



Worship in January, 2011  
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.

# Seeing the Glory of the Lord

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## **January 2: Epiphany**

Anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

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

## **January 9: What does it mean to be human?**

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord...

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Pat Cameron will be the worship leader.

## **January 16: What does it mean to be human?**

...seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror...

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Steve & Nita Nikkel will be the worship leaders.

## **January 23: What does it mean to be human?**

...as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image...

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader.

## **January 30: What does it mean to be human?**

...are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another;  
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Healing Prayer will be a part of our worship service.

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### Memory Verse

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as tough reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Song of the Month  
Song of Thankfulness and Praise

## JANUARY FOCUS ON MISSION

The immigration emphasis of the Mission and Service Committee and its community partners will be the main theme of our Focus on Mission in January. Other emphases during January include the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and the work of Everence (the new name for Mennonite Mutual Aid).

January 2 - Current immigration issues  
January 9 - Elmira Palacios, Sunflower Community Action  
January 16 - The legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.  
January 23 - Immigration issues (or speaker from Everence)  
January 30 - Speaker from Everence (or immigration issues)

### 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.

**Lectio Divina Servant Group:** We meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8pm at the church. We read scripture lectio divina and also examine our day. Accountability, sharing, singing, prayer is also a part of our group. For more information, contact Nita at 620-217-0249.

**NT Greek Reading Group.** This group focuses on reading and translating the Greek New Testament. Currently, we are working through Matthew's Gospel. We go around in a circle. Each person reads a verse in Greek and then translates into English, using "whatever it takes," including computer programs (Bible Works and Logos), interlinears, grammars, hand books, and other helps. In this way, we are able to include both beginners and advanced students. We meet on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. Contact Jerry at 263-0204 (jtruex1@cox.net)

**Women's Discipleship Group:** Bible study, discussion, and prayer. Meets fourth Sunday of the month after church at Cindy Snider's home. Next study will begin in January. Contact Cindy for more information, 832-0050.

**Psychosynthesis Study Group.** This group meets on the 2nd the 4th Wednesday of each month. We are currently reading two books, one by Will Parfitt entitled, *Psychosynthesis*, and the other by Joyce Hudson entitled, *Natural Spirituality*. At the meetings, we discuss the books and talk about the spiritual exercises we practiced. Between meetings we practice the various exercises from dream journaling to meditation to guided imagery. Contact Cindy Snider at 832-0050 or Jerry Truex at 263-0204.

After two organizational meetings, a new servant group has begun. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:30-9:00 p.m., with the first "official" meeting of the group on Tuesday, January 11, at Pat Cameron's home, 1337 Wellington Place. This group will meet for worship, study, sharing, prayer, and focus on its "outward" mission a bringing a religious perspective to immigration issues. For more information, contact Pat at 371-8274.

Mennonite Church of the Servant Caregiving Workshop  
Saturday, February 5th

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

Location: Magnificat Center, 3700 E. Lincoln, Wichita

Time: 9-Noon Workshop, Lunch provided, closing worship 30 minutes

Cost: Mennonite Church of the Servant is paying for this with Continuing Education funds

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GOLDEN RULE PRESENTATION JANUARY 23

Paul McKenna, from the Scarboro Mission Society in Toronto, Canada, will present his research on the "Golden Rule" at 1:30 p.m on Sunday, January 23 (location to be announced). Some version of the Golden Rule is present in most of the world's religions, and McKenna has developed a workshop designed to work with 13 expressions of the Golden Rule. A lunch precedes the presentation, from 12:30 to 1:15. Pre-registration is required for the lunch. See Pat Cameron for more information.

**THE BIGGER CHURCH**

Mennonite World Conference [www.mwc-cmm.org](http://www.mwc-cmm.org) News Service December 27, 2010 - Luke S. Martin

**Mennonites in Ho Chi Minh City District Two lose their church center**

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam – Ten days before Christmas, local authorities in District Two of Ho Chi Minh City seized and demolished the home of Pastor and Mrs. Nguyen Hong Quang, leaders of the unregistered Vietnam Mennonite church. Their home also served as a leadership training center and headquarters for the group of Mennonite congregations, which is distinct from the officially registered Hội Thánh Mennonite Việt Nam (Vietnam Mennonite Church).

Early on December 14, through the law of eminent domain, authorities cordoned off the area and began dismantling the Quangs' home and a nearby guesthouse for visiting church leaders and students in training. Pastor Quang did not intervene. However, he reportedly was severely beaten when he objected to police taking the Bible school students into custody. Reports said that the students were sent home and told not to return.

Authorities gave Quang the keys to a housing unit in a nearby run-down apartment complex for him, his wife and three children.

SOUPER BOWL GATHERING FEBRUARY 6

The Annual Souper Bowl party is on Super Bowl Sunday, beginning at game time. A variety of soups will be served for a small donation; all proceeds will be used to help hungry people. Bring a snack food to share and watch the game, or not--help put a puzzle together or just talk with friends from MCS. Pat and Geneva will be hosts at their home, 1337 Wellington Place.

We no longer have greeters in the new year. If you feel called to greet please call Geneva.

**Greeters job description:**

- 1. Greeters need to be at the church ten minutes early.**
- 2. Greet and welcome people to Mennonite Church of the Servant.**
- 3. Have new guests sign the guest book.**
- 4. Close the doors at 10:00 when the music begins.**
- 5. Set up more chairs if people come in late and need one.**

**MEMBER'S MUSINGS**

Matthew 5.44 But I say to you, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"

1Corinthians 8.9.13 Be careful, however that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ...Therefore if what I eat causes a brother to fall into sin. I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

Paul's command to not take advantage of your freedom in Christ

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 sex or sexuality.

When I pray for my enemies I try to personalize the category with one name of a person who is a known enemy. This category was easy to come up with a name. A person I had met at the Y had become a good friend, a mentor even. I asked him to coach me at losing weight and he agreed. During the second Clinton election he asked me who I was voting for. I told him I usually didn't say. My family believed in the secret ballot. But I told him I was leaning towards Clinton. This infuriated him. In a surprising move to me he concluded I was gay. This conclusion gave him permission to pray I would die before the election so I would not be able to vote for Clinton. This is in Kansas. As if voting for Clinton in Kansas would make a difference in the general election. At first I thought he was joking. He was deadly serious. I had never felt that kind of rejection and curse before. I had to pray for him. I gave his curse to the cross. I claimed the promise of Abraham that God would give blessings for those who cursed you. It is 10 years or more since I have seen him. I can think of him and his words and actions without fear or anger. Thank you, Jesus. I assume we would ignore each other if we met. I'm not sure how I would feel.

My prayer for these enemies is God would heal their wounds inflicted by people using their sex or sexuality. I pray God would heal the history of hurts that allow them to hear the preaching of hate or oppression of a person of a particular sex or sexuality.

For myself I pray that I would not use my sex or sexuality as a gun to force my way or as a pry bar to gain entry to privilege or advantage. I pray that I may be aware when society throws power my way because I am a man at the expense of women and that I take actions to empower all around me. Also, as Paul says, I would not use my freedom in Christ to cause a fellow Christian to stumble. I pray I would be willing to be a sexual vegetarian if that would preserve another's faith or faithfulness.

Thanks for letting me share. Kelly Hayes

# JANUARY 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	Primary Sunday school will resume on January 9. The next Sunday off will be on February 20.					1 New Year's Day
2 Potluck No Elem. SS Childcare: Karissa/Sally	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Childcare: Jenny/MC	10	11	12 <i>Happy B'Day Kelly H.</i>	13	14	15
16 11:40 Church Life Childcare: Alex/Dori	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Childcare: Jenny/Geneva	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Childcare: Karissa/MC	31					