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MISSION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE



By Pat Cameron

The purpose of the Mission and Service Committee is to provide opportunities for MCS to become informed about, and involved in, short-term and long-term ministries of service, peace, and justice. The committee plans the weekly Focus-on-Mission during worship, highlighting organizations and causes to which MCS is already committed, as well as new opportunities.

The Mission and Service Committee has also guided our congregation's commitment to immigration as the primary way we have chosen to practice the spiritual discipline of peacemaking. Since our congregation is involved in a Hispanic church plant and has a servant group focusing on immigration, the committee's focus is now on the advocacy aspects of the immigration issue, as well as on additional ways that MCS can express its commitment to service, peace, and justice.

The members of the committee are John Stoesz, Jeanette Stucky, Sally Huber, and Pat Cameron. We would welcome additional members desiring to help equip the church for its outward mission, locally and globally.

Immigration Prayer

Service

A prayer service for a just legislative session regarding immigration will be held on the Newman University campus on Friday, January 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Dugan Conference Center. Among the speakers at the prayer service will be Bishop Michael O. Jackels, bishop of the Wichita diocese. Contact Pat Cameron @262 2644 for more information.

New Shepherds

During the December 18 Church Life Meeting, we affirmed 3 new Shepherds: Pat Cameron, Bridget Siedler, and Lois Barrett. Please pray for them as they assume their role of nurturing our souls, both individually and as a congregation. May they be discerning, compassionate and full of wisdom as they lead our church forward.



Spirit Life

Do you like to think outside the box? Then, this may be for you. You are invited to participate in a 2-yr process of spiritual formation sponsored by Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend, KS. Classes are held one Saturday per month; the next one is Feb 4. A wide range of courses are offered and can be taken individually or as part of the 2-yr program.

www.heartlandspirituality.org/spiritlife.

Worship in January

Theme in Worship

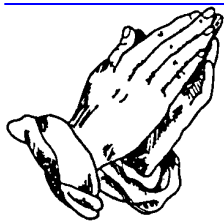
In January, we will have Speaker's Choice. So, please pray for our speakers, that they would hear the Spirit and teach what we need to hear. Pray also that our hearts will be open to hear what the Spirit would have us hear.

Adult Sunday School

Interested in Adult Sunday School? Meet at 9 am, armed with ideas and readiness to learn. We will meet in our worship space and then move to an available space. Contact Pat Cameron at 262 2644 for more info.

December Attendance

Dec 4	33
Dec 11	22
Dec 18	31
Dec 24	31



Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for our church to grow spiritually.
2. Please pray for our new Shepherds as they seek to nurture our souls. May they have wisdom and discernment.
3. Please continue to pray for Jerry and Lori Acosta and their family. May their ministry be fruitful!
4. Pray for spiritual healing of the neighborhood of the church. May we, as a church, grow in our compassion towards our neighbors.
5. Pray for our children; may they grow in wisdom and the knowledge of God.

Worship Leaders & Teachers

Jan 1—Worship leader, Doug; Reader's theatre, testimonies; Communion; pot-luck

Jan 8—Worship leader, Bret; teaching by Lois

Jan 15—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Jerry Acosta

Jan 22—Worship leader, Belinda; teaching by Pat

Jan 29—Worship leader, Vangie; teaching by Nick King, healing prayer

Looking Ahead

In February, we will focus our teaching on prayer. One spiritual discipline we will look at is the practice of morning and evening prayers. You are encouraged to explore this practice with us and then commit yourself to this discipline during the season of Lent.

Mission Focus

Jan 1—Sharing Fund (Sally)

Jan 8—Wells Fargo, private prisons & immigration (John)

Jan 15—Martin Luther King's Day (Pat)

Jan 22—Martin Luther King's Day (Pat)

Jan 29—Manos de Cristo (Jerry A.)

Childcare for December

Jan 1—Jenny/Geneva

Jan 8—Alex/Doreene

Jan 15—Jenny/Sally

Jan 22—Alex/Doreene



A Taoist Meditation

Close your eyes and you will see clearly

Cease to listen and you will hear truth

Be silent and your heart will sing

Seek no contact and you will find union

Be still and you will move forward on the tide of the spirit

Be gentle and you will need no strength

Be patient and you will achieve all things

Be humble and you will remain entire.

Submitted by Bridget Siedler, Received from her mother

Servant Groups



A servant group is an intentional face-to-face group of 3 to 12 people who

meet at a regular time (often twice a month) to grow in Christ and actualize God's reign. We have seven groups.

NT Greek Reading Group. This group focuses on reading and translating the Greek New Testament. Currently, we are working through Luke's Gospel. Each person reads a verse in Greek and then translates into English, using "whatever it takes," including computer programs (Bible Works and Logos), interlinear Bibles, and other helps. We meet on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at LAMC. Contact Jerry (263-0204).

Psychosynthesis Study Group. Currently, we're reading *Psychosynthesis*, by Will Partfitt and *Natural Spirituality* by Joyce Hudson. We discuss the books and

talk about the spiritual exercises we practice. We meet on the 2nd the 4th Wednesday of each month. Contact Cindy (832-0050) or Jerry (263-0204).

Servant Group: We meet for worship, study, sharing, prayer, and focus on its "outward" mission as well as bringing a religious perspective to immigration issues. This group plans to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:30-9:00 p.m. They are currently studying the book: *Christians on the Border* by Daniel Carroll. For more information, contact Pat (371-8274).

Ladies Reading Group. This is a women's reading and discussion group that meets on alternate Saturday afternoons for about 90 minutes. Currently, we are studying *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We invite women who want to nurture their faith through intentional, focused discussion on faith issues to join us. Contact Vangie (263-0204).

Women's Discipleship Group.

This is a women's group focusing Bible Study, discussion, and prayer. We meet on the 4th Sunday of every month after church at Cindy's home. Contact Cindy (832-0050); cgswriter@aol.com.

The Path of Discipleship.

We meet to encourage each other in the life of discipleship, learning about Jesus' transformative vision of the future for present action. Currently, we are reading *Renovation of the Heart* by Dallas Willard. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Contact Jerry (263-0204).

Hospitality Group.

Although we are not technically a servant group, our purpose is to serve people by making people feel at home at MCS. We are responsible for greeting people on Sunday morning, organizing "coffee time," inviting newcomers, organizing potlucks, and providing meals on special occasions. Contact Geneva (262-2544), Doreene (265-3848), or Vangie (263-0204).

Verse of the Month: John 1:1, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

Spirit Life

We began the second semester of SpiritLife Jan 7. We continue with four courses: History of Christian Spirituality, Spiritual Development, Spiritual Formation, and Discernment and Lifestyle.

I find SpiritLife refreshing and return renewed. The sessions are interesting but the conversations with other like-minded folk from a variety of Christian traditions are almost more enjoyable. I hope more of you can join us. If any of you want to join us next session, call Jerry or myself at 263 0204.

Vangie Truex

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www.mcswichita.net/calendar.htm

Verse of the Month:
 - John 1:1, 14

Song of the month:
 -none this month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am: Worship 12:00 am: Potluck	2	3	4 1:30 pm: NT Greek Reading	5	6 <i>Spirit Life in Great Bend</i>	7
8 9:00 am: Adult SS 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Church Council	9	10 11:45 am: Anabaptist Pastor Peer Meeting	11 1:30 pm: NT Greek Reading 7:00 pm: Joint Task Force	12 <i>Happy Birthday, Kelly Hayes</i>	13	14
15 9:00 am: Adult SS 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Church Life	16	17	18 1:30 pm: NT Greek Reading	19	20 7:30 am: Missions/ Services Committee 7:00 pm Immigration Prayer Service Dugan Conference Center, Newman University	21 8:45—11:00 am “Where do I sign” Prepare for worship leading during Lent. First Mennonite Church, Newton
22 9:00 am: Adult SS 10:00 am: Worship	23	24 3:30 pm: PDA Prep Meeting, Newton	25 1:30 pm: NT Greek Reading	26	27	28
29 9:00 am: Adult SS 10:00 am: Worship	30	31				



Mennonite Church Of the Servant

Our mission is to welcome all people into a community covenanted to follow the way of Jesus Christ through

- Committing ourselves to radical and biblical spirituality
- Living in relational and accountable community
- Seeking Christ's peace within and in the world

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