Two Kinds of Wisdom. Jerry Truex will give the teaching. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader.

October 17:

Sermon theme comes from James 4:1-12— Submit Yourselves to God. Lois Barrett will give the teaching. Pat Cameron will be the worship leader.

October 24:

Sermon theme comes from James 4:13-17—Boasting About Tomorrow. Kendell Crown will give the teaching. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader.

October 31: **Mennonite Heritage Sunday**

Sermon theme comes from James 5:1-6— Warning to Rich Oppressors. Jerry Truex will give the teaching. Belinda Cheaney will be the worship leader. Healing Prayer will be a part of this worship service.

September Memory Verse:

James 3:18—And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

September Song of the Month:

Jesus, be the center

SMALL GROUPS

FAITH ISSUES READING GROUP IS A WOMEN'S READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING ON ALTERNATE SATURDAY AFTERNOONS FOR ABOUT 90 MINUTES. CURRENTLY, WE ARE STUDYING *JUST A SISTER AWAY* BY RENITA J WEEMS. WE INVITE WOMEN WHO WANT TO NURTURE THEIR FAITH THROUGH INTENTIONAL, FOCUSED DISCUSSION ON FAITH ISSUES TO JOIN US. CONTACT VANGIE AT 263-0204.

Mennonite Mutual Aid

Remember that MMA will soon be Everance. Whether you're ready to enroll in Medicare or just have questions- an MMA counselor can help you. To find an MMA counselor ask me or look on MMA-online.org. MMA is working to end forced child labor on West African cocoa farms. Some children are forcibly brought in from other countries to work and don't have the opportunity to attend school. MMA's stewardship investing staff and other investors are working with Hershey and other chocolate companies to encourage the elimination of forced child labor. Visit MMA-online.org to learn more. Recently our church received almost \$450 to reimburse the sharing fund for \$900 in disbursements this year. Remember last month I told you where the money comes from and how the MMA sharing fund works. It's a good sign for a church as small as ours to have this much activity in our sharing fund. Good things are happening in our church. We seem to be doing a great job of helping each other in these tough economic times. Remember to put a little extra in the offering plate for the sharing fund to continue it's good work. And remember to thank your MMA representatives and counselors.

Mothers 4 Mothers

In October we'll be at Wichita's First Annual Baby Shower. It'll be great, not only for fun, but also for networking. In November the Alternative Christmas Market will take all our time. You really need to come check this out. There will be 41 International missions and 7 local missions. MCC projects are listed along with many other religious organizations under The Alternative Gifts International umbrella. We chose to adopt and sell crafts to support MUJERES de MAIZ OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION a regional seamstress cooperative. Sexism, illiteracy, and poverty are daily challenges confronting indigenous women in Chiapas, Mexico. Obtaining any education beyond the fifth grade is a rare opportunity. This organization helps with scholarships for continued education, literacy training, and workshops on a variety of topics ranging from gender equality to self-esteem. Extra curricular help for children, eye glasses, laptops, backpacks and solar lights for studying are also provided. Sometimes we even need that kind of help right here in our group. This year we were chosen to be one of the local missions. We'll do our own table because no one adopted us. I'm not sure yet what we'll be selling. We have several options for fund raisers. All these events are great but they hardly leave enough time for Reflection meetings. That's what we do best. Please continue to pray for all of us.

Sunflower Community Action

I'm still disappointed that the candidate forum didn't take place. It's too political. It's the price we pay for trying to influence what happens in our legislature. It taught us to be better prepared and more careful with the next election. I'm also disappointed that no one else in our church seemed to think it required a counteraction. How seriously do we take the issues around immigration? There will be more ideas and actions coming next month. I'll keep you posted.
Sally

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. *Thursday, October 7, 6PM*, **Dept of Labor representatives** will be at Sunflower Community Action. If you don't know your Rights, you won't be able to defend them.
2. *Saturday, October 9, 6PM*, Minisa Park. **Sunflower Community Action membership picnic**. You're welcome to attend. If you want to learn more about Sunflower activities and beliefs this is the time to come.
3. **GOD IN AMERICA** How has religious belief shaped American history? What role have religious ideas and spiritual experience played in shaping the social, political and cultural life of what has become the world's most religiously diverse nation?

For the first time on television, *God in America*, a presentation of *AMERICAN EXPERIENCE* and *FRONTLINE*, will explore the historical role of religion in the public life of the United States. The six-hour series, which interweaves documentary footage, historical dramatization and interviews with religious historians, will air over three consecutive nights on PBS beginning Oct. 11, 2010.

4. *Sunday, November 7* will be our annual **Thanksgiving potluck**. Please mark this special potluck on your calendar. Invite friends and family. Sign up for the food will be coming in late October. If you have any questions call Geneva.
5. **Dream Workshop** An introductory course in dreams, *God's Unforgotten Language*, will be offered *November 13-14* at Mount St. Mary Convent, 3700 E. Lincoln. The workshop is limited to 12 participants and will begin Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., concluding at 5:00 p.m. Saturday. The fee is \$80 without lodging or \$120 with overnight stay. The fee includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. A deposit of \$20 is required by November 1. Contact Cindy Snider for more information.

According to the workshop presenter, "Listening to God in our dreams is a valuable way to work with our exterior world in a way that integrates all of our experiences and recognizes the divine in our lives."

Cori Pursell, an Episcopal lay woman, will lead the sessions. She is a member of Spiritual Directors International. She received her M.A. degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and she is a certified dream group leader.

Thanks

It was so lovely to see many of you in September!

Thank you to all who came and warmly welcomed Duane and me. And thank you for doing the gospel so consistently from the heart! Carol Rose

10 Things a Dog Walker Should Never Do!

By Jenny W. Hurd

1. Forget a leash
2. Walk a cat with 10 dogs
3. Walk dogs with meat in your pocket
4. When walking dogs, use the dog whistle to move them faster
5. Tease a dog with meat
6. Forget the dogs names and where they live
7. Forget the dogs at the park
8. Forget the plastic bags
9. Let the dogs play in the street
10. Forget the snack for the dogs, but remember your snack

Fundraiser for Sharing Fund

On November 7, we will have a mini garage sale. Bring priced items that you are done with. No clothes please! As we have never done this before, maybe no more than 20 items per person/family. All money raised will go to the Sharing fund. Yes, bartering is accepted. You are responsible for packing up. If you put it in my van, I will get it to WITS on Monday. I will be the money changer. This is a potluck Sunday, so come prepared to shop and eat. Any ideas on this subject, let me know. Doreene the instigator.

FOCUS ON MISSION

The emphasis for October's Focus on Mission is the Mennonite Church USA, the denomination with which Mennonite Church of the Servant is affiliated.

October 3 – MC USA responds to the Gulf Crisis
October 10 – Should MC USA meet in Phoenix?
October 17 – Mennonite Mission Network
October 24 – Overview of MC USA
October 31 – New headquarters for MC USA

OCTOBER SERIES ON RADICAL AND BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY (if no one else has submitted this article)

Three spiritual practices related to MCS's mission of "radical and biblical spirituality" will be the emphasis of four Thursday night sessions in October: Missional Bible Study, scripture memorization, and meditation on the scripture. The scriptures used for these practices will be on immigration themes. These sessions will be from 7:00-8:30 in the church building, 1650 N. Fairview.

IMMIGRATION AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST SPEAKS ON NOVEMBER 3

Over the past ten years, more than 4,000 people have died while crossing the Arizona desert to find jobs, join families, or start new lives. Other migrants tell of the corpses they pass and bodies that are never recovered or counted.

The Samaritans, an Arizona-based humanitarian group, seeks to prevent such unnecessary deaths by providing these travelers with medical aid, water, and food. Norma Price, a member of the Samaritans, will speak on Wednesday, November 3, 6:30 [p.m.at](#) Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S. Lorraine.

Norma is co-author of *Crossing With the Virgin: Stories from the Migrant Trail* which records the firsthand accounts told to Norma and other volunteers for the [Samaritans](#). These thirty-nine stories are about the migrants, but they also tell how each individual author became involved with this work. As such, they offer not only a window into the migrants' plight but also a look at the challenges faced by volunteers in sometimes compromising situations and at their own humanizing process.

Before moving to Arizona, Norma practiced medicine in Atlanta for twenty-five years. In addition to working with Samaritans and supporting other humanitarian and activist groups that focus on border issues, Norma volunteers at a local medical clinic. She lives with her husband, Stan Windham, in Tucson.

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10 Greeters Nancy/Jenny Childcare: Jenny/Sally	11	12	13	14 Happy BDay Isabella M.	15	16
17 No Middle SS Greeters Dori Childcare: Karissa/MC	18	19 Happy Bday Lewis M.	20	21 Happy Bday Doug vonE	22	23
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31 Greeters Dori Childcare: Alex/Dori						